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(Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday)
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C- **26TH OCTOBER 2025**

Today we hear of the Tax Collector and the Pharisee going up to the temple to pray, not together but at the same time. We know through historical facts that tax collectors were considered the worst of the worst. Jewish men that collected taxes for the hated Romans. We also know that Pharisees looked upon themselves as above all others. To them they stood at the pinnacle of the Jewish society, fasting and praying, paying their way, being righteous in the eyes of the Law and God.

Society has not changed much over the years as there are always those amongst us who feel they are more important than those around them. We are always complaining about the taxes we have to pay and also what our governments do with all our money. Society today is built around having differing levels of living standards.

We talk of the lower, middle and higher income levels as being a measure of your standard in society and then there is such terms as blue collar and white collar workers. Maybe we do not have Jewish tax collectors or pharisees that we can point our fingers at but there is always those that have more or earn more. Those that we condemn for living off the government benefits or those we accuse of stealing from the Government and the list can go on and on.

But!! We need to listen to our scriptures because our first reading today tells us the Lord is our Judge and to him our standing in society does not even count. Then Jesus in our Gospel talks to us of man's humility, that exalting oneself will gain nothing in the eyes of God.

It is not whether we are rich or poor. It is not our vocation in life. It is not how much we give or how hard we work. It is not which family we came from or how far up the ladder of success we have achieved. All these things in themselves are important parts of human society today yet it is how we present ourselves to God and to each other that becomes the yardstick of our lives.

The pharisee in today's gospel was not rejected because of who he was, he was rejected because he places himself above the tax collector. Do we do the same with those we meet along the course of our lives. When we are asked to love our God and to love each other do we do it with a sense of humbleness, of equality in the eyes of the Lord and say "God, be merciful to me, a sinner"



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
9:30am: Saturday (All Saints)
5.00pm: Saturday (All Souls)
10.30am: Sunday (All Souls)
6.00pm: Sunday (All Souls)

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.15am: Tuesday- Thursday
8.00am: Saturday (All Saints)
8.30am: Sunday (All Souls)

Cornelian Bay Cemetery

1.00pm: Sunday (All Souls)

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 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

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? RCIA is held every second Monday. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

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



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."

Pray the Rosary

Dear Families,

As we enter the month of October, we warmly invite all families to come together as a family in your homes to pray the ROSARY. Let us unite in praying the Rosary, asking our Blessed Mother to guide us closer to her Son, Jesus, and to bring peace, joy, and love into our homes. May this prayerful time strengthen our faith and deepen the bonds within our families and parish community. Come, let us pray together with Mary, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.



THIS WEEK

Fri October 31st Marian Mass and Procession, 5:30pm,
St Mary's Cathedral

Fri October 31st Adoration 6pm– 12 am, Cathedral Crypt.

COMING UP

November 3rd RCIA 6:30 pm, Cathedral 1st floor

November 30th-December 2nd Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Melbourne

“ CHATTER THAT MATTERS”

The Cathedral Parish wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to all those who have participated in our series of talks during 2025.

We are in preparation mode now for 2026 so watch this space for more to come.

A special thankyou to Fr Chris Hope, Fr Steven Smith, Fr John Joseph, Dcn Nick Macfarlane, Fr Shammi Perrera and Fr Graeme Howard. Our presenters in 2025

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.

VOLUNTEERS

A Special Thank You to all those who have volunteered their time and skills thereby enhancing the capability of our Parish. There are always many ways to be involved if you are willing. A special call out for Readers at all our Masses. (Especially - Saturday night Vigil Mass). Our Piety Shop is looking for people to help out after all weekend Masses. If you would like to help see Christine at the shop in the Cathedral Centre Foyer.

If you would like to know more please leave your number and name at the Parish Office or talk to Deacon Mick in person or by text on 0403 741 913.

“We would love to hear from YOU !!”



Sacred Heart
College

TWILIGHT TOURS

WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER
3.15PM - 5.15PM

- Year 7 2027 enrolment applications are due by Friday, 13 March 2026
- Kindergarten 2027 enrolment applications are due by Friday, 15 May, 2026



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From Our Anniversary Book: Leo Doyle, Graeme Norris, Mary Chisholm, Brian Sertori, Sr. Katherine Howe, RSJ Maureen Mary Davoren, William McErvale, Marion Le May, Ruby Joyce, Tibor Tari, Donato Brighella, Donald Westell, Olga Andolfatto, Nicola Venettacci, Nicola Basso, Maria Allocca, Fr. Seraphim McIvor, CP, Margaret Ward, Jonas Sirgunas John Pratt, Sally Elizabeth Bonner, Maria & Raffale Bocchino, Jack Stuart, Mary Flynn, Keith Wright, Mary Brown, Peter Harrington Nicholls, Sr Margaret Ann Chandler, Ronnie Farhart, Grace Lowe, Kathleen Fox, William Mackey, Maria Gala, Derek Stone, Marino D'Alfonso, Alesandro Caccavo, Sr. Margaret Littlejohn, Hilde Filipek, Joan Nobes, Case & Cooper Families, John Stubbs, Lee Pollard and Sr Alacoque Robinson (PBVM) and Sr Augustine Riordan (PBVM).
May they rest in peace!



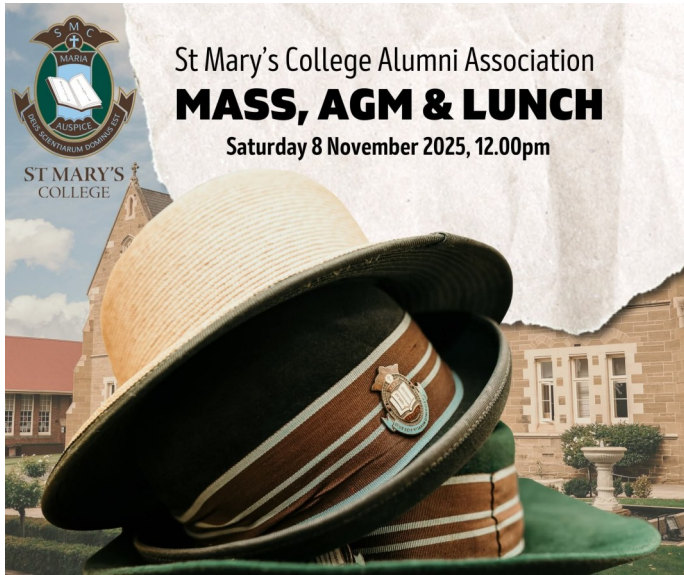
St Mary's College Alumni Association AGM

The St Mary's College Alumni Association will be holding their AGM in November, and all alumni are warmly invited to attend.

When: Saturday 8 November 2025

Time: Join us for Mass in the Adrian Doyle Chapel at 12.00pm followed by a light lunch and the AGM in the College Staff Room.

Please RSVP by calling (03) 61028 2560 or by contacting our Community Relations team at:
communications@smc.tas.edu.au



Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre

Dr Drasko Dizdar – Lectio Divina – October 4th and November 1st – 10-12.30pm – Morning Tea provided - \$20 per person

Fr. Chris Hope – The Parables of Luke – Monday October 6th, Monday October 13th, Monday October 20th and Monday October 27th. 10- 12.30 pm – Morning Tea provided \$20 per person

Beni Abbes Reflective prayer – second Tuesday of each month – 5-5.40 pm – Gold coin donation (October 14th, November 11th and December 9th)

Contact: admin.JMHC@sosjspirit.org.au to book or ring (03) 62281628

November—Month of Remembrance

November is the Month of the Holy Souls in the Catholic Church, a time dedicated to remembering and praying for the faithful departed. The month begins with [All Saints' Day](#) on November 1st and [All Souls' Day](#) on November 2nd, and continues with a focus on the hope of resurrection for those who have died. During this time, Catholics are encouraged to pray for the deceased, and having Mass offered for them, by giving their names to the Priests or Parish Office.

Check front of Ave for All Saints and All Souls Mass Times

PIETY STORE (Advent & Christmas)

We are rapidly closing on the end of 2025 and your Piety Store is starting to stock items moving towards Christmas.

Columbian Calendars and Advent Calendars now on sale along with Christmas and Advent activity for the kids, Nativity sets and holy family statues, Christmas books, jigsaw puzzles and so much more.

Take a minute and have a look as the store is open after each weekend mass and between 10am and 3pm each and every Thursday.

The Way to St James Pilgrimage

The Way to St James Pilgrimage is on again, 10-11 January 2026.

Join us on our Camino down through the Huon Valley to let natural beauty contour your soul to better fit the embrace of Divine Beauty.

For further information please visit:

<https://www.waytostjames.com.au>

to register:

<https://wtsj2026.eventbrite.com.au>

And Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/waytostjamescynet>

St Vincent De Paul Conference

The Cathedral Conference would like to thank all parishioners who donated to the recent parish "tin drive". The tins that were collected have been now stored in the Elizabeth Street Vinnies pantry for future distribution.

We, your parish conference, provide emergency relief once per week and distribute hampers after our meeting on Tuesday evening.

There is also emergency relief provided on weekdays from an office/pantry at the shopfront of Vinnies in the old McCann building. The need for assistance is great and any donations throughout the year are welcome.



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, pray for us Special Mass & Marian Procession

Main Celebrant:
Most Rev Anthony Ireland, Archbishop of Hobart

Date: 31 October 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart



*Let us come together in
prayer and devotion to
our Blessed Mother
All are warmly welcome*



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.

READINGS OF THE DAY THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

First Reading

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 27th October	-	Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday 28th October	-	Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday 29th October	-	Luke 13:22-30
Thursday 30th October	-	Luke 13:31-35
Friday 31st October	-	Luke 14:1-6
Saturday 1st November	-	Matthew 5:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls'

Day)

First Reading	-	Job 19:1. 23-27
Responsorial Psalm	-	Ps 22. R. v.1 or v.4
Second Reading	-	Romans 5:5-11
Gospel	-	Matthew 11:25

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.