

## MASS TIMES AND PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

### St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - 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

### St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

#### NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

5.30pm - 6.15pm: Thursday  
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
5.00pm - 5.30pm: Saturday

### Sacred Heart Church, New Town

#### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

After 9am Mass: Wednesday  
ROSARY TO THE VIRGIN MARY

7.30am: Saturday

### St Mary's Cathedral Crypt Hobart

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
6pm - 12am: Friday



## 7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

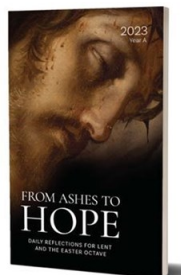
### Project Compassion Launch Sunday

#### **My dear parishioners,**

A few important notices that I would like to keep you aware of for this week and the next.

This weekend we will be officially launching **Project Compassion** within the **Archdiocese of Hobart** during the **10.30am Mass**. Please collect your project compassion boxes/ envelopes as you go home.

**Ash Wednesday Falls on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February** - Day of Fast and Abstinence. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year, the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251f).



Spiritual reading during the season of Lent "**From Ashes to Hope**" booklets are available, containing daily reflections for Lent and the Easter Octave for \$10 each at the Cathedral Bookshop.



### Ash Wednesday Parish Mass times

7.30am – Saint Mary's Cathedral  
9.00am – Sacred Heart Church  
6.00pm – Saint Mary's Cathedral

### Friday – Stations of the Cross during Lent.

24<sup>th</sup> February – St Mary's Cathedral at 6.00 pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> March – Sacred Heart Church at 6.00 pm  
10<sup>th</sup> March – St Mary's Cathedral at 6.00 pm  
17<sup>th</sup> March – Sacred Heart Church at 6.00 pm  
24<sup>th</sup> March – St Mary's Cathedral at 6.00 pm  
31<sup>st</sup> March – Sacred Heart Church at 6.00 pm  
7<sup>th</sup> April – Sacred Heart Church **Good Friday** at 10.00 am  
open air - Way of the Cross

In Christ,  
Fr Leonard,

## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

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St Mary's  
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Parish

## Project Compassion Launch Sunday



Yes, is a wonderful word but it can be misused. People who live in fear often feel compelled to say yes because they are too frightened to say anything else. Even people who take on too much might find themselves getting tangled up because they feel they have to say yes to everything. Saying no might actually be a more genuine form of yes. Perhaps you need to say no to the expectations of others in order to truly say yes to life and to God. Scripture is full of people whose yes to God was confusing to others. Today's readings ask us to think about the word yes. In the reading from the Book of Leviticus, we are asked to say yes to our neighbour.

The reading from the letter to the Corinthians says that the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. Our faith means saying yes to a very different approach to life. Finally, in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us to forget about revenge, to stop our dog-eat-dog mentality, and to say yes to forgiveness and generosity. Indeed, we have to say yes to our enemies. These are great readings to take with us into Lent, which starts this week with Ash Wednesday. Lent is the time of year during which we journey with Jesus towards the great yes he said with his whole being when he died on the cross. Jesus was prepared to say yes to his father, yes to life even if it meant death. Lent is a time when we support the work of Caritas Australia in a special way through Project Compassion. Caritas Australia helps to empower some of our most marginal sisters and brothers; it embraces some demanding situations because it says yes to our neighbours.

The theme for Project Compassion is **For All Future Generations**. This year, that theme asks us to think about the great yes that Mary said when the angel told her that she was to become the mother of Jesus. She freely accepted a unique place in the history of the human family. The great prayer she shared with her cousin Elizabeth, says 'all generations will call me blessed.' Her 'yes' is For All Future Generations. Hopefully, ours can be the same.

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generation to come. As **St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow."** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow

**For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from the back of our church and Cathedral, by calling 1800 024 413 or [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)



## REFLECTION - 7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

In today's gospel, Jesus portrays God as a loving and proud Father who sees Himself in me and in each one of his sons and daughters. So, He expects of us as a dearly-loved child of his, created in his image, that I will be good to all my brothers and sisters, even my 'enemies' and persecutors. Jesus does not belong only to the 'good people': his love is also wide open to the wicked. Jesus showing the example by praying for his torturers: 'Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.'

Jesus calls us to look beyond the limit of the law, so that we need to be generous and imaginative if we are to rise beyond the restrictions that life presents.' Jesus tells us, the law and duty will provide basic guidelines but won't be enough for a disciple and certainly not enough for one who wants to be a friend of Jesus. Jesus is here setting the bar much higher for his followers. The new model now is how the heavenly Father deals with all of us regardless of how we relate to Him. Jesus, teach us to pray for those who wrong me personally, but also for the conversion of those who inflict pain and suffering on others in our world.



### 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.

### From Our Anniversary Book

Arthur Lacey, John Nolan, Walter Smallbone, Helena Donnelly, Amelia O'Brien, Edward Robinson, Kristine Reeve, Patricia Andrews, Josef Majcher, John Duggan, Wallace Fulton, Thomas O'Connor, Christina Davis, Paula Margaret Corcoran, James Waters, Leonard Hill, Maxwell Rainbird, William Kregor, Dorothy Wilson, John Mitson, Peter Graham, Giuseppe Attuoni, Agnes Owen, Ada Mohr, Rachel Waters, John Howe, Katherine Peters, Dorris Innes, Jasmine Bentley, Donato De Cesare, Colleen Gladys Margaret Fahey, Sr Martha Foley, Sr Lucy Healy, Sr Sarah Hogan And Sr Joseph Power (All PBVM)

**May they rest in peace !**







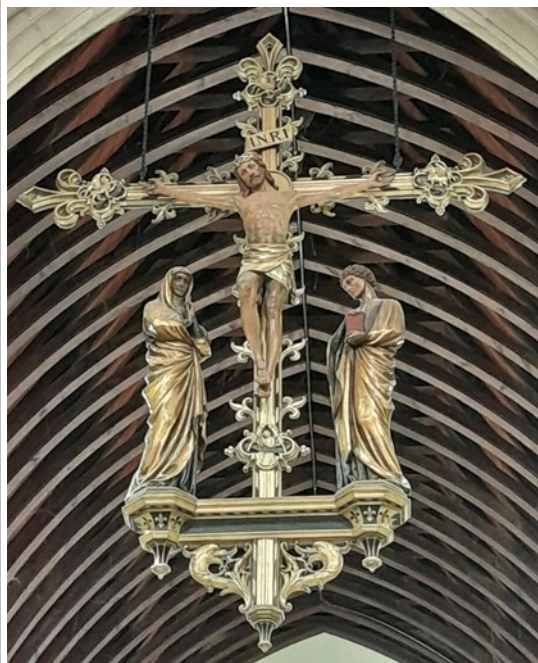
**The 'Seasons of Tasmania' 2023 Calendars** featuring landscapes and scenery from around Tasmania are now available for purchase to support the Tasmanian pilgrims heading to World Youth Day 2023.

**Price: \$15** if purchased directly from Parish Office. Cash and EFT payments are accepted. To order Calendar online: Please ensure you select the correct biller code: **1987114 – 2023 World Youth Day Calendars**. If you are collecting the calendar from a pilgrim or from Tower Rd, please place 'NA' in the 'Postal Address' box):

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/catholicdevfund>

### Heritage Treasures of St Mary's Cathedral Calvary Group

The great polychromed and gilded Calvary Group, carved in English oak and suspended from the chancel arch, was designed in 1925 by the English architect Frank Howard, the author of several important books on English medieval architecture and furnishing, whose designs were inspired by the writing of Pugin. Perfectly matching the Gothic character of the Cathedral, it was acquired from a redundant Nottingham Anglican church in 2015



### **Mission: Change their Lives and yours**

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. Our website includes news, stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: Ring: 02 9560533 or



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**WHAT'S NEW?**

### **A message from Aid to the Church in Need**



Aid to the Church in Need  
ACN AUSTRALIA

**Australia:** ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

**HELP SYRIA.** Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has launched an emergency appeal for the people in northern Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes. ACN is begging for funds to support their long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria. To read more about what ACN is doing and to make an offering please visit [www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake](http://www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake)

### **The Marriage Course** by Alpha

Free, enjoyable on-line course to help strengthen communication skills and grow closer to one another.

**When:** watch together on **Monday nights 7.30-approx 9 pm starting 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Where:** In the comfort of your own home with a glass of wine or a cuppa. You just need connection to the internet and a couple of hours a week

**What:** 7 weeks online course delivered via email, suitable for all married couples. **Please register your interest by emailing [rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au](mailto:rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au) or ring 0475222056/62086036 at the Office of Life, Marriage and Family of the Archdiocese of Hobart.**

### **The Office of Youth Evangelisation** is hosting its sixth St



Patrick's Pilgrimage next month. **The Pilgrimage is open to all youth and young adults aged 16- 35yrs** setting off from St John the Evangelist Church on **Saturday 18 March**, and after spending the night under the stars, concluding the walk at St Patrick's Church, Colebrook on Sunday 19 March 2023.

## **Children's Corner**

**How can we love our enemies? Tick the best answers in the boxes below.**



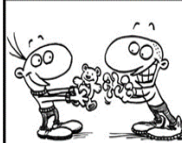
If someone slaps you on the cheek, do you...

- ☐ A: Slap them back  
☐ B: Forgive them, or...  
☐ C: Call the police



If someone teases you and calls you names, do you...

- ☐ A: Throw a tantrum  
☐ B: Find nice things to say about them, or...  
☐ C: Ask God to punish them



If someone wants to share your favorite toy, do you...

- ☐ A: Tell them to go away  
☐ B: Let them play with it, but only for 5 minutes, or...  
☐ C: Let them have it for as long as they like



If someone is mean to you...

- ☐ A: Ask God to bless them  
☐ B: Tell everyone how bad that person is, or...  
☐ C: Get even with them

### **Holy Water - Re-introduction in the Parish**

**When we enter a church, we have the custom of blessing ourselves with Holy Water. It is now appropriate to restore the practice of using Holy Water as we enter our churches.**

**The use of Holy Water is a means of invoking the blessing of God on persons and places and it is also a means of placing ourselves under God's protection from evil.**



# READINGS OF THE DAY - 7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

## First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

### (R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings.
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion.
3. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults.
4. As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'



### GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 20th February	Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday 21st February	Mark 9: 30-37
Wednesday 22nd February - <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday 23rd February	Luke 9:22 - 25
Friday 24th February	Matthew 9: 14-15
Saturday 25th February	Luke 5:27-32

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7	Psalm 50:3-6, 12-14, 17
Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11

**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.