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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 23RD NOVEMBER 2025

Back some 1000 years before Christ the Israelites were governed by Judges. One of the most famous of these was Samuel who was coming towards the end of his earthly life. The people petitioned Samuel to ask God to appoint a King to rule over them just like all the other nations around them.

God did not think this was wise and through Samuel told the people just that but the people kept on petitioning for a King so God granted them their petition. The story of the first kings of Israel is complicated yet through it we find the anointing of David. David as a King brings the people of Israel together a one nation and succeeds in capturing the city of Jerusalem. Because he walked with God and completed what God wanted from him, God declared that he would establish a permanent kingdom through a descendant of David.

We call this the “Davidic Covenant” and we see this covenant being fulfilled through the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Jesus lineage on both sides of his earthly parents Mary and Joseph can be traced back to King David and through his death and resurrection Jesus became the new Temple and the spiritual King of a Kingdom that would last forever.

We see this in our Gospel today from Luke where Jesus has been crucified along with two criminals, one on his left and the other on the right. The Romans placed an inscription above his head saying, “This is the King of the Jews” and then we have the conversation with the criminal on his right who implores Jesus to remember him when he comes into His Kingdom.

This is what we are celebrating Today on the Solemnity of “Christ the King”. Celebrated on the final Sunday of the liturgical year. This gives us occasion to reflect on the Kingship of Christ, a King like no other who gave up his life in order to save us all. In truth Christ is both the ruler of all while simultaneously being the servant of all leading all of us into recognition of our kingship and therefore the responsibility to care of all those around us and also as custodians of God’s creation.

As St. Paul says in his letter to the Colossians that God through His Son has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the Kingdom of His Son that he loves.

Indeed. A worthy and powerful reason for our Celebration of “Christ as our King.”



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

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

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? RCIA is held every second Monday. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

PIETY SHOP— Thursday, 10 am –3pm. Saturday & Sunday
the shop is open after every weekend Mass



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.”

Pray for the souls

The month of November is dedicated to remembering and praying for all the faithful departed. It is a sacred time when we as a community of believers, unite our hearts in love and prayer for those who have gone before us. Marked with the sign of faith.

Let us offer masses, prayers and sacrifices for our departed family members, friends and all souls in purgatory, trusting in God's infinite mercy.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace. Amen"



COMING UP

November 30th-December 2nd—**Australian Catholic Youth Festival**, Melbourne.

November 27th—Commencement of advent program (5.30pm-7.30pm)

December 5th—Healing Service (Starting with Rosary at 6.40 pm)

December 13th— Carol's at St. Mary's Cathedral. (7 pm—9 pm)

Please Note — There will be No Saturday Vigil Mass on 13 December as we come together for the **Diocesan Christmas Service: Carols at St. Mary's**

You are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, uniting in joy and thanksgiving during this holy season.

VOLUNTEERS

A Special Thank You to all those who have volunteered their time and skills thereby enhancing the capability of our Parish. There are always many ways to be involved if you are willing. A special call out for Readers at all our Masses. (Especially - Saturday night Vigil Mass).

ADVENT IS HERE

The Cathedral Parish is offering an opportunity for us all to come together to celebrate our advent season leading up to Christmas.

Each week we will use our Advent candles as a theme – **HOPE, PEACE, JOY & LOVE**. A short video and a scripture look at what that word means to our journey to Christmas. Take some time out of your busy life and join the journey.

Once a week for four weeks **starting on THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER** on level 1 of the parish centre at 5:30 PM and finishing no later than 7:30 PM.

From Our Anniversary Book: Mary Burn, Eileen Quigley, Arthur O'Neill, Mangione Family, Pat Case, Nicola Mainella, Beverley Munnings, Maria Cutoli, Azzizulah Haibari, Julio Fuentes, Edward Stanford, William Dolliver, Ian Baker, Harry Burton, Elizabeth Proposch, Vittorio Di Martino, Charles Wilson, Fr. Tom McDonnell, Leslie Ransley, Henry (Harry) Fitzgerald, Lucia Lacapra, Roydon Chen, Bernard Mazengarb, Molly Pullen, Carmela Palmese, Walter Smallhorn, Maria Ferraro, Tommaso Dienno, Fr. Harold Buckley, Moira Fisher, Johannes Meure, Rrok Lufi, Jan Fikerle, Domenico Raglione. **May they rest in peace !**

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 the same Christ our Lord.

Carols
at St Mary's

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DEC 2025

SATURDAY

7 PM - 9 PM

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, HOBART | GATES OPEN AT 5.30 PM



Gates open at 5.30pm, so come early to enjoy a picnic in the beautiful grounds of St Mary's. Food vans will serve paella, wood-fired pizza, ice-cream, and more.

There will be fun activities for the children, including face painting, make-your-own Christmas decorations, and wreath-making.

Please help us share the joy of Christmas by bringing a new, unwrapped gift suitable for any age group (including adults) to leave under the CatholicCare Tasmania Christmas Giving Tree. Gift cards are especially appreciated.

Come along and help us celebrate the birth of Christ together.

All are warmly welcome.



Share the Joy: Donate to the Vinnies

Christmas Hampers

The St Vincent de Paul Society is preparing Christmas hampers for individuals and families in need within our parish. This year, Vinnies is especially seeking donations of toys and gifts for children.



Suggested items include:

- **Ages 0–2:** soft toys, picture books, stacking blocks
- **Ages 3–5:** puzzles, Lego/Duplo, craft sets, dolls/action figures, dress-up kits
- **Ages 6–9:** board games, sports balls, science kits, art packs
- **Ages 10–12:** headphones, journals, books, craft kits
- **Ages 13–16:** \$25 gift cards, skincare packs, headphones, books, accessories, experiences

Donations may be placed in the baskets at the back of the Cathedral.

Christmas Cards

Fundraiser
By Kenyan Art Students

The Christmas scenes created by MPC art students beautifully display Kenya's rich heritage, culture, and breathtaking landscapes.



\$15

Each set includes **TEN** individual cards with envelopes and costs \$15. Each card features a simple, yet heartfelt Christmas verse.

All proceeds go to the Mukuru Promotion Centre



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Caritas Australia – Christmas Global Gifts & Asia Storm Relief

Caritas Australia invites you to make your Christmas giving more meaningful this year. Through their **Global Gifts**, you can support life-changing initiatives such as providing a chicken for a farmer in Malawi, helping communities access clean water, or supporting the education of young people. This is not an appeal, but an alternative to buying gifts that may not be needed. A wide range of gift options and prices is available.

Order deadlines:

- **Mail orders:** Must be received by **1 December**
- **Online orders:** Close on **5 December**

At the same time, Caritas Australia has launched an **Emergency Appeal** in response to the devastating storms in Vietnam and the Philippines. Your support will help provide urgent assistance to affected communities.

To learn more, purchase Global Gifts, or donate to the Asia Storm Relief Appeal, please visit: <https://www.caritas.org.au/global-gifts/>



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.

Advent Reflections: Join us for biblical reflections and prayer in preparation for Christmas. Spiritually focus amidst the Advent season, drawing on themes of hope, peace, and anticipation.

Dates: Wednesdays 26 Nov., 3, 10 & 17 Dec. **When:** 7-8:30pm.

Where: Zoom. **Register:** christine.wood@aohtas.org.au or 6208-6236.

Cost: free.

Save the Date

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School

is celebrating

130 Years of Catholic Education!

Join us for an afternoon and evening filled with memories of the past and a look into the future. Reconnect with old friends, enjoy drinks and dinner. Take a stroll through the school and our Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

Date: 28th November

Time: 3:30 pm – 7:30pm, cutting of cake: 5:00pm

Location: 22 West Goderich St, Deloraine

Let's celebrate the legacy and future of Catholic education together!

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Ministry – Upcoming Events

- **Advent Twilight Conversations** Thursdays, Nov 27–Dec 4, 11 & 18, 5–6pm. Themes: Hope, Peace, Joy & Love. \$20 pp.
- **Retreat with Chris McPhee MSC** Sat Dec 6, 10am–2pm. *Spirituality for Navigating Change*. \$132 pp.
- **Courage to Be – Reflection Day** Sat Dec 13, 9am–3pm (new date). Theme: Hope. \$50 pp.

Contact admin.JMHC@sosjspirit.org.au
or (03) 6228 1628 for info or support.

".....AND BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED."
ISAIAH 53:5

HEALING Service

5 DECEMBER 2025

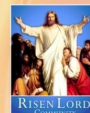
**7:00 PM AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CENTRE,
LEVEL TWO (UPPER MEETING ROOM),
180 HARRINGTON STREET,
HOBART**

ROSARY AT 6.40 PM

MASS AT 7.00 PM



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH IN COLLABORATION WITH
THE RISEN LORD COMMUNITY TASMANIA



READINGS OF THE DAY THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to
join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power
of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son
that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of
our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

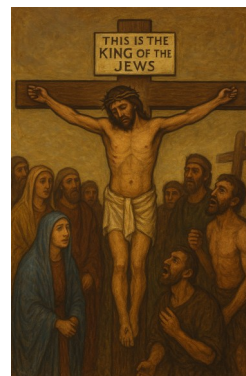
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the
leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him
save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The
soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him
vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.'
Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the
Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as
well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked
him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he
said. 'You got the same sentence as he
did, but in our case we deserved it: we
are paying for what we did. But this man
has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said,
'remember me when you come into your
kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he
replied, 'today you will be with me in



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 24th November	-	Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday 25th November	-	Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday 26th November	-	Luke 21:12-19
Thursday 27th November	-	Luke 21:20-28
Friday 28th November	-	Luke 21:29-33
Saturday 29th November	-	Luke 21:34-36

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Reading	-	Isaiah 2:1-5
Responsorial Psalm	-	Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.
Second Reading	-	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel	-	Matthew 24:37-44

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.