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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C - 6th APRIL 2025

The Fifth Sunday of Lent in Year C offers profound insights into God's boundless mercy and the transformative power of His grace. The readings for this Sunday guide us to reflect on renewal, forgiveness, and the invitation to embrace a new path in our spiritual journey. The prophet Isaiah conveys God's promise of delivering His people from captivity, emphasizing that the Lord is initiating something new:

"See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

This passage encourages us to release past burdens and remain open to the new blessings and opportunities God places before us. St. Paul expresses a deep yearning to know Christ intimately, valuing this relationship above all else:

"I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

He encourages us to let go of past attachments and strive forward in our spiritual journey, keeping our focus on the ultimate goal of unity with Christ. The Gospel presents the account of the woman caught in adultery. The scribes and Pharisees bring her to Jesus, seeking to test Him. Instead of condemning her, Jesus responds:

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

This encounter underscores the depth of God's mercy and the call for personal transformation. It challenges us to reflect on our judgments and embrace a spirit of compassion and forgiveness. As we approach the culmination of Lent, the Fifth Sunday beckons us to introspection and renewal. Isaiah's prophecy invites us to perceive the newness God is bringing into our lives, urging us to release past transgressions and embrace the path He sets before us.

The psalmist reminds us that even in times of sorrow, trust in the Lord can lead to joy and restoration. St. Paul's words inspire us to prioritize our relationship with Christ, recognizing that true fulfillment lies in knowing Him and conforming our lives to His example. The Gospel narrative of the adulterous woman serves as a profound testament to divine mercy. It calls us to examine our own hearts, to relinquish tendencies toward judgment, and to extend the same compassion and forgiveness that we receive from God.

This Sunday, let us contemplate the areas in our lives where we need to experience God's renewing grace. May we be open to the new paths He is creating for us, and may we, like the woman in the Gospel, encounter His mercy and respond with a transformed heart.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, Hobart
7.30am Tuesday - Friday

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
5.00pm: Saturday
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town
9.15am: Tuesday - Thursday
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court
(131 Hill St West Hobart)
10.30am: Friday

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
4.00pm - 4.30pm: Saturday

NOVENA TO OUR LADY AND ROSARY
Sacred Heart Church, New Town
After 9.15am Mass: Wednesday
7.30am: Saturday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, Hobart
6.00pm - Midnight: Friday

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)**
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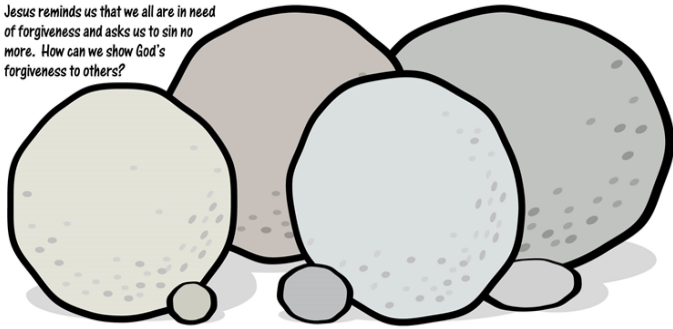
Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year for our Church, themed "*Pilgrims of Hope*", a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. As Pope Francis states "the forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope."

WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE PARISH

Children's Corner:

Jesus reminds us that we all are in need of forgiveness and asks us to sin no more. How can we show God's forgiveness to others?



Request for Palms – Sunday 13th of April for the Palm Sunday Masses in the parish. Please bring your palms to the Cathedral Centre by 3pm on Thursday 10th April.

St Mary's Cathedral Parish Weekday Mass Celebrations

Due to the construction work on site at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart, the 7.30am weekday Masses (Tuesday – Friday) will be celebrated in the Cathedral Crypt - Cathedral Centre

Cathedral Parish Stations of the Cross:

6pm Friday Night during Lent

11th April Sacred Heart Church, New Town

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

18th April 9am - St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
10.30am - Sacred Heart Church, New Town



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. . .**
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.

From Our Anniversary Book: Kathleen Ibbott, John O'Donnell, David Jarrett, Catherine Blackaby, Violet Ethel Webster, Marian O'Rourke, Vida Legro, Enid Miller, Fr. Joseph Howe, Sr. Anne Wilkinson-Thompson, Cecilia Waters, Roy McVilly, Honorah Ryan, Francis Fitzpatrick, Fr. Gerard Kelly, Julian Browning, Gerald Collins Harold Thornhill, Marie Webster, Muriel Clark, Ellen McGlone, Edwin Matuszek, Mirko Franov, Kevin Andrews, Paul Falconer, Francis O'Neill, Stephen Gallagher, Veronica Burke, Sr Agnes Boylson (PBVM) and Sr Ona Kaukenas (PBVM)

St Mary's Cathedral Parish Raffle



Here is your chance to win some fantastic prizes and help support a worthy cause.



Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10

Tickets will be on sale in the foyer at the end of weekend Masses, in both St Mary's Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church.

Raffle will be drawn on Sunday 4th May

We have 16 fantastic prizes on offer, generously donated by Mario & Romilda Amorosa.

All money raised will be put towards the purchase of a defibrillator for St Mary's Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church.

Thank-you to everyone who purchased tickets and the individuals who assisted with the fundraising last weekend.

The fundraising amount stands at

\$1,240.00.



Archdiocese of Hobart

Parish Secretary

Our Cathedral Parish is looking for a Secretary to join our team. This role is Permanent Part time.

The primary objective of the Parish Secretary is to provide a high level of administrative support to the Parish. This role manages the day-to-day Parish administrative tasks.

Tasks included are:

- First point of contact for queries by staff, volunteers and visitors to the Parish
- Liaise with external sources and suppliers
- Keep up-to-date with administrative and other Parish requirements
- Secure building and switch off equipment/utilities at close of business
- Provide detailed information regarding parish services or requirements e.g. baptism, wedding, funeral, sacramental, genealogical, Planned Giving etc
- Create content and publish the Parish bulletin

The right person would need to have demonstrated experience in a similar administrative role, strong sound computer skills, proficient in the use of Microsoft office applications such as Word, Excel, Outlook and Publisher a Commitment to the identity and mission of the Archdiocese of Hobart; and a broad understanding of the operation of the Catholic Church in Tasmania.

You will need to have the ability to undertake the relevant employee screening process which includes a National Police Criminal History Check satisfactory to the Archdiocese of Hobart and Registration to Work with Vulnerable People (Tasmania).

If you would like to apply for this role or would like to discuss the role please contact **Fr Bernard Perera - Parish Priest on 0427 195 134**



May they rest in peace!

WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE

A Project Compassion WAY OF THE CROSS PRAYER SERVICE will be held in St Francis Xavier's Church, crn of Adelaide and Anglesea Streets, South Hobart, on Wednesday (9 April) at 7 pm. All are welcome. Further information: Penny Edman 0400 896 191 or penny.edman@caritas.org.au

 **Caritas AUSTRALIA** Caritas Australia has launched an urgent appeal in response to the recent devastating earthquake in Myanmar, which has claimed thousands of lives and left many others injured.

In a nation already grappling with a severe humanitarian crisis, countless people are now without shelter, and vital infrastructure has been destroyed. To stay informed and make a donation, please visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/myanmar-earthquake/> or phone 1800 024 413 toll-free. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Why do Catholics cover crucifixes and statues during Lent? During this period of the last two weeks of Lent, you may notice that the crucifix and other statues and images around the church have been veiled with a purple cloth, and you might be wondering why?



We cover all crosses, statues and pictures of our Lord and of the saints on the altars and elsewhere in a church with a purple veil, except for the images of the stations of the cross and the crosses that sit on them, these are not covered. The veils help nurture our awareness of the importance of the season, and allows us to focus on the Mass, and especially on the words of the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday also know as Passion Sunday.

The Gospel reading for Thursday of the 5th week of lent tells us how Jesus "hid" Himself from the Hebrews when they attempted to stone him (John 8:59). According to St. Augustine, at this moment when Jesus hid Himself from the angry crowd, Christ in fact became invisible to them by virtue of His Divine nature.

To help signify this mystery, holy images in church are veiled the evening before the 5th Sunday of Lent. This includes images of the saints, as it is befitting that if the glory of the Master is hidden, then His servants should also not appear.

We "hide" His images for two weeks out of the year in a spirit of penance and mourning. An acute sadness is felt in the human heart. Just as the disciples felt the loss of Jesus and longed to be reunited with him so we long to be reunited with Him. The veil suggests the discomfort of being separated from Him. The crosses are unveiled after the Good Friday Service, the statues and images are unveiled before the Easter vigil, in the unveiling we are reminded that in Christ's resurrection the veil of death has been lifted and we are able to see clearly our true home. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'" (John 11:25-26)

The Archdiocese of Hobart presents **No Greater Love – Passion Play 2025**, a dramatic portrayal of the Passion of Christ. Enriched with powerful music and heartfelt performances, this production is a meditation to reflect on our Lord's suffering, death on the cross, and resurrection. The second performance will take place at **Don Bosco Creative Arts Centre, Glenorchy on 11 April 2025, at 6.45 pm**. This special event brings together young adults from various southern parishes in a moving depiction of Christ's love.

FREE ENTRY



HOLY WEEK PROGRAM 2025 – CATHEDRAL PARISH

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, HOBART

- 12th April - Saturday Vigil - 5pm
- 13th April - PALM SUNDAY – 10.15 am / 6.00 pm
- 15th April (Tuesday) CLERGY RETREAT at LUTANA - 9.00 am
- 15th April - CHRISM MASS- 6:00 pm
- 16th April - Holy week Wednesday Mass – 7.30 am
- 17th April - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER -7.00 pm
- 18th April – GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross – Cathedral – 9.00 am
Passion of the Lord – 3.00 pm

- 19th April – EASTER VIGIL- 7:00 pm
- 20th April – EASTER SUNDAY- 10.30 am
- NO 6 pm Evening MASS**



SACRED HEART CHURCH, NEW TOWN

- 13th April - PALM SUNDAY – 8.20 am
- 14th April - Holy week Monday mass- 9.15 am
- 16th April - Holy Week Wednesday Mass and Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help - 9.15 am
- 18th April - GOOD FRIDAY Station of the Cross – 10.30 am
- NO MASS ON SATURDAY MORNING (19th April)**
- 20th April - EASTER SUNDAY- 8.30 am



Fifth Sunday of Lent 5th and 6th of April 2025

The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our local partners on the ground.

Our partners are the true heroes, working tirelessly on the frontlines every day to transform lives and build brighter, more hopeful futures for their communities.



UNITE AGAINST POVERTY

this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413



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 Jane McKeown (03) 6234 4463.

READINGS OF THE DAY – 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 125. R. v.3

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am

still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory

Gospel John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 7th April	- Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday 8th April	- Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday 9th April	- Jn 8:31-42
Thursday 10th April	- Jn 8:51-59
Friday 11th April	- Jn 10:31-42
Saturday 12th April	- Jn 11:45-56

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: PALM SUNDAY Year C

First Reading	- Isaiah 50:4-7
Responsorial Psalm	- Psalm 21:8-9,17-20,23-24
Second Reading	- Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel	- Luke 22:14-23:56

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God

Please take your copy of the AVE home to reflect and to share with family and friends.