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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR A

"Command Me to Come to You Over the Water"

One of the most memorable moments in the Gospel occurs when Peter steps out of the boat and walks on the water toward Jesus. As the disciples struggle against the wind and waves, Jesus comes to them walking on the sea. At first, they are terrified, thinking they have seen a ghost, but Jesus reassures them: *"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."* Peter then makes a remarkable request: *"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you over the water."* Jesus simply replies, *"Come."*

Peter's request is more than an act of curiosity. It is a profound expression of faith. He does not ask Jesus to calm the storm first or to guarantee his safety. Instead, he asks for the Lord's command. Peter understands that if Jesus calls him, then Jesus will also give him the grace to do what seems impossible.

This Gospel is also a mirror of our own lives. We all experience storms—uncertainty about the future, illness, financial worries, family difficulties, loneliness, or the burden of making difficult decisions. Like the disciples, we often find ourselves rowing against strong winds, wondering if we will ever reach the other side. Jesus does not always remove the storm immediately. Instead, He comes to us in the midst of it. His first words are not explanations but encouragement: *"Do not be afraid."* His presence is greater than any wave we face.

Peter's experience reminds us that faith requires action. He had to leave the security of the boat before he could experience the miracle. As long as he kept his eyes fixed on Jesus, he walked on the water. But when he focused on the strength of the wind, fear took over, and he began to sink. Even then, Jesus did not abandon him. Peter cried out, *"Lord, save me!"* and immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. This is the heart of Christian discipleship. Faith does not mean never experiencing fear; it means trusting Christ even when fear is present. We will all have moments when our confidence weakens, but the Lord's hand is always extended toward us. His mercy is greater than our doubts.

Perhaps Jesus is inviting each of us to step out of our own "boat"—our comfort zones, our hesitations, or our reluctance to answer His call. He may be asking us to forgive someone, to serve those in need, to deepen our prayer life, to participate more actively in our parish, or to respond generously to a vocation He has placed before us.

As we reflect on this Gospel, may Peter's prayer become our own: *"Lord, command me to come to you over the water."* When Christ calls, He never abandons. Even amid life's fiercest storms, His voice still echoes across the waters: *"Come."* And if we keep our eyes fixed on Him, we will discover that His grace is always sufficient to carry us safely through every challenge.

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
(Feast of Assumption)
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

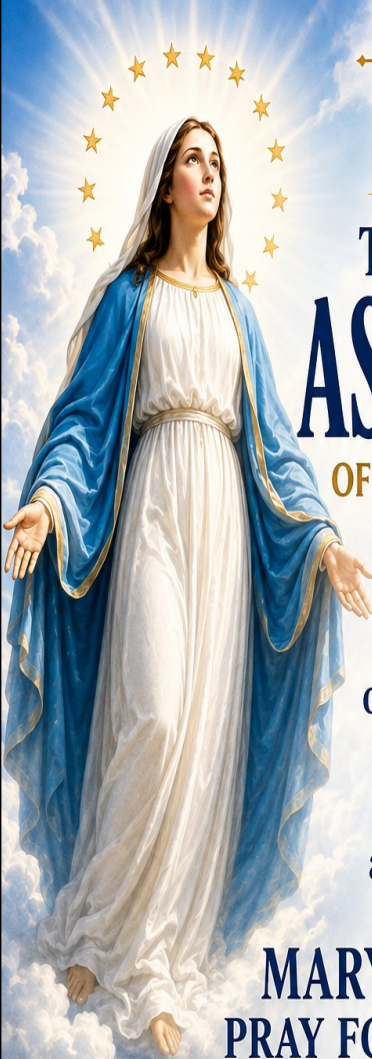
*ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE*

THE CC'S - (Companions of the Cathedral)
Every Wednesday on floor 1
starting at 12:30 pm

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.



15TH AUGUST

**THE FEAST OF THE
ASSUMPTION**

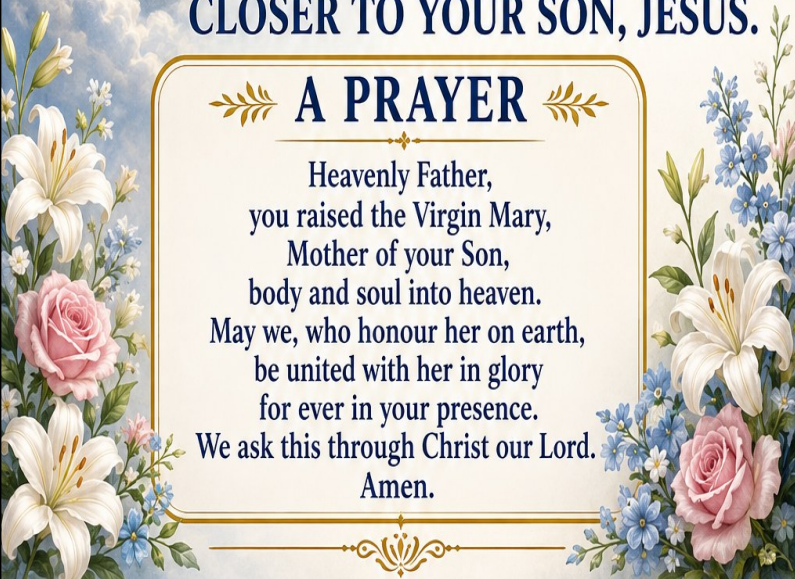
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

We celebrate the joyful
feast of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
into heavenly glory,
body and soul,
at the end of her earthly life.

**MARY, OUR MOTHER,
PRAY FOR US AND LEAD US
CLOSER TO YOUR SON, JESUS.**

A PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
you raised the Virgin Mary,
Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heaven.
May we, who honour her on earth,
be united with her in glory
for ever in your presence.
We ask this through Christ our 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

Flowers

Flowers are starting to bloom again and if you
have a garden, we at the Cathedral would happi-
ly accept any Donations of Flowers that you are
happy to give.

You can leave them at the Parish centre at any
time Friday's and Saturday's.



From Our Anniversary Book

Margaret Szechy, Eletto Pangrazzi, Elsie Aiken, Denis Pauly, Milica Kolega, Annie Stanfield, Paul Moore, Christina Scott, Colin Saunders, Carmine Capasso, Angelo Toigo, Mirella Ghedini, William Duggan, Reginald Lewis, Harry Legro, Giulia Vidotto, Wilhelmus Geertuida (Bill) Zeitzen, 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. **May they rest in peace !**



Livestreaming at St Mary's Cathedral—Please note that the **Sunday 10:30am Mass** at St Mary's Cathedral is livestreamed on the **Archdiocese of Hobart YouTube channel**. Most special events and ceremonies celebrated at the Cathedral are also livestreamed. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the livestream, please contact the Parish Office on **(03) 6208 6094** for more information.

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

More information and Applications Forms are available on our website uacpallottines.au
Closing Date 31 August 2026

Men for Christ (MFC)

Spiritual formation for men through devotion to St Joseph.

First Wednesday of each month at the shrine
6:30 pm for 30 to 45 minutes.

Venue:

Our Lady of Victories Shrine
12 Ashbolt Crescent, Lutana TAS 7009.

All men are welcome.

For further info. Contact
Fr. Suresh.



Supporting the persecuted: Help rebuild a Cathedral in the Philippines

In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed.

Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region.

To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit: aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.

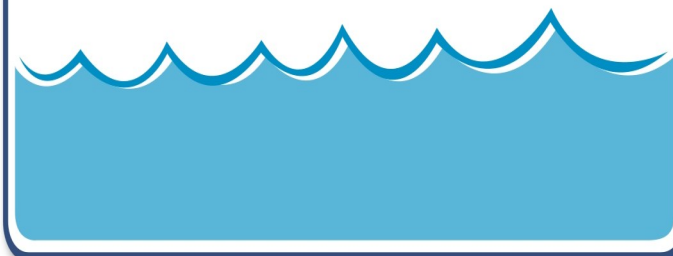


Children's Corner

Jesus will help us

Draw Jesus walking on the water towards Peter. Draw Peter in the water calling out to Jesus for help.

Lord, save me!



Help Jesus find his way across the water and onto the boat. Be sure to pick up St Peter along the way!



READINGS OF THE DAY NINETEENTH 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

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(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

Psalm 129:5

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 10th August	- John 12:24-26	(St. Lawrence)
Tuesday 11th August	- Matthew 18:1-5. 10. 12-14	
Wednesday 12th August	- Matthew 18:15-20	
Thursday 13th August	- Matthew 18:21-19:1	
Friday 14th August	- Matthew 19:3-12	
Saturday 15th August	- Luke 1:39-56	(Feast of Assumption)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 16th August 2026

First Reading	- Isaiah 56:1.6-7
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8
Second Reading	- Romans 11:13-15. 29-32
Gospel	- 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.