

11th October

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR A

Accept God's Invitation

In the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 22:1-14; the parable of the king who prepares a wedding feast for his son, Jesus offers us a powerful message about God's generous love and our response to His invitation.

God invites everyone. The wedding feast represents the Kingdom of God, where we are invited to share in the joy, love and communion that God offers. His invitation is not reserved for a privileged few. He calls everyone, regardless of background, status or past mistakes. God's mercy is abundant, and His desire is that all people experience the joy of His presence.

However, the parable also challenges us to examine our priorities. The invited guests refuse to attend because they are occupied with their farms, businesses and personal interests. Their activities are not necessarily wrong, but they become obstacles when they take precedence over God's invitation. How often do we allow our busy schedules, personal ambitions and worldly concerns to push prayer, worship and our relationship with God to the margins of our lives?

The final part of the parable introduces the guest who enters the wedding hall without a wedding garment. This reminds us that accepting God's invitation involves more than simply showing up. We are called to experience an inner transformation. The wedding garment can be understood as a symbol of a life renewed by faith, love, repentance and good work. We cannot fully participate in God's Kingdom while deliberately refusing to allow His grace to change our hearts.

As members of the Church, we are invited not only to attend Sunday Mass but also to live the Gospel in our daily relationships. Our faith must be visible in our kindness, forgiveness, generosity and concern for those who are poor, lonely or forgotten.

The question for each of us is simple: **Am I responding wholeheartedly to God's invitation?** Do I make room for Him in my life, and am I allowing His grace to shape the person I am becoming?

God continues to invite us to His heavenly banquet through the Eucharist, the Word of God and the life of the Church. Let us not allow the distractions of everyday life to make us deaf to His call.

May we accept His invitation with grateful hearts and wear the garment of Christian love, so that our lives may reflect the joy and beauty of His Kingdom.

MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

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

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.15am: Tuesday - Thursday
9.45am: Wednesday (Novena)
7.30am: Saturday (Rosary)
8.00am: Saturday
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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, Hobart

6.00pm - Midnight: Friday

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 pm

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.

Cathedral Parish Sacramental Program 2026/2027

The Cathedral Parish Sacramental Program invites enrolments for the 2026/2027 program.

Sacraments of **Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion** are vital milestones in nurturing your child's faith, building upon their Baptism, and offering lifelong sources of grace and spiritual growth.

Families interested in preparing their children to receive these sacraments are warmly invited to contact the Cathedral Parish Office to gain enrolment package which will provide full details about the preparation program, key dates, and how our parish community will support your family along this sacred path.

For further details or enquiries, please contact the Cathedral Parish office on 03 62344463 or by email ca-theedral@aohatas.org.au

We look forward to journeying in faith with your family.

Enrolments close on Friday 16th October 2026.



INVITACIÓN
TO THE
HOLY MASS
IN HONOUR OF
THE LORD OF MIRACLES
(PERU)

We warmly invite the **Hobart community** to join us in celebrating the Lord of Miracles (Peru) and to discover one of Peru's most cherished traditions of faith.

FRIDAY
23 OCTOBER
6:00 PM
St Mary's Cathedral
HOBART

After the Holy Mass, you are warmly invited to share a light refreshment in the church hall.

We look forward to joining together in prayer and faith before our Lord of Miracles.

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.

WORLD MISSION MONTH October 2026

Copies of **Archbishop Tony's message for World Mission Month** are available in the foyer.

Please take a copy and have a read as we prepare to celebrate **World Mission Sunday** and join Catholics around the world in being **One in Christ, United in Mission.**

Thank you for your support for **Catholic Mission.**

Sacristans

The **Sacristan** is one of the Church's most unsung ministries. Much of their important work happens behind the scenes, preparing for Mass and caring for the sacred space afterwards.

Their quiet service helps our liturgies run smoothly and supports our worshipping community.

Interested in learning more? We'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Deacon Mick or the Parish Office.

From Our Anniversary Book Benedetto Maccallini, Alice Corby, Lawrence (Larry) Wilson, Nabiha Abraham, Christiana Collis, William Propsting, Vern Hanlon, Kit Skupinski, Angela Colavecchio, Giovanna Pignalosa, Francesco & Maria Mainella, Brian Bevan, Pat Lynch, Geoffrey John Burrill, Assunta Toffoli, Bernard Piper, James McAuley, David Hutt, Eileen Ackerly, Maria Geniola, Jeannie Swan, Stuart William Elliss, Ronald Excell, Jane Cox, Henry Hunter, Edna Harrington, Deric Pedro Fernandez, Myra Francombe, Veronica Nedwell, Fr. Marcellus Claeys, Kevin Imlach, Romana Cattaruzza, Agnes Gala
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.

CON BRIO CHOIR PRESENTS

KARL JENKINS

THE ARMED MAN

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KATE CALWELL | CELLO

YORAM LEVY | TRUMPET

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CONDUCTOR
MADELINE DYER

OCT 2026

17 SAT
7PM

18 SUN
2PM



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THE TRUTH REVEALED: 'BORN ALIVE AND LEFT TO DIE'

You are warmly invited to a screening of the ACL documentary **'Born Alive and Left to Die'**, followed by a discussion and light refreshments.

Saturday, 17 October 2026

10.00 am for 10.30 am start

1 Kirkham Drive, Lindisfarne

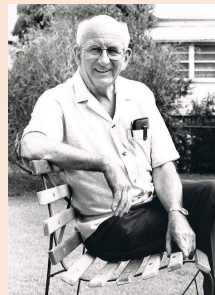
(Off Gordon's Hill Road)

RSVP: Julie Borger – VicePres@hlpstas.com.au

Remembering Fr John Wallis

The Missionary Sisters of Service warmly invite the Cathedral

Parish community to join them in remembering and celebrating the life and legacy of



Fr John Corcoran Wallis, founder of the Missionary Sisters of Service, on the 25th anniversary of his death.

Tuesday, 27 October 2026

10.00 am Mass – St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

Celebrant: Archbishop Tony Ireland
Light refreshments will follow.

RSVP for catering by Sunday, 11 October:
Glenn D'Souza –

businessmanager@missionarysisters.org.au
0447 896 275

Living Water Gathering

Friday 16 October 2026 at 7.00pm

O'Loughlin Room-Corpus Christi Church, Bellerive.

Archbishop emeritus Julian Porteous will share on the Topic of the Holy Spirit. There will be opportunity for individual prayer

The Sacred Heart College Old Scholars Association are holding their annual reunion luncheon

On Sunday 25th October at the Riverfront Motel Rosetta.

Bookings to Kathryn Darvell on 62283975 by 17th October.



Synod Regional Listening Sessions

A time of **prayer, listening, and discernment** as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit for our future.

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED?

Attend listening sessions

Diocesan-wide prayer

Individual reflection and formation opportunities

REGIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS
10AM - 4PM

31 October, Devonport

7 November, Launceston

21 November, Hobart

14 - 16 May 2027

Diocesan Synod Gathering

SYNOD
theme

'May they be one,
as we are one.' (John 17)

WHY A SYNOD?

Listen to the hopes and concerns of our people



Strengthen unity across our diverse communities

Set priorities for faith, formation, and mission



Every voice is valid, clergy, religious, and lay faithful.

No expertise needed, just an open heart.



To register, scan the QR code or visit:
<https://collections.humanitix.com/regional-listening-sessions-synod-2027>
Registrations close 11 October.

For more information contact synod@aohtas.org.au

READINGS OF THE DAY TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

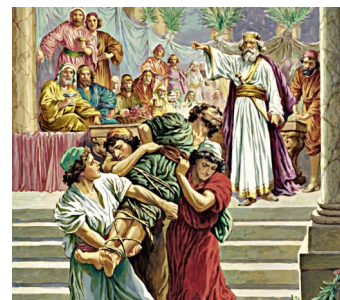
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 12th October	- Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday 13th October	- Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday 14th October	- Luke 11:42-46
Thursday 15th October	- Luke 11:47-54
Friday 16th October	- Luke 12:1-7
Saturday 17th October	- Luke 12:8-12

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 18th October 2026

First Reading	- Isaiah 45:1.4-6
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10
Second Reading	- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Gospel	- Matthew 22:15-21

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.