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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME–YEAR A

When we read the Gospel this week, we hear of the Pharisees trying to trick Jesus into saying something that they can then use against him. Trap him into going against the Law, That Law that the Pharisees use to keep the people in line with them.
it does not take much insight to see this same problem in the world around us today. The Church ministers from the bottom way up to the Pope himself have to be politically correct or what they say ends up spread over all news outlets. Reporters are always on the look out because the Church is always a big story, especially when it is a negative story.

What about ourselves, how many times when we first meet people and they find out we are Christians, and especially Catholic, the first thing they do is question you on what you believe. They look for a reason to ridicule your belief, to try to trick you into denying your faith. Could we respond with the strength and conviction the way Jesus did.

Of course Jesus did not have a television camera and/or microphones picking up everything he said like they do today but the principle is still the same. Give to Ceasar what is his and give to God what is God's.

God does not require our wealth; he does not require physical sacrifices. God looks to us for faith and love in and for him. The unique thing is that is exactly what God gives us, his all-consuming love and his faith in those that follow him.

We see this in our first reading when the God is talking to Cyrus, He is explain that even though Cyrus does not physically know him God is the one arms him for his task. So does God do for us. When we are confronted, we must be strong and let God arm us for whatever task is in front of us.

We don't have to be especially gifted in words or deeds, we don't have to be great authors or proclaimers, we don't need superpowers of our own because we have God. God will give us the words we need when they are needed. As Paul wrote to the Thessalonians in our second reading that they had shown their faith in action, worked for love and persevered in hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

So let us not bow to the wants and needs of this modern world and remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "*Give back to Caesar what belongs to Ceasar and to God what belongs to God".*



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

EUCHARISTIC 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

safe communities Archdiocese of Hobart

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.



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.**

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.

Parish Office and Piety Shop Notice

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 20th October. However it will be opened on Thursday 22nd October from 8.30 am—12.30 pm. And the Piety shop too will be opened during that time. Other office hours will remain unchanged.

World Mission Sunday – 18 October 2026

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.
Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.
As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.
Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit

catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

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 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.



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100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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From Our Anniversary Book Leonard Darcey, Clifton McDermott, Edith Williams, Nellie Hicks, Stan Medved, Chiarnina Serra, Maria Bocchino, Christopher Richardson, Harry Walker, Albert Ward, Fr. Charlie Gardiner, Gloria Corcovan, Norma McAuley, Owen Davis, Frank Ortolan, Catherine Donohue, Dorothy McGuire, Charles Ward, Sheila Brearley, Vera McArdle, Antonio Abate, Julia Brown, Antonina Salter, Kevin Ward, Victor Haley, Trevor Viney, Margaret Rosenhain, Jack Dowd, Piotr (Peter) Kozak, Kevin Tope, Michael Chaplain, Paul Yard, Blanche Darcey, Ebenezer Russell, Mona Ward, Patricia Roach, Stephen Hniat, Francesco Longo, Filomena Meale, James Quigley, James Nolan, John Gillon, Margaret Jeffrey, Jozef Szeles, Winifred Holmes, Donald Norman Kellett, Sr Mary Cyril Andrews RSJ, Graham Webberley, Michael Clarke, Mary O'Donnell, Bertram Kilmartin, Florence Kelly, Mary Ford, John Kelly, Leo Doyle, Graeme Norris, Mary Chisholm, Brian Sertori, Sr. Katheleen Howe, RSJ, Maureen Mary Davoren.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP TONY ON THE CONVERSION PRACTICES BILL:

The Conversion Practices Prohibition Bill 2026 has been introduced into the Tasmanian Parliament by Dr Rosalie Woodruff.

Practices which are coercive, abusive, or degrading, directed at a person because of sexual orientation or gender identity should have no place in Tasmania. No person should be humiliated, manipulated or subjected to harmful treatment intended to force a change in who they are. Where existing laws do not adequately protect people from such practices, those gaps should be addressed.

My concern is the draft Bill goes considerably further.

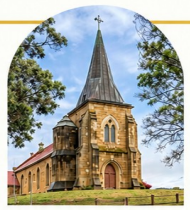
I encourage all Tasmanians to read my extended article on this in the October edition of the *Catholic Standard* or on the Archdiocese's website. I encourage you and your families to understand the Draft Bill further and make your views known with your local member of Parliament. To read my article please scan the QR code or go to: https://hobart.catholic.org.au/2026/10/14/protecting-people-and-getting-the-law-right/

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.
businessmanager@missionarysisters.org.au





THE RICHMOND PARISH INVITES YOU TO THE 2026

ST. JOHN'S ADVENT CONCERT

With Peter Tanfield & The St John's Chamber Players

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, RICHMOND
SUNDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2026 AT 2PM

Followed by afternoon tea at Comoradh
(St John's Primary School Hall)

TICKETS $40
For bookings and payment email
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SYNOD
HOBART ARCHDIOCESE 2027

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?

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.

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

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

The October edition of the *Catholic Standard* is available at the foyer. Please grab your copy.
Here are the highlights from this edition:

- Archbishop Tony's article on the Conversion Practices Bill: 'Protecting People and getting the law right'
- Major Relic of St Carlo graces Tassie for one weekend
- Blessing of the Animals on the Feast of St Francis
- Sr Carmel farewelled after 32 years of service in Tasmania
- Making space for the Holy Spirit: Synod facilitators training
- Keeping the light of faith shining in Burnie
- A symphony of stories celebrated for Children's Book Week Watering seeds of faith and hope in God's creation



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

***First Reading*—Isaiah 45:1.4-6**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.
1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.
We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

***Gospel Acclamation*—Philippians 2:15. 16**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

***Gospel*—Matthew 22:15-21**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 19th October	-	Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday 20th October	-	Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday 21st October	-	Luke 12:39-48
Thursday 22nd October	-	Luke 12:49-53
Friday 23rd October	-	Luke 12:54-59
Saturday 24th October	-	Luke 13:1-9

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 25th October 2026

First Reading	-	Exodus 22:20-26
Responsorial Psalm	-	Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51
Second Reading	-	1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Gospel	-	Matthew 22:34-40

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.