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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER -YEAR A - 3RD MAY 2026

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. Words used commonly at funerals when we are saying our farewells to our dearly departed and they are not only fine words but also totally appropriate to such an occasion. But these words were uttered to the living, in fact Jesus was addressing his Apostles because he was the one who was leaving them.

The Apostles have just been informed that their leader, the messiah that they had waited so long for is going away. One of their number in the form of Judas has betrayed them, and to top it of Jesus has just informed them that their most prominent member in the form of Peter is going to deny knowing Jesus three times.

Could you imagine this in your own life, someone you have known and depended on announces they are going off and will not physically be around anymore, while at the same time one of your good friends goes over to the other side and your very best friend has denied even knowing you. You would be devastated and rightly so because there is nothing you could do about any of it because we are not the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Jesus is telling his Apostles that he is going to the father not just to be with the father but to be in the Father and the Father is in him. That if we know him, we know the father. Only last week in Johns Gospel we heard of Jesus as the Gate Keeper, the one who lets us in and out in safety. In other words Jesus is the Way, the way in, the way to the Father.

Then in Johns Gospel we heard of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who's voice we can trust and follow, a voice that speaks the truth. Then this week we here of Jesus telling his apostles that he is going to the father to make the rooms for his believers ready and then is coming back to take us with him because his fathers house has lots of rooms. Jesus is the Truth that we can trust to never leave us and to take us to fathers home when our time is nigh.

All this leads to Jesus being the Life, He lives within the father, and he also lives within us, allowing us a life where we know we are cared for, loved and most importantly we do not fear any evil as he is always with us.

Jesus is the Way, he is the Truth and he is the Life and we are the beneficiaries as he loves us so much that he gave up his life for us.



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

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*

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.

Celebrating Mary

IN THE

MONTH OF MAY

*Oh, most blessed flower
Oh, fruitful vine
Splendour of Heaven
Oh, Mother of mine*

*Immaculate Virgin
I kneel before thee
To ask for thy succour
Oh, Star of the Sea*

*Oh, Mary most holy
Queen of Heaven and Earth
I humbly beseech thee
give ear to my word.*

*Oh, Mother of God
despise not my heed
but answer it surely
Oh, Mary so sweet.*



TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS



On Sunday, 3rd May after the 10:30am Mass, there will be four computer stations set up on the first floor of the Cathedral Parish Centre.



Anyone who needs to obtain a **RWVP card** or a **Police check** is welcome to come along and sit with one of our assistants to complete all the online preparations.



Please ensure you bring **three forms of identification** as advised.



Once preparations are completed, a simple trip to **Service Tasmania** will finalise the process.

THANK YOU

Flowers, Flowers



Looking for people with flower power!

Do you grow flowers, can you arrange them, or would you simply like to give it a go?

Your Cathedral is waiting for "you". Perhaps you would like to **supply a small bunch of flowers** from your own garden whenever you can.

If you are interested, please let Deacon Michael know or see Christine at the Piety Store after all Masses on the weekends.

THANK YOU

Parish Announcement

We wish to inform our parishioners that Administrator, Fr Bernard will be away from the parish from 7th May to 9th June, as he travels to visit his home country.

We wish him a safe and happy holiday and keep him in our prayers during this time.

For any matters or assistance, please kindly contact the Parish Office.

From Our Anniversary Book

Florence Williams, Mary Morgan, John Maple, Sergio Giudici, Carmello Disipo, Peter Dodson, Giuseppe Mione, Archibald Lawler, Kate Scott, Marcella Saunders, Martha Krakowiak, Amelia Shelverton, Linden Lowe, Jago Dzelalija, Antonietta Lufi, John Rose, Ernest Boughton, Barry Fisher, Lila Robertson, Molly McKeown, Walter George Bevis, Dorcas Elizabeth Saunders, John O'Kane, Ethel Boon, Lesley Mulcahy, Maria Lindo, Guiseppe Mione, Cecilia Lawrence Martyn, Gwenneth Yvonne Sice, Marlene Elizabeth Burke, Florence Cook, Beatrice Jarrett, Michael Donnelly, Lloyd Abeyinghe, John Langdon, Helen Fletcher, Holly Reeve, Michaela Bryson, Veronica Midgley, Ivan Mikan, Warren Sproules, Donato and Zelinda Vacca **May they rest in peace !**



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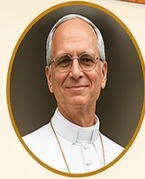
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Married Couples Gathering: Christ at the Centre

Married couples of all ages are warmly invited to join the Anne & Joachim Ministry at the Parish Centre of St John's Church, Glenorchy,

on Saturday 9 May at 1.00 pm for a time of fellowship, a shared meal and reflection on the theme "Christ at the Centre."

Please feel free to bring a plate to share.

The Regina Coeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice.

R. Alleluia.

For He, whom you did merit to bear.

R. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. R. Alleluia.

Pray for us to God. R. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary.

Alleluia.

R. For the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, Who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.



CCR Tasmania gathering.



We warmly invite all to join us for our annual statewide Charismatic Gathering on Pentecost Eve—a special time to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Come and experience a day of fellowship, reflection, worship, and renewal in Christ's love. Be refreshed as we unite as one body in His holy name!

-Talk by Archbishop Anthony Ireland-

23 MAY 2026

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL CENTRE

(1ST FLOOR)

12:30 PM -3:30 PM

Please bring a plate to share for lunch

READINGS OF THE DAY—5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Second Reading-1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation - John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel -John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 4th May	- John 14:21-26
Tuesday 5th May	- John 14:27-31
Wednesday 6th May	- John 15:1-8
Thursday 7th May	- John 15:9-11
Friday 8th May	- John 15:12-17
Saturday 9th May	- John 15:18-21

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 10th May 2026

First Reading	- Acts of the Ap. 8:5-8. 14-17
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1
Second Reading	- 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel	- Jn 14:15-21 /Jn 17:1-11

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.