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5th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME YEAR B - 4th FEBRUARY 2024

Dear brothers and sisters today the holy Mother church invites us to Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted and to turn our attention to the power and ability of God to deliver us through his son Jesus Christ from daunting situations.

The first reading presents us with the dilemma of Job. He lost all his legitimate wealth, children, and friends, and was inflicted with leprosy. He lost even his wife who should have encouraged and supported him in his difficult moment, divorced him as most women do today in our modern world. As a man, Job complained as we do: "Lying in bed I wonder, when it will be day? Rising I think, how slowly evening comes...Remember that my life is but a breath and that my eyes will never see joy."

Dear friends, despite all these things Job did not lose his faith in the saving power of God, and in the providence of God.

The case of Job reminds us of our daily struggles with both physical and spiritual problems like infirmities, hardships, rejection, alienation, racial discrimination, betrayal by even our friends and families, etc. Above all, it reminds us of what seems to us as: "the grave silence or absence of God or the dark nights of our lives."

We too ask the same question "God where are you, why me, what have I done wrong"? However, it is interesting to note that even Jesus asked the same question: "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"

Out of frustration, Job also asked God: "Why let people go on in misery, why give light to those in grief? (Job 3, 20).

These questions are normal and simply indicate that we are truly human.

However, if we do not lose our faith in the process, God will surely show us his saving power. Job later realized this, and said: "I know that my redeemer lives" (Job 19, 25), and the psalmist tells us that: "Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning" (Ps 30, 5). So brethren, surely, God will not fail you because he says: "I am Yahweh who heals you" (Ex 15, 26).

In our second reading today, Paul strongly expressed his willingness to preach the gospel. He said: "Curse upon me if I do not preach the gospel!" The story of Paul is like the story of a man who after surviving a disease, decided to dedicate the rest of his life in search of a cure for the disease and also, in caring for those suffering from the same disease.

Paul was sick spiritually until he divinely encountered the healing power of Christ. This became the turning point in his life. So as a healed man who knows what it means to be sick, he burns with zeal to make sure that others do not suffer from the same sickness. The Doctor who healed him was Jesus Christ. The medicines that healed him were, the precious blood and, the good news of Jesus Christ. He took the full dose of these and was healed, transformed, and empowered. He realized that: "There is no other name by which man shall be saved except through that name Jesus" (Acts 4, 12) and, that "Whoever calls upon that name shall be saved" (Acts 2, 21).

My dear friends, what we must learn from Paul today, is that the good news of Jesus Christ brings healing, deliverance, and empowerment. If we have been healed and delivered by Christ, we must like Paul become fountains of healing to others. So if you have been touched and healed, heal and touch someone else. This is what Paul also means by: "...I made myself all things to all men to save some at any cost; and still do this for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing." The more we heal souls through the good news the more we too are healed.

Fr Bernard Perera



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

9.00am: Tuesday - Thursday
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)
10.30am: Friday

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

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

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 9am Mass: Wednesday
7.30am: Saturday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt (Cathedral Centre)
6pm - 12am: Friday

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)**
Please contact 62086236

WHAT'S
NEW?

IN THE PARISH

Enrolments are now available for the 2024 St Mary's Cathedral Sacramental Program.

For all children in Year 3 and upwards (Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist).

Register at the Parish Office by **Phone: 03 62344463** or **Email: smcsacramentalprogram@gmail.com**

Enrolment and Information Night is **Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 6pm** at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart.



St Vincent De Paul are requesting your assistance for an urgent gift giving for **School Essentials Appeal** to help ease a family's stress and make 'back to school' a time that feels full of hope for a bright future.

There are envelopes at the back of the Cathedral/Church to collect to assist with this appeal or QR Code on Parish Noticeboards.

Presentation of the Lord - Friday 2nd February 2024

Forty days after Christmas, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, an event that the evangelist Luke recounts in Chapter 2 of his Gospel.

In the East, the celebration of this feast dates back to the 4th century. By the year 450, it was called The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord because Jesus enters the Temple and "meets" the priests, as well as Simeon and Anna, representatives of the people of God. Around the middle of the 5th century, we know the feast was also celebrated in Rome. At a certain point, the blessing of candles was added to this feast to recall that Jesus is the "light to the gentiles".

Thus, this feast is also sometimes referred to as Candlemas. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/feast-of-the-presentation-of-the-lord.html>



St Mary's Cathedral Weddings

Congratulations to two newly married couples. Jennifer and Patrick Bird who were married on Saturday 27th January 2024 and Sarah and Joseph Cardillo on Saturday 3rd February 2024. May you keep the them in your prayers.

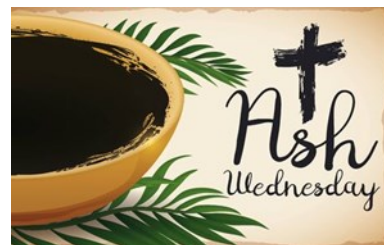


Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 14th February 2024

Mass Times:

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Mass
6pm: Mass



Sacred Heart Church, New Town

9am: Mass

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.
Lent is the season of repentance and prayer.
Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

St Mary's Cathedral Carpark Reminder:

Please note the thoroughfare between St Virgil's College and the Cathedral Centre is an **Emergency Vehicles access** eg: TasFire Vehicles, Ambulance and Police.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ANY VEHICLES IN THIS AREA OR AT THE ENTRANCE.

The Parish Office kindly requests parishioners or visitors to not park in this area.

Thank-you.



Schools Sunday - Sunday 11th February 2024

Schools Sunday provides an annual opportunity for church community to pray for and support young people and the local school community at the start of a new school year. We seek to encourage Christian students and staff in their daily life at school.

PRAYERS:

May God give wisdom, integrity and vision to the leadership and management of our local schools.

May God guide and help students and staff to live out their faith day to day in their school community.



Join us every Friday night from 6pm -12 midnight at the Cathedral Crypt.
Access is through Cathedral Centre
Everyone is welcome

From Our Anniversary Book:

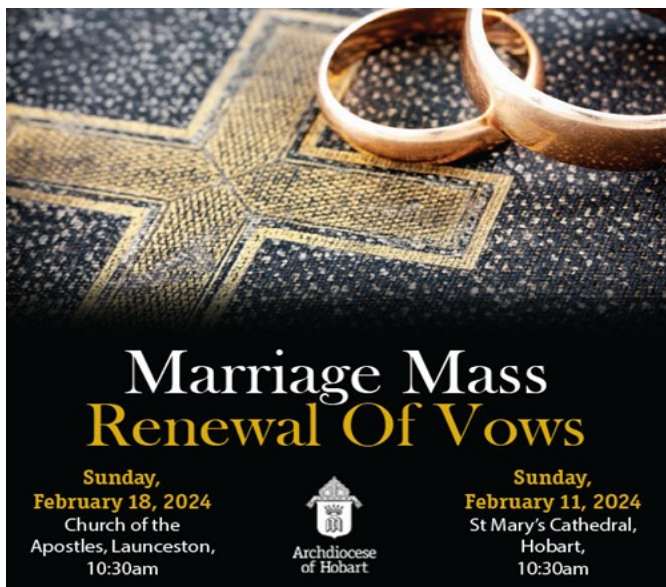
Maria Ausilia, Pompeo Marino, Domenico D'Angelo, Ottavio Giusti, Ernest Williams, Phyllis Burke, Monica O'Kane, Leon Brue, Nell Cox, Bruce Hudson, Errol Power, Fr. Clem Kilby, Ronald Williams, Lance Fitzgerald, Thomas Landers, Eric O'Neil, Celeste Thomson, Cordelia Solomon, Paolo Scavone, Ursula Polson, Mima Davie, Rev.Fr. Vincent Shelverton, Sybil Saunders, Donald Ferrall, Sr Ellen Hogan PBVM

May they rest in peace!



WHAT'S
NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE



The Annual Marriage Anniversary Mass will be held this year on **Sunday Feb 11th** at **10.30 am** at **St. Mary's Cathedral, Hobart.**

Any couples who will be celebrating milestone anniversaries of their marriages are invited to RSVP to the Office of Life, Marriage and Family at rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au or 0475222056 so they can receive a special blessing on the day from the Archbishop.

Human Life Society Meeting

When: Monday 5th February 2024

Time: 11am

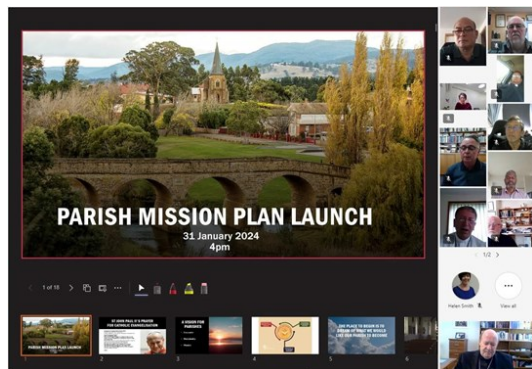
Where: St Francis Xavier Hall St Hobart

Contact Person: Wayne Williams 0408 171970

Everyone is Welcome

Parish Mission Plan Launch:

On Wednesday 31st January 2024 Archbishop Julian launched a major new initiative for the Archdiocese entitled "A Vision for Parishes: Encounter, Discipleship, Mission." It seeks to renew parishioners in their personal faith and bring communities to life. Archbishop Julian invites parishioners to support their priests as we develop this exciting new vision in our parish communities. We pray that the Holy Spirit may work through the Parish Mission Plan.



St Patrick's Pilgrimage

Archdiocese of Hobart

Join Archbishop Julian Porteous for the 2024 St Patrick's Pilgrimage. Open to all young adults between the ages of 16 and 35, pilgrims will set out from St Patrick's Church, Colebrook on an overnight walk to St John the Evangelist Church, Richmond.

When: Saturday 16 March - Sunday 17 March 2024

Where: Colebrook – Richmond

Cost: \$55 or Early Bird \$45
(ends Thursday, 29th February 2024)

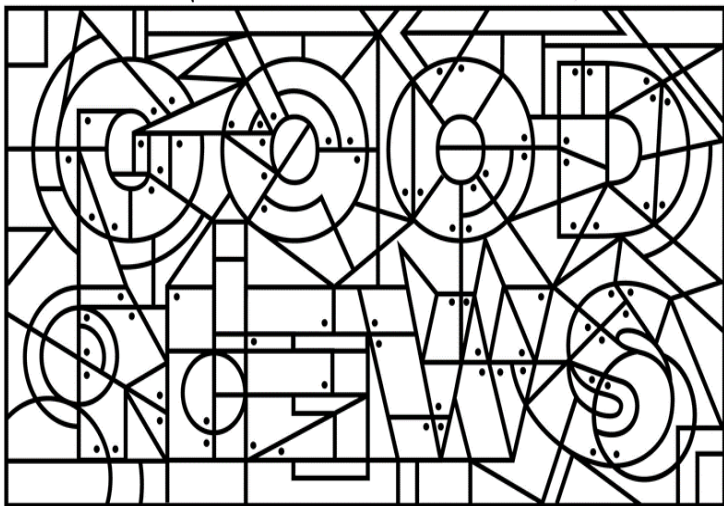
Register:

<https://events.humanitix.com/st-patricks-pilgrimage-2024>

More information: youth@aohtas.org.au

Children's Corner

Color in all the shapes that contain dots to reveal what Jesus wants everyone to know.



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.



READINGS OF THE DAY - 5th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

First Reading Job 7:1-4. 6-7

Job began to speak:
Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.
So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straight away. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.
That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.
In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 5th February - **St Agatha, virgin, martyr** Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday 6th February - **St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs** Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday 7th February Mark 7:14-23
Thursday 8th February - **St Jerome Emiliani and St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin** Mark 7:24-30
Friday 9th February Mark 7:31-37
Saturday 10th February - **St Scholastica, virgin** Mark 8:1-10

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 Psalm 31:1-2,5,11
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45

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.