

St Mary's Cathedral Parish



16th August 2020, 20th Sunday
in Ordinary Time Year A/2

New Mass Times

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart

Tue-Fri : 7.30am & 12:15pm Masses

Sat : 5pm Vigil Mass

Sun : 9am, 10.30am, & 6.00pm Masses

Sacred Heart Church

Tue-Fri : 9am Mass Sat : 8.00am Mass

Sun : 8.30am (*Kindly note that today is the last 10am mass at Sacred Heart Church. There will be no 10am Mass from next Sunday, 23rd August, onwards*)

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart:

Tuesday-Thursday: 11:45am-12:05pm,

Friday: 11am-12pm

Saturday: 4:30pm-4:50pm

Sacred Heart Church: Friday after 9am Mass

St Mary's Cathedral—Cnr Harrington & Patrick Streets,
Hobart Sacred Heart Church—Cross St, New Town

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia!, Alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

This week's Readings: Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Next Week's Readings: Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Enduring Faith Of God For Humanity

The words used in today's Gospel, particularly the term "dog" and Jesus' initial refusal to cure a Canaanite woman's daughter might raise challenges to any preacher. Jesus is in the Canaanite district and the woman who approaches him was a Canaanite woman. She makes a plea: "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon. So Lord help me!" In response to this request Christ's answer is quite an unexpected one, even impolite to a certain extent, for he says: "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." This is the line so un-Jesus-like; that baffles us; that is so hard for us to understand.

Let us delve into this statement more profoundly. First, she is a Canaanite, and they did not believe in any Messiah-to-come, especially not one that would descend from David. Yet this woman, against her whole background, calls out to him using the words "Son of David," a term always referring to the Messiah in the ancient Hebrew Scriptures. So this is her initial faith expression against all odds. Second, she calls Jesus "Lord." In Matthew's Gospel this is an explicit admission that Jesus and God are one. Based on the type of language she used, this is proof that she believed in him as the Messiah.

But still Jesus wants to examine her faith. Israel and the Canaanites had long been in strife. So the natural question that anyone would raise is: "How could 'they' from Canaan, with their strange gods, produce a woman who believes in the one God and in Jesus as the Christ? It is in this context the word "dog" is used. Even after the word "dog" being used, it is the quick wit of the woman that provides a wonderful, humble, bantering response that wins the day. "Even dogs eat scraps that fall from their master's table." It is a wise comeback, a parry, a counter-thrust, and Jesus loves it. In other words, she is saying, "It does not matter where a person is from as long as they believe. So Lord I too do believe." And at last Christ gladly gave her what she asked. He cured her daughter.

This is what the faith can win, faith can acquire and faith can conquer. Woman, you have great faith! Jesus did not resist the determined woman; rather, he praised her determination. Let us reflect for a moment on the words of Pope Francis about the Canaanite woman: "This is the path of a person of good will, who looks for God and finds Him. The Lord blesses her. How many people go on this path and the Lord awaits them! But it is the same Holy Spirit that brings them forward on this path. Every day in the Church of the Lord there are people that go on this path, silently, to find the Lord, because they let themselves be taken forward by the Holy Spirit." There can be no doubt that God's care and grace extend beyond the boundaries of race, creed, political ideologies and culture to the hearts of all the people of goodwill in and through the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit take us constantly upon the path of faith in spite of misty and murky times and may we be strengthened to strive to build a more inclusive church where God's love embraces everyone.



Fr Shammi Perera



St Mary's Cathedral

Concert 2

2020 Concert Series

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

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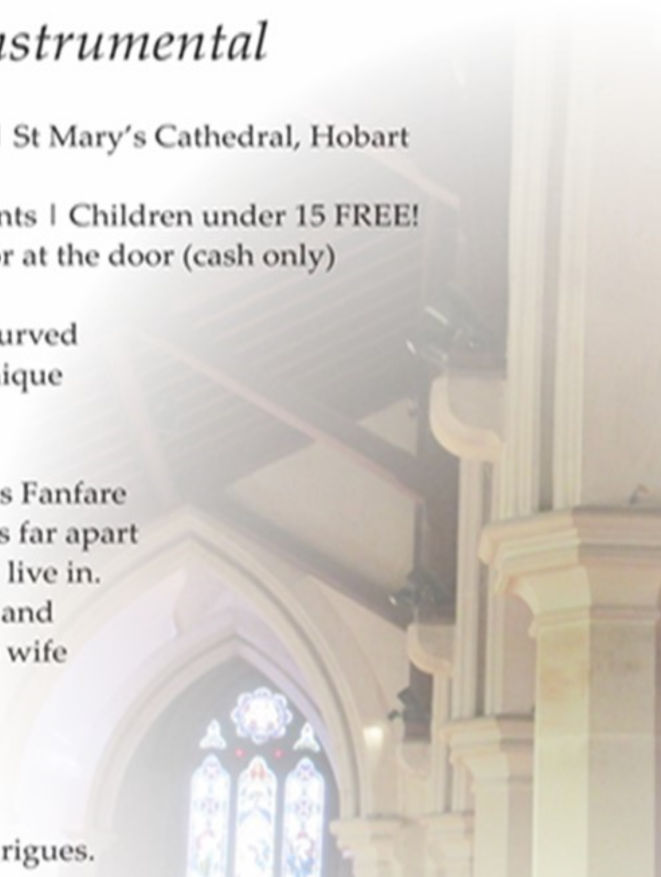
2pm, Saturday 22nd August, 2020 | St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

Tickets: \$15 Adults | \$10 Concessions | \$5 Students | Children under 15 FREE!
Limited seating: www.trybooking.com/BJDOU or at the door (cash only)

A Cathedral's large, voluminous space with its curved sandstone arches and wooden floors creates a unique resonant space, reflecting the sound off surfaces.

This instrumental concert will open with Britten's Fanfare for St Edmundsbury for three trumpets spaced as far apart as possible - quite apt for the world we currently live in. Following this will be Wagner's deeply personal and intimate Siegfried Idyll; a birthday present to his wife after the birth of their son, Siegfried. Concluding the concert will be Stravinsky's Concerto in E-flat 'Dumbarton Oaks'.

The concert will be conducted by Alexander Rodrigues.



St Mary's cathedral Hobart Youth Group

Last Sunday the Palavra Viva Community and Cássia Sampaio, the new Youth Evangelisation Director, joined Youth group for a question and answer session at the Cathedral Centre and there after for a Lunch.



VINNIES AT THE CATHEDRAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society has an active Cathedral group.

We deliver emergency assistance to our brothers and sisters in need in our parish and support them in various ways during the pandemic.

Join us for prayer and friendship. Help Vinnies relieve the suffering of men, women and children in our community at this difficult time.

Inquiries: 0400 167 078

Kinder Enrolment 2021 program open

St Mary's College welcomes you to book a personal tour for Kinder 2021 and learn about opportunities for girls at www.smc.tas.edu.au.

From their first visit, we encourage our students to connect, wonder, create, explore and discover. The Kinder program at St Mary's College is designed to nurture and provide opportunities to build confidence, independence and to grow their love of learning.

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Message of Pope Francis for World Mission Day

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2018 **(Part-1)**

Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all

Dear young people, I would like to reflect with you on the mission that we have received from Christ. In speaking to you, I also address all Christians who live out in the Church the adventure of their life as children of God. What leads me to speak to everyone through this conversation with you is the certainty that the Christian faith remains ever young when it is open to the mission that Christ entrusts to us. "Mission revitalizes faith" (Redemptoris Missio, 2), in the words of Saint John Paul II, a Pope who showed such great love and concern for young people.

The Synod to be held in Rome this coming October, the month of the missions, offers us an opportunity to understand more fully, in the light of faith, what the Lord Jesus wants to say to you young people, and, through you, to all Christian communities.

Life is a mission

Every man and woman is a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth. To be attracted and to be sent are two movements that our hearts, especially when we are young, feel as interior forces of love; they hold out promise for our future and they give direction to our lives. More than anyone else, young people feel the power of life breaking in upon us and attracting us. To live out joyfully our responsibility for the world is a great challenge. I am well aware of lights and shadows of youth; when I think back to my youth and my family, I remember the strength of my hope for a better future. The fact that we are not in this world by our own choice makes us sense that there is an initiative that precedes us and makes us exist. Each one of us is called to reflect on this fact: "I am a mission on this Earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world" (Evangelii Gaudium, 273).

From the Vatican, 20 May 2018, Solemnity of Pentecost

Cathedral restoration Feedback

Form

Dear parishioners

Please do not forget to complete the Cathedral restoration feedback form and return to us before 30th of August 2020.



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Support the Cathedral Restoration Fund

Help us preserve our Cathedral for generations to follow by making a pledge or remembering us in your will.

To enquire or donate, please contact the Parish Office on 6234 4463 or

email: cathedral@aohtas.org.au

Thank you !



Dear Parishioners and Friends in Christ

I wish to announce, that we have secured a Covid-19 safe "Tap & Go" Donation Point. Now you are welcome to make your



donations through bank cards (credit or debit cards).

Thank you!

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Weekly Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Please join us every Friday at St Mary's Cathedral between 11am and 12pm for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction followed by Mass at 12:15pm. During this holy hour the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.



From Our Anniversary Book

Elizabeth Fahey, James Lamont, Ronald Pritchard, Maria Vachell, Nicolina Rinaldi, Anne O'Loughlin, Honora Devitt, Francis Sexton, Ivan Thiessen, Peter Huigsloot, Margaret Northam, Thora Chaplain, Hugh Sullivan, Massoud Abraham, Cyril Green, Peter Nichols, Sr. Kathleen Twomey, Pasquale D'Amato, Marianne Sidebottom, Mariannina Mangione, Palma Di Tommaso, Adamo Franov, Fred Radford, Joan Braithwaite, Joan Verrell, Denis Conlan, Barbara Mundy, John Ashwood, Bette Usher, Garry Willis, Kathleen Andrews, Kathleen Terry, Ethel Hanlon, Lauretta Di Domenico, Norah Youl, Sr. Mary Gabrielle Dillon, Mary Foster, Catherine Cape, Giovanna Taglieri, Rex Mundy, Ron Peters.

May they rest in peace !



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communities**
Archdiocese of Hobart

St Mary's Cathedral Parish embraces and wholeheartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.

Please note our Cathedral Bookstall is open for business from 9am to 3pm, Monday to

Friday

We offer a selection of new religious articles, gift items related to sacraments, Scapulars, medals, statues, cards, Missals, Bibles, contemporary and classic writings as well as baptism candles and sashes and much more!

