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St Mary's
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Archdiocese of Hobart

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart

11.00am: Friday
6pm - 12am Friday - In Crypt
5.00pm - 5.40pm: Saturday

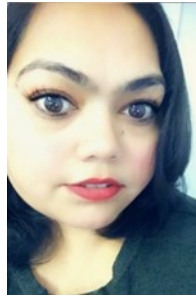
RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart

5.00pm - 5.30pm: Saturday

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C - 28th NOVEMBER 2021

PARISH NEWS



My dear Parishioners, we as a parish community bid farewell with grateful hearts to Ms Shilpi Samida, our outgoing Parish Secretary. Shilpi was on maternity leave with the birth of her third child last January and on completion, decided to tender her resignation. She is a soft spoken person, who managed to successfully keep the Cathedral Centre running smoothly. A woman of great faith and dedication who made everyone who visited the Cathedral feel welcome and at home. We as a parish community wish her all the best for her future undertaking with the support of our prayers and grateful thanks.

It is with great joy I wish to announce to you, that Ms Jane McKeown, our acting Parish Secretary has accepted the job on a permanent basis. Jane has during the short period of 12 months been able to integrate herself successfully into the position. She has become my right-hand, and can successfully keep the chaotic schedule of the Cathedral and the Centre, as well as risen up to meet the challenges of the Job. Jane is a woman of deep faith and prayer and under her watchful eye, I have to say everything is running smoothly. As a parish we thank her for accepting the job with its endless challenges. Please continue to pray for her that she may be faithful to her duties and carry out the Lord's command of humble service to His church.



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Sr Monica Shelverton PBVM

Seminarian:

Vinco Muriyadan

Parish Secretary:

Jane McKeown



Parish Christmas BBQ

The Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council invites all Parishioners to a Christmas BBQ on Sunday the 12th December, following the 10.30am Mass. Meat and Drinks are provided and you are invited to bring along a Plate or Salad to share. Come enjoy the festive season.

INTERMENT OF THE ARCHBISHOPS OF HOBART.

Following the successful exhumations in September of Archbishops Murphy, Delany, Barry, Hayden and pioneer priest Fr Conolly from beneath the Cathedral's North Transept floor, their interment in the Cathedral's crypt will occur with the celebration of a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at **5:30pm on Tuesday 7th December 2021.**

All are welcome to attend and should register at the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/interment-of-bishops-of-hobart-and-tasmanias-pioneering-catholic-priest-tickets-217698129967>

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.



The Advent Wreath helps us to spiritually contemplate the great drama of salvation history that surrounds the birth of God Incarnate, who comes to redeem the human race and make all things new (Rev. 21:5).

SHAPE, NUMBER, AND COLOUR

SHAPE: The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us—a love that sent his Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of sin. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

NUMBER: The Advent Wreath traditionally holds four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. Each candle represents 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the world's Saviour—from Adam and Eve to Jesus, whose birth was foretold in the Old Testament.

Advent wreath traditions also include a fifth white "Christ" candle, symbolizing purity, that is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas day. Many circular wreaths can incorporate a white candle by adding a pillar candle to the wreath centre.

COLOUR: Violet is a liturgical colour that is used to signify a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice and is used during Advent and Lent. Advent, also called "little Lent," is the season where we spiritually wait in our "darkness" with hopeful expectation for our promised redemption, just as the whole world did before Christ's birth, and just as the whole world does now as we eagerly await his promised return.

THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT

During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical colour that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent. Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings.

Traditionally, each of the four Advent candles have a deeper meaning which is depicted in the lovely Four Weeks of Advent Pewter Wreath:

The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

The 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

*God of Light and Life,
give us Hope as we await your coming.*



Advent Wreath Blessing Prayer

*Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Saviour of every nation.*

*Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise
to bring us salvation.*

*May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

From Our Anniversary Book

Terence Lynch, Cyril Davis, Ellen Imlach, John Finn, Marie Hand, Stella Williams, Lugiano Buracchi, Jack Lynch, Reginald Duggan, Krzystos "Ristof" Zyczynski, Patrick Kennedy, Cecil Cosgrove, Zanella and Donato Vacca, Stefania Stanczyk, Mary Pauline Vincent, Domenico and Antonietta Mastrisciano, Giovanni Gallo, Anthony Batich, Isabel Harwood, Mervyn Miller, Adolf Kuchnicki, George Watt, Nora Murphy, Sr Patricia Fallon PBVM and Sr Gertrude Sullivan PBVM

May they rest in peace !





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Natural Fertility Services Tasmania is a program that educates individuals wanting to track their fertility or couples wanting to learn about their fertility and plan their families (to achieve or space pregnancies). The service can also be used by couples experiencing difficulty conceiving/infertility. **Please call 0447 276154 or email nfstasmania@aohtas.org.au for further information.**



CatholicCare Christmas Giving 2021

Help us bring love, hope and compassion for all this Christmas. Gift cards, toys and books, non-perishable food items, toiletries and monetary donations welcome.

Drop your donation into CatholicCare office 35 Tower Road New Town by 15th December 2021.

Any enquiries contact 0437955928



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

St Vincent de Paul Society
good works



Give Hope to struggling Families

this Christmas. Your kindness can provide practical support to get them through Christmas and beyond. Will you please donate this Christmas, so more families get the practical and emotional support they need to have hope for the future? **Please give in store, call 131812 or visit vinnies.org.au**



Carols on the Hill

Saturday 11 December
Guilford Young College Oval
Patrick Street, Hobart | 7 - 9.00pm

Tickets: www.eventbrite.com.au
search 'Carols on the Hill 2021'



When: Saturday 11th December 2021 at 7pm –9pm

Where: Guildford Young College Oval—Patrick Street

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GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 29th November	Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday 30th November	- Feast of St Andrew apostle
	Matthew 4:18-22
Wednesday 1st December	Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday 2nd December	Matthew 7:21,24-27
Friday 3rd December	- St Francis Xavier
	Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday 4th December	Matthew 9:35-10:1,6-8

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Baruch	5:1-9	Psalm R. v1
Philippians	1:4-6,8-11	Luke 3:1-6

Pray and Hear the Good News

Entrusting The Archdiocese of Hobart to St Joseph

A special Mass for the end of the Year of St Joseph will be held on Wednesday the 8th December 2021 at 6pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart. The entrustment to St Joseph will take place during this Mass. All are welcome

PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Lord Jesus Christ, as the Good Shepherd, You call all people to Yourself, but You also warned us that following You would not be easy. Today, many Christians suffer and are persecuted for love of You. In them, You continue Your passion for the redemption of the world.

It is your grace to carry the cross with them.

Grant us love, courage and a readiness to sacrifice so that we can aid and console our brothers and sisters in faith.

Fill us with your merciful love for one another, that we may also bless our enemies and forgive them.

Thus we want to joyfully testify to Your presence in the world and find fullness of life in You.

Amen



Children's Corner



I can help my family by

I can help my friends by

I can help those in need by

READINGS OF THE DAY - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:
'In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5.8-9.10.14. R.v.1

(R.) **To you, O Lord, I lift my soul**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!



Gospel

Luke 21:25-28.34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'



REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Advent: Waiting for a Promise

Have you had an experience waiting for something in the future? Maybe we are waiting for a promise to be fulfilled in a near future. As we wait for that promise, we become so eager, that it will happen soon especially when we are most in dire need of hope.

Advent comes to us with an assurance that there is One whose promises are true, sincere and heartfelt. We are touched by the moving words of the First reading, "I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah" to prove God's assurance of safety and security. God does not give false hopes as His promises are always true and reliable.

But we can obtain God's promises as the Second Reading reminds us that there is a corresponding responsibility for receiving the promises of the Lord as we put our faith in Him. St. Paul exhorts the Thessalonians "as you receive from us that there is a corresponding responsibility for one who receives the promises of the Lord." We cannot treat the promises of God lightly; we must be challenged by it to a life in accord with His will.

In the Gospel, Jesus makes a promise that He will return. As Christians, we hold on to His words that one day, He will rescue us from fear, pain, boredom and tiredness of daily toil in this world. We can experience this promise of salvation and deliverance only if we are vigilant and active in receiving Him in our hearts.

Fr Jessie Banez