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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C - 25th MAY 2025

A community of believers, inspired by the Holy Spirit

My dear Brothers and sisters, today, the Church invites us to reflect deeply on the way God continues to be present among His people through love, the Holy Spirit, and the gift of peace. As the Easter season moves toward its climax in Pentecost, today's readings give us a beautiful picture of how the early Church grew, struggled, and thrived under the guidance of the Holy Spirit — and how we too are called to do the same.

The First Reading (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29) brings us into a moment of tension in the early Christian community. A serious dispute arises about whether Gentile converts must follow the Jewish custom of circumcision. This could have divided the Church, but instead of reacting with hostility or stubbornness, the apostles and elders came together in prayerful dialogue. They listen, discern, and then send a message to the Gentile believers: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities." This model of decision-making — grounded in the Spirit, respectful of cultural diversity, and focused on unity — is a lesson for today's Church. It shows us that when we invite the Spirit into our conflicts, God leads us to peace and clarity.

The Second Reading (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) offers a vision of the heavenly Jerusalem — a city radiant with God's glory, where the Lamb is the light. There is no temple because God's presence fills everything. The gates are open to all, and the names of the twelve apostles are inscribed on the foundations. This reminds us that the Church is built upon their witness, and that the light of Christ is what gives direction and hope to the world. It's a call for us to live as citizens of this heavenly city even now, reflecting God's light in our words, actions, and relationships.

Finally, in the Gospel (John 14:23-29), Jesus gives His disciples an incredible promise: that if they love Him and keep His word, both He and the Father will make their home with them. He promises the Holy Spirit as a teacher and guide, and leaves them with His peace — "not as the world gives." This peace is based on the abiding presence of God, even amid life's uncertainties.

As we continue our Easter journey, let us be inspired by the unity, courage, and openness of the early Church. Let us, as a family led by the Spirit, welcome the Spirit's guidance in our decisions, live with hearts open to all people, and be instruments of Christ's peace in a restless world.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
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

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)
Please contact the Parish Office***

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

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



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



St Mary's Catholic Cathedral Parish Pilgrimage of Hope

In joyful celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025, which the Catholic Church marks under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope", the faithful of St. Mary's

Cathedral Parish is invited to undertake a pilgrimage to **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Ross on July 19th, 2025.**

We will gather at St Mary's cathedral at 9am, depart at 9:30, we will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Ross and enjoy a BYO picnic lunch afterwards.

A flyer with more information and the schedule will be available at all our Masses.

A bus with limited spaces will be available for those who will require transport, a list will be there at the back of our churches for you to place your name.

There will also be a sheet for those who are taking their own car and if you would have space for others.

THANKYOU – THANKYOU

To all those who attended our "Chatter That Matters" talks last Tuesday. A great evening with Fr Chris Hope talking and answering questions about mission over his long life of Priesthood. Looking forward to our next talk with our own Fr Steven Smith on the 24th June with a different perspective from a younger priest. Hope to see you there !

St Mary's Cathedral Parish RCIA

If you feel called to the Catholic faith this is a great opportunity to come along and learn and experience, not only the Catholic faith, also where God is in your life and calling you. The invitation is open to not only individuals who desire to become members of the Catholic Church, but for Catholics who might like to learn more about their own faith.

Date: 2nd June at 6:30pm and run each fortnight

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral Parish Centre level 1

From Our Anniversary Book: Harold Dean, Dick Steward, Bob Forsberg, Lucy Knott, Adrian Hawtree, Achille Sorella, George Griffith, Zena Munday, Ida Davis, Thelma Forsyth, Filomena and Rocco Mangione, Lynne Ward, Elizio Bini, Mary Cox, Aileen Cracknell, Mary Downey, Alexander Ashby, Celistino Callegari, Judith Eaton, Kevin Harrington, Philip Di Nardo, Mary Patricia Noonan, Clytie Chaplain, Joan Keenan, Amerigo Martelli, Peter Siauciunas, Eileen Kelly, Leonard Stanford, Pauline Osborne, Joan Pearce, Felicetta Di Monda, James O'Connor, Mollie Darcey, John Davis, Katherine Hyde, Thora McKillop, Margaret Brown, Maria Mackey, Malcom Wilson, Phyllis Flanagan, Vincent Vecchione, Sr Margaret Smith (PBVM), Sr Magdalen Riordan (PBVM), and Sr Francis Regis Murphy (PBVM)



31 May
2.00pm

St Mary's
Cathedral



Tickets \$25/20/5
at the door or online

Sweet Melancholy

Beginning in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries, the subject of melancholy became a preoccupation of writers, artists and composers in Europe. In this programme we feature a selection of some of the most poignant musical examples on this theme including works by John Dowland, Henry Purcell, Georg Frederic Handel and Antonio Vivaldi.

Ensemble Antiqua consists of Llewellyn Negrin (recorder), Christine Akerman (baroque violin and viola), Tim Lowe (guitar and lute) and Alexander Rodrigues (spinnet and voice).

Ensemble
ANTQUA

a place of Prayer, a place of Worship, a place of Music...

PARISH RAFFLE

A huge congratulations to all our Winners!!!

And an even bigger thanks to everyone who participated and helped us to raise money.

We raised close to \$2000, a fantastic effort.

With the money raised and the generous support of Catholic Education Tasmania we have now been able to obtain two defibrillators, one for the Cathedral and one for Sacred Heart Church, these will appear over the coming weeks.

Thankyou to Mario & Romilda Amorosa for donating our incredible prizes, a thankyou to the many parishioners who helped to sell tickets and set up and cook our BBQ where the raffle was drawn. A thankyou to Bakers Delight in Newtown for donating the bread for our BBQ and for Urban Craft Meat who provided our sausages at a discounted price.







WHAT'S
NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE

Children's Corner:

Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to help us obey him. Write down the things that the Holy Spirit can help you do for Jesus.

The Catholic Standard

The May edition of the catholic standard has arrived. Please collect your own copy at the back of the Cathedral/church to take home and share with family and friends.



Here are the highlights from the May edition:

- Habemus Papam! Leo XIV elected as 267th pope
- Hobart community gathers in prayer at Requiem Mass for Pope Francis
- Young Tasmanians to attend national youth festival in Melbourne
- Journey of faith for pilgrims of hope (Kings Meadow Parish)

The Regina Coeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice.

R. Alleluia.

For He, whom you did merit to bear.

R. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. R. Alleluia.

Pray for us to God. R. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

R. For the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.



Let us pray

O God, Who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Annual Walk with Christ Eucharistic Procession



Annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament for the Feast of The Body & Blood of Christ

SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025

St Joseph's Church, Hobart, 12.45pm

Celebrate the Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ by walking with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through the City of Hobart.



Participants who are unable to walk in the Procession are invited to come to the Cathedral at 1.30pm to take part in the Adoration and concluding Benediction. Long-term parking near the Cathedral is available at the Hobart Central Carpark in Melville Street. The Carpark closes at 4.30pm. In the event of bad weather, call Vincent on 0487 132 429 for details.



Archdiocese
of Hobart



**Mary MacKillop
Spirituality Centre
Josephite Mission
Hobart**

On May 1st the Josephite Mission Centre in Hobart became part of the nationwide Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centres. It is an exciting time for growth of the Ministry of care offered by the Sisters of St Joseph.

Coming up at the Centre - 67 Clare Street, New Town

Dr Drasko Dizdar - 31st of May - 10am to 1.30 pm - The '**Emmaus Journey** (Morning tea/Luncheon provided) \$20 pp Bookings essential for catering purposes - no one should be exempt due to cost - financial support to attend can be provided on request.

Contact info

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READINGS OF THE DAY – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2. 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the

north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you
everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am
going to the Father,

for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,

so that when it does happen you may believe.'

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 26th May - John 15:26-16:4

Tuesday 27th May - John 16:5-11

Wednesday 28th May - John 16:12-15

Thursday 29th May - John 16:16-20

Friday 30th May - John 16:20-23

Saturday 31st May - Luke 1:39-56

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: The Ascension of the Lord C

First Reading - Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

Second Reading - Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel - Luke 24:46-53

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.