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MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
12.15pm: Friday
6.00pm: Saturday Vigil Mass
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.00am: Tuesday - Thursday
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court (131 Hill St West Hobart)
10.30am: Friday
Commencing Friday 4th February 2022

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart

11.00am: Friday
6pm - 12am: Friday (CRYPT)
5pm - 5.30pm: Saturday

RECONCILIATION

11am - 12 Noon: Friday
5.00pm - 5.30pm: Saturday

4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 30th JANUARY 2022

PARISH NEWS

My dear parishioners, we are managing COVID 19 requirements within St Mary's Cathedral Parish as directed by the Tasmanian Government and detailed in the Direction under the Public Health Act 1997, we need to follow the Public Health Orders.

We, as a Parish understand there are difficulties with the COVID requirements placed on individuals. However, conformity to the Parish Safety Plan is essential to maintaining ongoing Parish life.

Please kindly observe all the COVID 19 safety regulations by using the Check-In QR Codes and hand sanitise as you enter any Cathedral Parish buildings and **Do Not Enter** any Cathedral Parish buildings if you:-

- Have COVID 19
- Have been instructed to quarantine
- Are unwell, including with fever, respiratory symptoms, eg: shortness of breath, cough, sore throat.

Please kindly observe the mandatory mask requirement within St Mary's Cathedral, Sacred Heart Church and all other Cathedral Parish buildings. Thank-you for your understanding and patience.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life and the reception of Holy Communion is of pivotal importance to all Christians. Due to COVID 19 safety regulations and the concerns of parishioners **may I kindly urge those parishioners who wish to receive communion on the tongue to please receive the Eucharist at the end of Communion.**

I thank you all for your understanding and co-operation. **Fr Leonard Caldera**

WELCOME FR PASCHAL OPKON



St Mary's Cathedral Parish, are delighted for Fr Paschal Opkon on his appointment as Assistant Priest to our parish community. We warmly welcome him and thank him for his God given ministry and wish him all the best and our prayerful support.

We give thanks for Fr Jessie Banez ministry within our parish community and wish him many blessings in his new parish in Launceston. We kindly pray for his ministry.

ROSARY TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN: 7.30am Every Saturday at Sacred Heart Church, New Town followed by 8am Mass.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: This will commence again in February 2022

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: 11am Friday and 5pm Saturday in Cathedral and 6pm - 12 midnight in Cathedral Crypt.

Important Announcement for EVERYONE attending churches for Mass.

It is **MANDATORY** for every person 16 years of age or older who enters the Sacred Heart Church, the Cathedral and Cathedral Centre for any reason is required **to provide their information for contact tracing using the Free Check in TAS app or by the written visitor's register.** This is a direction from Tasmania Government. Non compliance may result in a fine.



Understanding the Seasons of the Church

What is Ordinary Time

Because the term ordinary in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word 'ordinalis,' which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church - the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle - the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

Thus for Catholics, **Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives.** There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

When Is Ordinary Time?

Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

The Church year begins with Advent, followed immediately by the Christmas season. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the first Sunday after

January 6, the traditional date of the Feast of the Epiphany and the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. This first period of Ordinary Time runs until Ash Wednesday when the liturgical season of Lent begins. Both Lent and the Easter season fall outside of Ordinary Time, which resumes again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season. This second period of Ordinary Time runs until the First Sunday of Advent when the liturgical year begins again.



Why Is There No First Sunday in Ordinary Time?

In most years, the Sunday after January 6 is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In countries such as the United States, however, where the celebration of Epiphany is transferred to Sunday if that Sunday is January 7 or 8, Epiphany is celebrated instead. As feasts of our Lord, both the Baptism of the Lord and Epiphany displace a Sunday in Ordinary Time. Thus the first Sunday in the period of Ordinary Time is the Sunday that falls after the first week of Ordinary Time, which makes it the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Why Is Green the Colour of Ordinary Time?

Likewise, the normal liturgical colour for Ordinary Time - for those days when there is no special Feast - is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

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From Our Anniversary Book

Mary Howe, Francesca Sorigi, Anthony Foo, Anna Di Carlo, Elvie Turner, Sr. Mary Vincent Shelverton PBVM, Katherine Crane, Nina Smith, Marguerite Wood, Amy Kennedy, Irene Burton, Helen Grinicias, Christopher White, Bernard Fahey, Youla Cosgrove, Betty Boutchard, Bethany Griggs, Peter Nielsen, Luigi Fraraccio, Antonietta and Domenico Matrisciano, William Johnston, Terence Lynch, Catherine McInnes, Teodino Ottavi, Mary Harnett, Phillip Albanus, Br. Norman Lipman, David McHubo, John Johnston, Emily Haley, Robert Langdale, Olinta Pachioli, Archpriest Phillip Henneby, Anne Shelverton, Percy Smith, Elizabeth Tehan, Senka Dzelalija, Mary Scott, Frank Burke, Patrick Waters, Eileen Miller, Joan Shirley, Antonio Scavone, Rosa Palermo, Felicianantonio Di Saia, John Conlan, Mildred Coulson, Ina Compton, Elsie Thornhill, Christian Berger, Anna Zanini, Audrey Harrington, Agueda Tojino, Joshua Kirk, William Baldwin, Sergio Moreira, Florence Denne, Ludovico Genovesi, Ronald Peters, Ella Shelverton, Diane Bretnall, Sr Finn Barr Mackey PBVM, Sr Mary Morgan PBVM, Sr Andrew Carroll PBVM, Sr Angela McGee PBVM and Sr Teresa O'Connell PBVM

May they rest in peace !



Risen Lord Community - Tasmania

You are warmly invited to join the Risen Lord Community's first Prayer meeting of the year. Commencing with Holy Mass at **7.00pm** on Friday **4 February 2022**, at the Cathedral Centre, Level One. Further details on Parish Notice Board.

Marriage Masses for the Renewal of Vows - will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous on **Sunday 13th February, 2022** at **St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart** at **10.30am** and Sunday 20th February, 2022



at the Church of the Apostles, Launceston at 10.30am. Couples celebrating Catholic Marriage milestones including couples in the early years of marriage (1st, 5th and 10th anniversaries) are invited to RSVP to the Office - of Life, Marriage

and Family by emailing ben.smith@aohtas.org.au or on 6208 6036.

Catholic married couples will receive a special acknowledgement from Archbishop Julian on the day.

Cathedral Bookshop is open for 2022 - Open during Cathedral Parish Office hours Mon - Fri 9am-3pm and after Sunday 10.30am Mass. New items have arrived.



Caritas Australia is Hope in Action

As the international aid and development agency of the Australian Catholic Church, we are driven by social justice and the dignity of every person. Working together for justice and dignity. Walking together in hope. Building together a thriving future for all.

CARITAS - TONGA VOLCANIC ERUPTION



Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help

with emergency response.

Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call 1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.

Mass at Lawrenny Court

The 1st Mass for 2022 will be celebrated on Friday 4th February at 10.30am at Lawrenny Court - 131 Hill Street, West Hobart.



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 31st January - **St John Bosco**

Mark 5: 1-20

Tuesday 1st February

Mark 5: 21-43

Wednesday 2nd February - **Presentation of the Lord**

Luke 2: 22- 40

Thursday 3rd February - **St Blaise and St Ansgar**

Mark 6: 7-13

Friday 4th February

Mark 6: 14-29

Saturday 5th December - **St Agatha**

Mark 6: 30-34

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah	6:1-8	Psalm 137:1-5,7-8 R. v5
1 Corinthians	15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11

Interested in Becoming Catholic? Longing for a relationship with God? Do you want to get to know Jesus Christ? Never been baptised but interested in what it's all about? If you've got questions and would like to know more about the process of becoming Catholic, Please contact Christine Wood on 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au

Year of the Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, you bless us with the gifts of life and love so powerfully present in our midst through families.

In praise of your gifts we offer you in return our commitment to love and care for one another as family – as our own family, as church family and as part of the great human family.

In whatever state of life we find ourselves, whether married or single, widowed or divorced, clergy or religious, young or elderly or in complicated situations, may your love be real and deeply felt.

Bestow your blessings on mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers. Bless brothers and sisters. Embrace those who are alone and feel that they are abandoned. Make us one family for you are Our Father, and we your children. Make our home a dwelling place of love, respect, understanding, forgiveness and support.

In sickness and in health, in poverty and plenty, in joy and in sorrow, may we never give up on each other, may we never give up on our families, may we never give up on your extraordinary gift of family life.

We ask the intercession of Mary, our mother and Joseph, her spouse, who cared for Jesus in Nazareth, who is our Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.

Children's Corner

When Jesus began teaching at the Jewish meeting places, people started talking about Jesus and were amazed at the wonderful things he said. Draw some of the people listening to Jesus' teachings.



I am the bread of life, he who comes to me shall not hunger.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

A good tree cannot produce bad fruit.

I am the light of the world.



READINGS OF THE DAY - 4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-5;17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you, it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v. 15

(R.) **I will sing of your salvation.**

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me.
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked.
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help.
4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know

as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 4:21-30

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews. Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

On this forth Sunday of ordinary time, the church reminds us the privilege we have to participate in God's mission by virtue of our baptism in Christ. So, in spite of all the difficulties associated with this call, love for God and humanity must sustain us in this mission. Today's readings are principally a call to action and to proclaim the good news to all nations. This call is a privilege. It is also, a command that we must obey: "Stand up and tell them all that I command you." The good news is that, God Himself is with us in this mission: "They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you."

These simply show that the call to this prophetic ministry is not solely our mission. Rather, it is principally God's mission. We only make ourselves available, while God provides the strength and protection. He is the owner of the message, as well as the entire mission.

It is important to note is that God did not call us by accident. Rather, our call was a deliberate action from God who knows us personally. Hence, He calls us by our personal names and reminds us: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born, I consecrated you; I have appointed you as the prophet of the nations." So, we are not strangers to God.

We must always remember that our call is a privilege to serve God's people. That is, to proclaim the good news through words, and through our actions among His people. Hence, it is important to know that a missionary without commitment to the good news, prayer and the people of God, is simply being a tourist.