

6th September

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR A

If Your Brother or Sister Listens to You, You Have Won That Person Back

In the Gospel of Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus gives us a beautiful and practical teaching about dealing with conflict within the Christian community. He says, "If your brother or sister listens to you, you have won that person back." These words remind us that the purpose of correction is not to condemn, humiliate or defeat another person. The purpose is to win the person back. Conflict is part of every human relationship. Families experience disagreements; friendships can be wounded; parish communities can face misunderstandings; and even people who sincerely love God can hurt one another. The question is not whether conflicts will occur, but how we respond when they do.

Jesus first tells us to speak directly to the person who has offended us. This is important. Too often, instead of speaking to the person concerned, we speak about them to others. We share our disappointment, seek sympathy, or allow resentment to grow. Jesus invites us to choose the more courageous path: go and speak privately. A personal conversation can prevent a small misunderstanding from becoming a major division. Yet speaking the truth requires love. Correction should never become an opportunity to attack someone's character. We should speak about the action that caused the hurt rather than labelling the person as "bad" or "unworthy." Our goal should be reconciliation, not revenge.

The words "you have won that person back" are particularly significant. Jesus sees the relationship as something worth saving. The person who has hurt us is not our enemy. He or she is still our brother or sister. We may disagree with their behavior, but we are called to preserve their dignity. Jesus then suggests involving one or two others if the person refuses to listen. This teaches us that reconciliation sometimes requires patience and the help of others. There are situations where an impartial and trusted person can help both sides see the matter more clearly. Even when formal steps become necessary, the intention remains restoration rather than punishment. Finally, Jesus says, "Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them." What a powerful promise! When Christians gather to resolve difficulties, Christ is present among them. Reconciliation is not merely a human achievement; it is a work of grace. Perhaps this Gospel challenges each of us to ask: Is there someone I need to speak to? Is there someone I have been speaking about instead of speaking to? Is there a relationship that I have allowed pride or resentment to damage? Winning someone back does not mean winning an argument. It means winning back a brother, a sister, a friend, a neighbor or a member of our community. In a world where division is often easier than forgiveness, Christians are called to become instruments of reconciliation. Let us have the courage to speak with love, the humility to listen, and the grace to forgive. For when a wounded relationship is restored, we do not simply win an argument, we win a person back.

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
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday
9.45am: Novena
7.30am: Saturday—Rosary

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)
10.30am: Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
4.00pm - 4.30pm: Saturday

EUCCHARISTIC 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



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.



Sacrament of First Holy Communion — 2026

Congratulations to our 25 First Holy Communion Candidates!

Last weekend, our candidates joyfully received their First Holy Communion. We congratulate them and pray that their faith may continue to grow and that God's love and grace may guide them throughout their lives.

We sincerely thank the Cathedral Parish Sacramental Program Team, parents, school catechists and school principals for their dedicated support and guidance throughout their sacramental journey.

Congratulations to all our candidates, and God bless you!

Father's Day Parish BBQ – Sunday, 6 September

Celebrate the wonderful fathers, grandfathers, and father figures in our parish family!

Join us immediately following the **10:30 am Mass on Sunday, 6 September**, for our Father's Day BBQ.

All parishioners, family, and friends are warmly invited to share in good food, fellowship, and community spirit.

Cost: Free (all welcome!)

Fundraising: Voluntary donations will be gratefully accepted on the day, with all proceeds directly supporting our parish young adults as they prepare to travel to Seoul, South Korea for **World Youth Day 2027**.

Come along, enjoy lunch, and help send our youth on their pilgrimage of faith!

Cathedral Parish Sacramental Program 2026/2027 Information Night

The Cathedral Parish invites parents and carers to begin their children's sacramental journey for the 2026/2027 program.

Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion are important milestones in nurturing your child's faith and building upon their Baptism.

Families interested in preparing their children to receive these sacraments are warmly invited to attend our upcoming Information Night:

Date: Tuesday, 22 September 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: St Mary's Cathedral

This session will provide details about the preparation program, key dates, and the support available to families throughout this sacred journey.

For further information or enquiries, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office. We look forward to journeying in faith with your family.

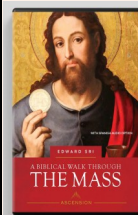
A Biblical Walk Through the Mass **Parish Study Program**

Ever wondered why we say what we say and do what we do at Mass? Join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, a 5-week video study by Dr Edward Sri (Ascension Press) that explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy's prayers, gestures, and rituals. Whether you have attended Mass your whole life or are newly discovering the Catholic faith, this program will renew your understanding and deepen your devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

Duration: a 6-week program starting on Saturday 19th September.

Location: Cathedral Parish Centre – 1st Floor
10 am to 10:30 am for morning tea
10:30 am to Midday for session

Cost: \$25 per person (includes participant study workbook and materials)



Registration: Please sign up at the parish office or via the registration sheet in the foyer by Wednesday 9th September come and discover the beauty and riches of the Liturgy in a whole new light—all are wel-

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**.

Welcomer

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit."

Luke 1:41

God gives each of us unique gifts and charisms to share and to build His Kingdom. A warm welcome can create a lasting first impression when someone enters our church.

As Christ has welcomed us with unconditional love, we are called to extend that same love to others.

Would you like to know more about becoming a Welcomer?

We would love to hear from you. Please contact **Deacon Mick or the Parish Office**.

From Our Anniversary Book

James Farrington, Sylvester O'Halloran, Mamie Bone, Mary Harrington, Walter Ball, Antonio D'Ettore, Lance Fitzgerald, Mavis Blazeley, Fr. Tom Bresnehan, Mary Thomas, Nick Billitteri, Doris Chisholm, Celia Celia, Eunice D'Arcey, Allenby Salter, Stan Siejka, Charles Donnelly, Percy Wright, Mary Drew, Frank Naden, Terence Ransley, Donald Bone, Mario Longo, Antonio Di Narzo, Mary Burke, Mervyn Clarke, Thelma Miles, Wilma Tate, Patricia Dance, Tracey Elizabeth

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.

Calling all young adult dating, engaged & married couples

Perspicere means to see through! Our Hope for this event is to gather as young adult dating, engaged or married couples to see through the lens of the sacrament of Holy Matrimony!

Our day will consist of morning tea followed by parts from the Augustine Institute's Symbolon series, where we will explore God's plan for marriage, church teachings, and scriptural writings. Afterwards, we will move into couple connect groups and a Q&A session with special guests Sean and Sandra Werapermal, and Duncan and Martina Macfarlane. The day will conclude with a meaningful time of prayer and commitment, and a creche will be available in the church foyer throughout the event.

Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/perspicere-marriage>

When: Saturday September 12, 9:30am-12pm

Where: Christ the Priest Church, 2 Jindabyne Road, Kingston Beach
Come along as we look to explore God's plan for marriage together!

National Child Protection Week 6-12 September 2026

This year's theme, Every Conversation Matters – Shifting Conversation to Action, reminds us that creating safe communities starts with listening, having important conversations and taking action when something doesn't feel right.

As we mark Safeguarding Sunday on 13 September, we are encouraged to reflect on the part each of us plays in creating safe, welcoming and supportive communities where children and young people are heard, valued and protected.

Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026

A Gathering hub will be held at the Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, Clare Street, New Town, from 9.30/10 am to 4:30 pm on **Thursday 3 and Friday 4 September** to access the *Laudato Si*-inspired national online gathering to listen deeply, reflect faithfully, and act courageously in care for all creation.

Day one features six keynote speakers from Australia and overseas; day two offers workshops, some parish-specific.

No registration is required and there is **no cost** to attend, though a small donation would be appreciated.

Participants are welcome to come and go as their timetable allows. Please BYO lunch (tea and coffee making facilities provided).

Full programme details: caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

Expressions of interest/further information contact: penny.edman@caritas.org.au or 0400 896 191

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



1. Release, Restore, Reclaim retreat - Evening meal and session 6- 8pm on Friday 9th October, Saturday 10th of October 9- 3pm and Sunday - 11th October 9- 11am.
Cost: \$330 incl. GST (including Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner)
Facilitator: Anne Slingso - Ignatian Spiritual focus
2. Drasko Dizdar- Lectio Divina - August 29th, October 3rd, October 31st - 10am to 12.30pm
\$20 pp (Morning tea provided)
3. Courage to Be reflection day based on Margaret Silf's book - The Wisdom Years - Facilitators Sr Margaret Henderson, Kylie Sullivan and Simone McManus
Friday August 28th 9-3pm \$50 pp (Morning Tea and lunch provided)

Safe Communities—September Newsletter

The September edition of the Safe Communities Newsletter is now available.

This month's newsletter includes information about National Child Protection Week, Safeguarding Sunday, and the ongoing work of the Safe Communities Office to promote safe and welcoming parish communities.

Scan the QR code to read the full newsletter and access the latest safeguarding information and resources.



Printed copies are available at the foyer.

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

First Reading **Ezekiel 33:7-9**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8**

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading **Romans 13:8-10**

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation—2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 18:15-20**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 7th September	- Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday 8th September	- Matt 1:1-16. 18-23 (Nativity of the blessed Virgin Mary)
Wednesday 9th September	- Luke 6:20-26
Thursday 10th September	- Luke 6:27-38
Friday 11th September	- Luke 6:39-42
Saturday 12th September	- Luke 6:43-49

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 13th September 2026

First Reading	- Sirach 27:30 – 28:7
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 102:1-4. 9-12.
Second Reading	- Romans 14:7-9
Gospel	- Matthew 18:21-35

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.