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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD C– 1ST JUNE 2025

The Ascension of Jesus Christ, is a foundational mystery of our Catholic faith. Forty days after His glorious Resurrection, Christ's visible departure from His disciples marks not an abandonment, but a profound transition in His redemptive work and the inauguration of the Church's mission, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

St. Luke concludes his Gospel with a poignant and concise description of the Ascension. Jesus leads His disciples out to Bethany, a place rich with memories of His friendship and teaching. There, "lifting up his hands, he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven." (Luke 24:50-51).

This final act of blessing is highly significant. It is a priestly gesture, reminiscent of the Old Testament priests blessing the people. Christ, our Eternal High Priest, bestows His final, definitive blessing upon His nascent Church, empowering them for the mission ahead. His departure is not sorrowful for the disciples; rather, they "worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God." (Luke 24:52-53). Their joy stems from a deeper understanding of Christ's glorification and the promise of the Holy Spirit, which they now eagerly await.

Luke elaborates on the Ascension at the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, setting the stage for the Church's birth and expansion. Here, the disciples' lingering earthly expectations are evident as they ask, "Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). Jesus gently redirects their focus from political restoration to the mission of His Church: "It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judea and Samaria, and indeed to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:7-8).

Immediately after this missionary mandate, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. The cloud is a biblical symbol of God's presence and glory signifying Christ's divine nature and His entry into the heavenly realm. Two men in white robes then appear, reassuring the disciples. This angelic message provides crucial eschatological hope, affirming Christ's promised return in glory.

The Ascension, is a triumphant and transformative event. It confirms Christ's divine authority, initiates the age of the Holy Spirit, empowers the Church for its mission, and offers humanity the glorious hope of eternal life with God. It calls us to lift our hearts to heaven while keeping our feet firmly planted on earth, actively living out our faith and proclaiming the Good News until Christ comes again in glory.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
5.00pm: Saturday
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

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)**
Please contact the Parish office

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

*ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE*



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."

WHAT'S
NEW?

IN THE PARISH

St Mary's Catholic Cathedral Parish Pilgrimage of Hope

In joyful celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025, which the Catholic Church marks under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope", the faithful of St. Mary's Cathedral Parish is invited to undertake a pilgrimage to **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Ross on July 19th, 2025.**

We will gather at St Mary's cathedral at 9am, depart at 9:30, we will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Ross and enjoy a BYO picnic lunch afterwards.

A flyer with more information and the schedule will be available at all our Masses.

A bus with limited spaces will be available for those who will require transport, a list will be there at the back of our churches for you to place your name.

There will also be a sheet for those who are taking their own car and if you would have space for others.



Volunteers Needed

Still looking for Volunteers for gardening, Welcomers, Sacristans, assistants at the Piety Shop after Masses. There are many possibilities to become involved in your Parish. Leave your name and number with Parish Office or text Deacon Michael on 0403 741 913 and we will get back to you.

St Mary's Cathedral Piety Shop

A great start to our new Piety Shop hours over the last two weekends. You never know what you are going to find in amongst all our treasures for sale. **OPEN** after all weekend Masses and between 10am and 2pm on Thursdays. "Spread The Word"

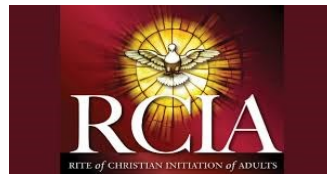


St Mary's Cathedral Parish RCIA

If you feel called to the Catholic faith this is a great opportunity to come along and learn and experience, not only the Catholic faith, also where God is in your life and calling you. The invitation is open to not only individuals who desire to become members of the Catholic Church, but for Catholics who might like to learn more about their own faith.

Date: 2nd June at 6:30pm and run each fortnight

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral Parish Centre level 1



Annual Pentecost Gathering

The faithful love of the Lord never ends!

Annual Charismatic Pentecost 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 Julian Porteous-

7 JUNE 2025

**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
(CHURCH HALL) YOUNGTOWN**

10:00 AM -2:00 PM

Please bring a plate to share for lunch

An event organised by CCR Tasmania in collaboration with



From Our Anniversary Book: Betty Spencer, Sr. Marietta Hollis LCM, Leslie Woods, Ellen Quigley, Corrie Laskey, Caterina Mainella, Eva Warren, Maxwell Williamson, Rosetta Candon, Imelda Francesca Eugster, Nicolina Amorosa, Maurice Quigley, Henry O'Brien, Ivy Duggan, Giuseppina Di Martino, Roffaele "Ralph" Caccavo, Francis Woolford, Joseph Jeffrey, Thomas Johnston, Frederick Burton, Alice Power, Grace Byrne, Gertrude Von Stieglitz, William Neasy, Margaret Van Der Burg, Lily Paice, Peter Alfred Toogood, Thomas Burke, Agnes Shaw, Geoffrey Fisher, Lal Green, Leonard Blackberry, Wallace Brue, John Oakford, Zacary D'Amico, Ellis Bugg, Leonard Arnold, John Spencer, Edmund Lansdell, Eric Szabo, Brian Miller, Katharine Ann Connor, Paul Davis, John Bratt, Athol Killworth, Sr. Catherine Gleeson, LCM, Betty Wilson, Albertus "Barry" Zeitzen, Sr Evangelist Cronin (PBVM), Sr Gerard Oliver (PBVM), Sr Francis Burgess (PBVM), and Sr Bernard Moore (PBVM)

May they rest in peace !



WHAT'S
NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE

Children's Corner:

Even though Jesus ascended into heaven he is always with us. Complete the sentences below.

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....

Peter's Pence Annual Collection



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Peter's Pence Collection provides the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

Your support goes directly to supporting Pope Leo XIV and his charitable works.

SATURDAY 28 & SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2025

**PLEASE GIVE
GENEROUSLY**

[bpoint.com.au/payments/
catholicdevfund](https://bpoint.com.au/payments/catholicdevfund)



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.



Annual Walk with Christ Eucharistic Procession



Annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament for
the Feast of The Body & Blood of Christ

SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025

St Joseph's Church, Hobart, 12.45pm

Celebrate the Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ by walking with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through the City of Hobart.



Participants who are unable to walk in the Procession are invited to come to the Cathedral at 1.30pm to take part in the Adoration and concluding Benediction. Long-term parking near the Cathedral is available at the Hobart Central Carpark in Melville Street. The Carpark closes at 4.30pm. In the event of bad weather, call Vincent on 0487 132 429 for details.



Archdiocese
of Hobart

Healing Mass


HEALING MASS

MASS | FRIDAY
7PM | **06**
STARTS AT | JUNE

ROSARY AT 6.40 PM

*Sacred Heart Church
1 Cross St, New Town*

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



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.

READINGS OF THE DAY – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD C

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he

enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 2nd June -	John 16:29-33
Tuesday 3rd June -	John 17:1-11
Wednesday 4th June -	John 17:11-19
Thursday 5th June -	John 17:20-26
Friday 6th June -	John 21:15-19
Saturday 7th June -	John 21:20-25

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR C

First Reading	- Acts 2:1-11
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30
Second Reading	- Romans 8:8-17
Gospel	- John 14:15-16. 23-26

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.