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19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 13th AUGUST 2023

My dear parishioners,



Theology of the Body Retreat with Simon Carrington, from Fire Up Ministries, From -August 24-27, organised by the Office of Life, Marriage and Family. It is open to anyone, married or single, over 18. On the Thursday and Friday evenings, there will be talks and light Supper. Followed by a retreat, all day Saturday with lunch and dinner included, ending in a Mercy Night with Eucharistic Adoration and the chance for Sacrament of Confession. The cost is \$40 for early bird registrations before 14 August or \$55 afterwards. Please contact Rachel Bradley for any further details, rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au

Knights of the Southern Cross, celebrating a centenary this year on Sunday the 27th of August. The Order of the Knights of the Southern Cross in Tasmania was established on the 29 August, 1923. The Catholic Laymen's organisation which was supported by Australian Bishops has been a source of fostering Catholic faith and virtue among its members. It has made a significant contribution to Catholic life and its legacy lives on through Southern Cross Care which conducts aged care facilities across Tasmania. The Knights of the Southern Cross and their families thank the Lord for the faith, courage, generosity and prayers of Tasmanian Catholics who have assisted us in our works.

Urgent request - Right to Life Australia is campaigning against the proposal by members of the Labor Party which will, if endorsed, force Australian taxpayers to pay for free abortions I would you encourage you dear parishioners to write to your local MP (if Labor) or to the Tasmanian Labor senators. We have prepared a flyer (attached) which may assist parishioners.

We are working hard on this campaign and hoping that, with the support of parishes around Australia this proposal will be defeated. Get further details at back of the church.

The annual **Evangelium Conference** will be held on Saturday 16 September at Corpus Christi School Hall, Bellerive. The keynote speaker will be Jude Hennessey, Director of the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation, Wollongong Diocese. This conference is designed to promote missionary discipleship. Please see parish notice board.

On **Friday 18th August 2023** there will be **NO Mass** at **10.30am** at Lawrenny Court, West Hobart.

In Christ, **Fr Leonard**



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 **NO MASS ON**
FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST 2023

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

ROSARY and NOVENA TO OUR LADY

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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast Day: 15th August 2023

This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

His Apostolic Constitution "Munificentissimus Deus" (Most Bountiful God), which defined the dogma, contained the Pontiff's accounts of many longstanding traditions by which the Church has celebrated the Assumption throughout its history.

Pope Pius XII also mentioned Psalm 132, a liturgical psalm commemorating the return of the Ark of God to Jerusalem and lamenting its subsequent loss. The second half of the psalm says that the loss will be recompensed in the New Covenant, and so it is hopefully prayed, "Arise, O Lord, into thy resting place: thou and the ark, which thou hast sanctified." (v. 8) Since the Church sees this New Covenant ark in Mary, it understands that she was taken into Heaven in the same manner as the Lord – that is, body and soul.

Although the bodily assumption of Mary is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies her with the "woman clothed with the sun" who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation.

The passage calls that woman's appearance "a great sign" which "appeared in heaven," indicating that she is the mother of the Jewish Messiah and has "the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." Accordingly, Catholic iconography of the Western tradition often depicts the Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven in this manner.

"It was fitting," St. John of Damascus wrote in a sermon on the assumption, "that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death," and "that she, who had carried the creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles."

The feast of the Assumption is always a Holy Day of Obligation for both Roman and Eastern-rite Catholics, on which they are obliged to attend Mass or Divine Liturgy.



REFLECTION 19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Jesus is the Great I AM – He Reaches Out to Save

When Jesus had miraculously fed the great crowd of people, He sent His disciples in the boat to cross the lake while He went to a solitary place to pray. He knew that a storm was brewing, but He let them get into difficulties, because He knew that something much more important was at stake here than the disciples' comfort. When the storm hit in the middle of the night, they were miles from the shore and the wind was ferocious. Jesus came to them walking on the water. The spectre of someone walking on the waves made them even more afraid. They thought He was a ghost. Jesus called out to them, saying: "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." In the Greek text, the words Jesus said were: "ego eimi" – literally 'I AM'. That is the key to understanding this event.

These are the exact words God used when Moses met Him at the Burning Bush and was told to lead the People of God out of slavery in Egypt. Moses was doubtful that they would go with him and he asked God to tell him who was commissioning him to this mission. In other words, he asked what was God's name. God said I AM, who I am, tell them I AM sent you. That was the Name so sacred that no one was supposed to even say it. The disciples would have no doubt that Jesus was claiming to be God – the all-powerful I AM. God was showing Himself to them in the person of Jesus. He walked on the water; He calmed the storm and He called Himself I AM. They prostrated themselves before Him and worshiped Him. It was for this that Jesus allowed them to get into the storm, so that by His actions they could know that He truly is the Son of God.

In the process He also showed them that He was looking after them. He was with them in their peril. St Peter, who often overestimated his faith, offered to walk on the water with Jesus. When Jesus agreed and called him, Peter did manage to walk over to where Jesus was. But then his faith failed him. He had the good sense to call for help and Jesus saved him from drowning. Then Jesus admonished Peter. "O man of little faith – why did you doubt?" The Catholic writer Peter Kreeft says of this scene: "God loves jackasses. But He turns them into stallions, as He did to Peter, beginning with Pentecost." Peter had a little faith and he used it. It didn't sustain him, so he called to Jesus for help. Immediately Jesus reached out and saved him. Like a good father, Jesus is easy to please but hard to satisfy. He loves us too much to allow us to go on with only a little faith. He gives us many opportunities to use what faith we have, and when we inevitably get into difficulties and call to Him for help, He puts out His hand and holds us.

Deacon Nick MacFarlane

From Our Anniversary Book:

Sr. Venard Casey MSS, Edward Freeman, Elizabeth Picot, Mollie Shelverton, Andrea Casey, Giovanni Gassignato, Adrian Brennan, Richard Burke, James Drew, Bernard O'Kane, Margaret Murphy, Jan Papuga, Richard Voss, Dulcie Lowe, Gwendoline Cant, Assunta Toffoli, Darlene Haigh, Attilio Meale, Elizabeth Fahey, James Lamont, Ronald Pritchard, Maria Vachell, Nicolina Rinaldi, Anne O'Loughlin, Honora Devitt, Francis Sexton, Ivan Thiessen, Peter Huigsloot, Margaret Northam, Thora Chaplain, Hugh Sullivan, Massoud Abraham, Cyril Green, Peter Nichols, Sr. Kathleen Twomey, Pasquale D'Amato, Marianne Sidebottom, Ronald Glenn Peters, Mariannina Mangione, Palma Di Tommaso, Sr Joseph Fitzpatrick PBVM, and Sr Julianne Tapping PBVM



May they rest in peace!



Fatherhood of God Mass - Sunday 6th August 2023

Deacon John Joseph Ordination



14th September 2023
6pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

All are welcome.

RSVP: leb@littleurcharisticbrothers.org

WHAT'S NEW?



Vocation Mass - Wednesday 9th August 2023

8/23 The Right to Life Australia Inc.

ACTION ALERT

STOP AUSTRALIA'S ABORTION HOLOCAUST

A pro-abortion group in the Labor Party known as "EMILY's List" plans to move at the Australian Labor Party (ALP) National Conference in Brisbane 17 - 19 August 2023 to allow free abortions.

Please contact **Mr Brian Mitchell MP** - Member for Lyons

- Tragically the practice and availability of the destruction of the lives of babies before birth by abortion is widespread in Australia today.
- Since 1979 your taxes have been used to pay for abortions via Medicare.
- Gradually every state and territory has moved to make abortion freely available at all stages of pregnancy right up to birth. This is disguised by the use of the term "reproductive health".
- Ironically today we see babies moving and growing inside the womb of mothers through ultrasound.
- Even a child recognises a human baby if shown an ultrasound photo of an unborn baby.
- A pro-abortion group in the Labor Party known as "EMILY'S List" plans to move [at ALP conference in Brisbane 17 - 19 August 2023] to sanction free abortions.
- In other words your taxes and my taxes will contribute even more towards the killing of the unborn (even those born alive after abortion). They will be killed free of charge. Truly an Australian Holocaust!

Write:

Name: Mr Brian Mitchell MP
PO Box 61
Bridgewater
TAS 7030

Telephone:

Parliament House: (02) 6277 4270

Electorate office:

(03) 6263 3721 - Bridgewater
(03) 6398 1115 - Perth

Email:

brian.mitchell.mp@aph.gov.au

Social media:

www.facebook.com/brianmitchellforlyons/

www.instagram.com/brianmitchellmp/

Key message (sample): Dear Mr Mitchell, I oppose the plan to allow free abortions in Australia - planned for discussion at the ALP conference in August 2023. Every abortion ends the life of a vulnerable unborn child. Australia aborts 80,000 babies every year - a frightening statistic. Yours faithfully Name, address, state.

Brother Deacon JOHN-JOSEPH MARTIN LEB

to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood

CONFERRED BY HIS GRACE
THE MOST REV. JULIAN PORTEOUS DD
ARCHBISHOP OF HOBART

during the Holy Mass
of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6pm on Thursday, 14th September 2023

St. Mary's Cathedral, 180 Harrington Street, Hobart

Live stream available at
youtube.com/@ArchdioceseofHobart

Thanksgiving Mass

6pm on Saturday 16th September
St. James Catholic Church,
25 Mary Street, Cygnet



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of Hobart

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Children's Corner

We can have faith that Jesus will always be there
to help us in difficult times. Write a prayer
asking God to help you when things get tough.

Dear Lord,

Amen.

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 - 19TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84:9-14

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 14th August - **St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr** Matthew 17:22-27
Tuesday 15th August - **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Luke 1:39-56
Wednesday 16th August - **St Stephen of Hungary** Matthew 18:15-20
Thursday 17th August Matthew 18:21 - 19:1
Friday 18th August Matthew 19:3-12
Saturday 19th August - **St John Eudes, priest**
- **Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary** Matthew 19:13-15

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

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.