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Fourth Sunday in Lent Year A- 15th March 2026

NOW I SEE!

(Jn 9:11,38)

"The Lord anointed my eyes, I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God!" Today we celebrate Laetare (Rose) Sunday, a day of joy and encouragement, our half-way mark of fasting, sacrifice, alms-giving, prayer and repentance of sin. The Entrance Antiphon for the liturgy of today is as follows: "Rejoice Jerusalem, be glad for her all who love her, Rejoice, Rejoice, for her all who mourn her" (IS 66:18). By Jerusalem you will be comforted (IS 66:14). Jesus our Saviour gave up His life for us. Rejoice and be glad.

We are told by St. John that Jesus was walking — no doubt in the company of his disciples—when Jesus encountered a blind man. This man had never seen the face of Jesus—as a matter of fact—or of any other person. Daylight and the darkness of the night were the same for him. Was his blindness a punishment for sin? "No," Jesus responded to that question. He was born blind so that the work of God might be displayed in him.

How often do we hear people blame God for health problems, tragedies and wars. Jesus was always about fulfilling the will of his Father (Jn 9:4-5). "I carry out the work of the One who **sent** me." The night will soon be here when no one can work. "As long as I am in the world I am the **light** of the world." Did any person assist the blind man as he made his way to the water?

That person would have witnessed the amazing miracle of the blind man coming out of the darkness into the light. The sight of so many people gathering around him must have been overwhelming initially as he searched to find the face of the person who sent him to wash in the water. The only way he could recognise the one who sent him to wash in the pool was to **listen** for his voice. He would have recognised Jesus by the way he spoke with such assured authority. "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam." (Siloam meaning **sent**). Open my eyes Jesus that I may see your face and my ears to hear your voice. Amen.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday (Feast of St. Patrick)
7.30am: Wednesday & Friday
7.30am: Thursday (Feast of St. Joseph)
5.00pm: Saturday (Vigil Mass)
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.15am: Tuesday (Feast of St. Patrick)
9.15am: Wednesday & Friday
9.15am: Tuesday (Feast of St. Joseph)
6.00 pm: Friday (Way of the cross)
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)
10.30am: Friday

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*



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.

COMING UP

- **Feast of St. Patrick** - 17th March 7.30 am at the Cathedral & 9.15 at Sacred heart Church.
- **Parish Lenten Program 5**—17th March
Day session— Cathedral Parish Centre 10 AM –12 PM| Evening Session— Sacred Heart Parish Centre 5.00 PM –7.00 PM
- **Feast of St. Joseph** - 19th March 7.30 am at the Cathedral & 9.15 at Sacred heart Church
- **Stations of the Cross**— Every Friday During Lent Season, 6.00PM—7.00 PM at Sacred Heart Church

The Way of the Cross: We Need You

This Good Friday, we seek your help to bring the Stations of the Cross to life at **Sacred Heart**. We're looking for a few reliable souls to help us ensure the morning is as solemn and impactful as it should be.

Where we need a hand:

- **Readers:** To lead us through the reflections with clarity and heart.
- **Cross Bearers:** To carry the processional cross.
- **Marshals:** To help manage the flow and assist those with mobility needs.
- **Set-up/Pack-down:** To help prepare the sanctuary and tidy up afterward.

Your help is invaluable!

Lenten Group Meeting – Change of Date

Due to the Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Mark Freeman in the Diocese of Ballarat on Thursday, 19 March, the Lenten Group meeting has been rescheduled.

The meeting will now take place on:

Tuesday, 17 March

Times and Venues remain the same:

10:00 a.m. – Cathedral centre

5:30 p.m. – SHC Parish Meeting Rooms

Cathedral Parish Sacramental Program

This week, the Sacrament of Reconciliation formation for the Cathedral Parish was completed with 22 candidates receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

During Lent may it be a time of healing, a step towards peace and a time to come and receive God's grace.

As a Parish community, may we continue to pray for the candidates as their Sacramental journey continues, with the Sacrament of Confirmation formation.

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." — *Pope Francis*

From Our Anniversary Book:

Dennis Connolly, Leonard Nash, Leonard Carr, Mona Donovan, Noreen Deayton, William Zeeman, Thomas Davis, Luciano Longo, Vecchione Family, Matrondola Family, Dorothea Connor, Mary Pugh, Helene Matterson, Kitt Martin, Ian Lowe, Mary Atkins, Desmond Orpwood, Jozef Gala, William Byrne, Gladys Imlach, Noel Logan, Brian Kilmartin, Paul Gill, Ivy Woolford, Kaye Tapp, Helen Fox, Clare Costello, Catherine O'Driscoll, Susan Di Giovanni, Francesco Demarte, Maxwell Webberley

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.

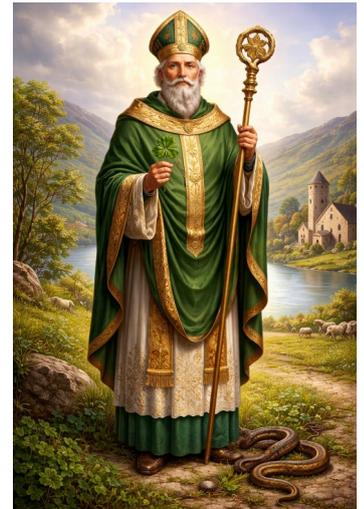
Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

St Patrick of Ireland – Feast Day: 17 March (Patronal Feast)

St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and one of the most well-known missionaries in Christian history. Born in Britain in the late 4th century, he was taken to Ireland as a slave when he was young. After escaping and returning home, he later felt called by God to return to Ireland as a missionary.



Through his preaching, prayer, and example, he helped bring the Christian faith to the Irish people.

Tradition holds that he used the shamrock to explain the mystery of the Holy Trinity. St Patrick's feast day, celebrated on 17 March, honours his life of faith, courage, and dedication to spreading the Gospel.

PIETY SHOP

The next weekend the piety store will not be opened after the Saturday and Sunday Evening Masses.

The Store will be opened after the **Sunday 10:30am Morning Mass and Thursdays, 10 am –3pm** as usual.



INVITATION - CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE PILGRIMAGE

C.W.L.Tas is organising another pilgrimage to churches of historical significance in Tasmania. Everyone is invited to come along on Friday, 20 March to a day of spiritual encounter with God and fellowship with other pilgrims. We will meet at Sheffield's Holy Cross Church for Mass at 12.00 noon. There is plenty of available parking and we can have lunch in one of the cafes or in the park if you'd prefer a picnic. This will be followed by a 35–40-minute drive to St Patrick's in Latrobe for Rosary and Benediction at 2.30 pm. Friday Sunil will be our spiritual guide for the day. Come along and enjoy the day and meet with other Pilgrims. For more information, please contact Wendy Harrap (0498 968 345) or Jennie Taylor (408 384 852)

Live Stream – Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Fr Mark Freeman

The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Fr Mark Freeman as the Ninth Bishop of Ballarat will be live streamed.

Date: 19 March

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Live Stream Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sEk0FrdqA7c>

All are welcome to join and participate through the live stream.

Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Mark Freeman for the Diocese of Ballarat

The Episcopal Ordination Mass will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 11.00am. Due to limited seating capacity in the Cathedral, attendance will be by invitation and entry card only.

The Mass will be livestreamed online, and into St Patrick's Hall, adjacent to the Cathedral. Seating in the Cathedral cannot be guaranteed for those attending the Mass without an entry card.

To assist with accommodating as many people as possible, please register your name and email address with Julie [Boyd Julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:Julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au) at the Diocese of Ballarat so that you can be placed on the reserve list

Lenten Reflection Day - "...and Come Follow Me"

You are invited to hear the invitation of Jesus and discover what it means for you.

Saturday 21st March, 10am - 3pm, Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, New Town.

Cost \$50 (including morning tea BYO lunch).

Facilitated by **Belinda Chapman**.

Silent Retreat - At Your Feet

Do you desire to grow in intimacy with God? You are invited to the welcoming space of love and listening at the feet of Jesus. Come as you are into scripture stories of acceptance, accompaniment and intimacy. Discover your deeper identity and find yourself at home and growing in intimacy with God who walked in human feet. Each day will include input sessions on scripture passages, time for silent personal prayer and reflection, and individual spiritual direction.

Directors: Belinda Chapman and Maureen O'Halloran

Friday 26th June (4pm) - Sunday 28th June (2pm), Seaview, Camp Clayton, Ulverstone.

Cost \$500 (including accommodation, all meals, spiritual direction and all prayer resources)

For further details on any of the above or to book please contact Belinda Chapman - ph: 0418 141 171

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary– Feast Day: 19March

Saint Joseph is honoured as the faithful spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Chosen by God to protect and care for the Holy Family, he is remembered for his humility, obedience, and quiet strength. A just and righteous man, Saint Joseph trusted in God's plan and faithfully fulfilled his mission. The Church celebrates his feast on **19 March**, recognising him as the **patron of the universal Church**, a model of fatherhood, and a protector of families and workers.



Death Notice – Sr Julianna Coulson LCM

It is with sadness that we share the news of the passing of Sr Julianna Coulson LCM, who died on Monday, 10 March, at Sandown Aged Care Facility, Sandy Bay.

Sr Julianna was very active in the Catholic health sector in Tasmania and served as a former Director of Nursing at Calvary Hospital, Lenah Valley. She celebrated her 60th Anniversary of Religious Profession in 2018, having joined the Little Company of Mary at the age of 21. In recognition of her dedicated service, she was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Fr Terry Rush at **Holy Spirit Church, Sandy Bay, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 23 March.**

Let us extend our fraternal and prayerful solidarity to the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary in Australia. As we gather for the Eucharist in the coming days, let us entrust the soul of Sr Julianna Coulson LCM to God's eternal embrace.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

READINGS OF THE DAY—4TH SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR A

First Reading - 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading - Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The

things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:
Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation - John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel - John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 16th March	- John 4:43-54
Tuesday 17th March	- Luke 10:1-12. 17-20
Wednesday 18th March	- John 5:17-30
Thursday 19th March	- Mt1:16. 18-21. 24 /Lk 2:41-51
Friday 20th March	- John 7:1-2. 10. 25-30
Saturday 21st March	- John 7:40-52

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Reading	- Ezekiel 37:12-14
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 129. R. v.7
Second Reading	- Romans 8:8-11
Gospel	- John 11:1-45

Please take your copy of the AVE home to reflect and to share with family and friends.