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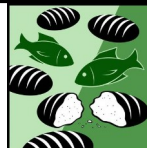
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR A



COME. Come is an inclusive word; it is a daily invitation to human activity and consequently experiences which increasingly surround us with new ideas of needs for modern living. **'COME TO THE FEAST.'** We are pilgrims on a journey acknowledging every day the presence of God who guides and governs us through our prayerful union with him.

"Pay attention, come to me, listen and your soul will live. With you I will make an eternal covenant." (Is. 1:3)

(PS. 44) This speaks of the covenant of God's kindness, love and compassion for all his creatures especially the lost, lonely and those in need of any kind. He is close to all who call on him. Let us praise and thank God for his endless love. *"I have loved you with an everlasting love. I have called you by your name, you are mine,"*

The Gospel from **St. Matthew** today portrays the human qualities of Jesus. After receiving the news of the beheading of St. John; Jesus' heart would have been aching for the loss of his cousin John. With his disciples Jesus set off to be in a quiet place only to find that the crowds who had witnessed many miracles had found and followed them. Jesus had pity on them. "Teacher; send them away" was the initial response from the disciples. Jesus' response was; "Give them something to eat yourselves." The disciples fulfilled the promptings of Jesus, made the crowds sit and, raising his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed to the Father. The loaves and fish were continually multiplied, giving nourishment to all. We are also nourished by food given for our spiritual journey each time we receive the Eucharist and when we open our hands and hearts in love and service of others.

COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE SINGING FOR JOY.

MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart



7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
6.00pm: Friday (Vocation Mass)
7.00pm : Healing Mass
8.00am: Saturday
5.00pm: Saturday (Vigil Mass)
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.15am: Tuesday - Thursday
8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)

10.30am: Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

4.00pm - 4.30pm: Saturday

NOVENA TO OUR LADY

Sacred Heart Church, New Town

After 9.15am Mass: Wednesday

NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, Hobart

Friday 6.00pm - Saturday 8.00 am

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

*ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE*

THE CC'S - (Companions of the Cathedral)
Every Wednesday on floor 1 starting at 12:30

PIETY SHOP— Thursday, 10 am - 3pm. Saturday & Sunday the shop is open after every weekend Mass



St Mary's Cathedral Parish embraces and wholeheartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework, which can be found at the Parish office. Any enquiries regarding Safe Communities contact the Parish Office (03) 6234 4463.

**Mass Honouring the Fatherhood of God
and asking for God's blessing upon all our
families**

Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 2 August 2026, at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart.

2-3pm: Holy Hour of Exposition, Prayers of Consecration and Benediction

3pm: Mass Honouring the Fatherhood of God.

Photos of family members (especially those in need of healing) may be placed on the sanctuary where they will remain throughout the Holy Hour and Mass.

**Night of Prayer for Vocations
Friday 7th – Saturday 8th August**

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." — Matthew 9:37–38

As part of Vocation Awareness Week, join us at St Mary's Cathedral for a special **Night of Prayer for Vocations**.

We will begin with **Mass at 6:00 PM on Friday, 7th August**, offered specifically for vocations within the Archdiocese of Hobart. Following Mass, solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue throughout the night, concluding with **Mass at 8:00 AM on Saturday, 8th August**, followed by a community BBQ breakfast.

Throughout the Night (1st Floor): Food (snacks) and drinks will be provided on the 1st floor of the cathedral throughout the night. This space will be available to take a break, watch a movie, or chat and ask questions about discernment and the priesthood. (*Note: A full timetable for 1st-floor events and movie screenings will be released soon.*)

Schedule Summary:

- **Friday, 6:00 PM:** Opening Mass for Vocations
- **Friday 7:00 PM – Sat 8:00 AM:** Overnight Adoration and Vigil
- **Overnight Hospitality (1st Floor):** Snacks, drinks, movies, & conversation (*Timetable released soon*)
- **Saturday, 8:00 AM:** Closing Mass
- **Saturday, 8:45 AM:** BBQ Breakfast & Vocation Q&A

All are welcome to join at any time—stay for an hour, drop in throughout the night, or remain for the entire vigil. During breakfast on Saturday morning, you'll also have the opportunity to talk to local priests and ask any questions you may have about a vocation to the priesthood.

The Angelus Prayer

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.



Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done to me according to your word. **Hail Mary.**
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V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. **Hail Mary.** . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Light Up Tasmania – Shining a Light on
Homelessness**

During **Homelessness Week (3–9 August 2026)**, the Archdiocese of Hobart and CatholicCare Tasmania are joining the **Light Up Tasmania** campaign by illuminating churches in purple to raise awareness of homelessness across our state.

This initiative reminds us that homelessness can affect people from all walks of life, including families, children, older people, and those experiencing hardship. As a faith community, we are called to uphold the dignity of every person and stand in solidarity with those who are vulnerable.

As you see our church lit in purple during Homelessness Week, please keep in your prayers all those experiencing homelessness and all who work to provide care, support, and hope. Together, we can help create a future where everyone has a safe place to call home.

From Our Anniversary Book

Father Philip Conolly, George Kelly, Mildred Haigh, Fr. John Wallis, Elizabeth Palermo, Charles Thornhill, Lily Davis, Thomas McGlone, Hedley Taylor, Gail Zantuck, Mario Ghedini, John Kelly, Gladys Fitzgerald, Christine Sproule, Damien Chatterton, Sr. Barbara Duggan, SSJ, Antonio Marino, Rezkallah Korkmaz, Ina Nichols, Kathleen Saunders, Nora Doolan, Pasquale Giusti, Nicola Gentile, Charles Pocock, Christine Weeding, Frank Rieusset, Paul Thompson, Sr. Veronica Higgins, John Heffernan, David Pauly, Gwen Zeitzen, William Jeffrey, Herbert Viney, William Mitson, June Abbott, Maria Zappone **May they rest in peace !**



Livestreaming at St Mary's Cathedral—Please note that the **Sunday 10:30am Mass** at St Mary's Cathedral is livestreamed on the **Archdiocese of Hobart YouTube channel**. Most special events and ceremonies celebrated at the Cathedral are also livestreamed. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the livestream, please contact the Parish Office on **(03) 6208 6094** for more information.

'Be Thou My Vision' - Reflection Day

You are invited to a reflection day based on the traditional and popular hymn Be Thou My Vision. Saturday 8th August, 10am - 3pm at the Launceston Catholic Pastoral Centre. Cost \$50 including morning tea. BYO lunch.

Bookings and enquiries to Belinda Chapman (facilitator) ph: 0418 141 171 or email belindachapman.sd@gmail.com or visit website: belindachapman.square.site.

Men for Christ (MFC)

Spiritual formation for men through devotion to St Joseph.

First Wednesday of each month at the shrine 6:30 pm for 30 to 45 minutes.

Venue:

Our Lady of Victories Shrine
12 Ashbolt Crescent, Lutana TAS 7009.

All men are welcome.

For further info. Contact
Fr. Suresh.



"THIS WAS TO FULFILL WHAT HAD BEEN SPOKEN THROUGH THE PROPHET ISAIAH, 'HE TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND BORE OUR DISEASES.'"
MATTHEW 8:17

HEALING

Service

7 AUG 2026

DIVINE MERCY 6:45 PM

MASS AT 7:00 PM

**ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CENTRE,
LEVEL TWO (UPPER MEETING ROOM)**

**180 HARRINGTON STREET,
HOBART**



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH IN COLLABORATION WITH
THE RISEN LORD COMMUNITY TASMANIA



ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

More information and Applications Forms are available on our website uacpallottines.au

Children's Corner

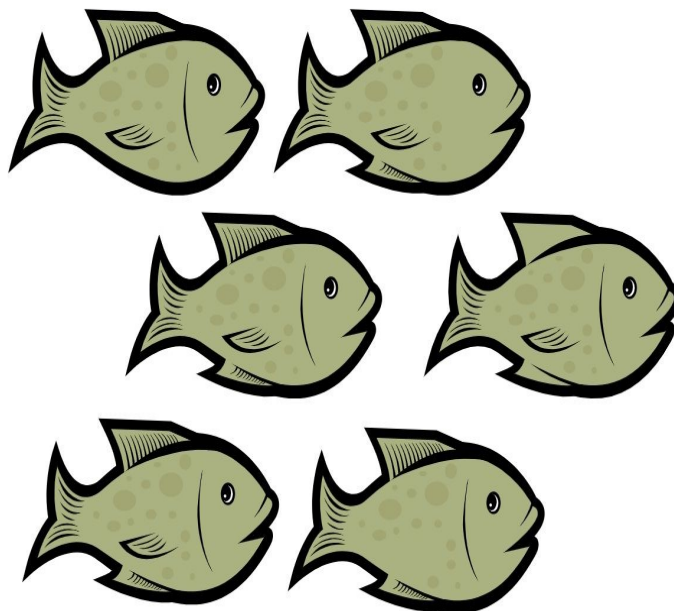
Everyone had plenty to eat



Jesus asked his disciples to help feed the hungry people. Likewise, Jesus wants us to share what we have with people in need. Draw a picture of yourself sharing with others.



Jesus managed to feed thousands of people with just five loaves of bread and two fish.
Can you find two of the fish which are the same?



First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come! Buy corn without
money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why
spend money on what is not bread, your wages on
what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will
have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay
attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of
the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:35. 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ,
even if we are troubled or worried, or being
persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being
threatened or even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power of him who
loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor
life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing
still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor
any created thing, can ever come between us and the
love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation -Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

**No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of
God.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's
death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where
they could be by themselves. But the people heard of
this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot.
So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and
he took pity on them and healed their sick.
When evening came, the disciples went to him and
said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped
by; so send the people away, and they can go to the
villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied,
'There is no need for them to go: give them
something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All
we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring
them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the
people were to sit down on the grass; then he took
the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to
heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the
loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave
them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they
wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining,
twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about
five thousand men, to say nothing of women and
children.



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 3rd August	- Matthew 14:22-36
Tuesday 4th August	- Matthew 15:1-2. 10-14
Wednesday 5th August	- Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday 6th August	- Matthew 17:1-9
Friday 7th August	- Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday 8th August	- Matt 6:25-34 (St. Mary Mackillop)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 9th August 2026

First Reading	- 1 Kings 19:9.11-13
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8
Second Reading	- Romans 9:1-5
Gospel	- Matthew 14:22-33

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God !