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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B - 3rd MARCH 2024

"I AM THE LORD, YOUR GOD."

On this third Sunday of Lent, we reflect on God's holiness and realize that we belong to God. We are His people and must live the way that reflects his holiness. God offers us the gift of faith as our path towards holiness. At the same time, we desire to live a peaceful life under God's will.

In the first reading, we have Moses receiving the Ten Commandments from God at Mount Sinai, which became the foundation of Israel's new relationship with God. These commands were the basis of the religious life of the chosen people of the Old Testament. God protected them in the desert. Therefore he makes a demand on people that God must come first in their lives before anything else. It is not the unknown God but the one who has revealed his name to them and whom they have promised to hold in total reverence.

In the Second Reading Paul tells the Corinthian converts that the message of the cross is the message of the love of Jesus that was summarized in two Commandments, namely the love of God and loving one's neighbour. Paul tells them that he and his companions proclaimed Christ crucified. He is the power of God and he is the wisdom of God. He tells them, that to the unbelievers, this cross is a stumbling block and a sign of foolishness. But for the believers, it's on the cross that Christ died for our sins, so we, as children of God, may inherit the Heavenly Kingdom.

In today's Gospel Passage John presents the episode of Jesus going to the Temple in Jerusalem during the Jewish feast of the Passover. During this visit, he takes upon himself the task of cleansing the Temple. For him, this was especially his Father's House which is desecrated. Jesus objected not to the trade as such which was quite legitimate but to its being done in the Temple precincts. Surprised by his behaviour, the Temple authorities demanded an explanation from Jesus, under whose authority was he performing such a task. Jesus did not respond to their demand directly. He told them that they had to destroy this temple, and in three days he would raise it indicating the end of the old covenant and its forms of worship. Here Jesus intended to make his claim to be the messiah to be understood by the priests and Pharisees in the Temple. Being blind to the spiritual meaning of the words of Jesus, the people asked how he could build the temple it in three days. They did not realize that Jesus was talking about his own Body and the glorious Resurrection.

Therefore dear Friends as Jesus grew with wisdom, and stature, winning favour with men and favour with God, let us grow ourselves in holiness, being close to Him in prayer, and proclaiming His glorious resurrection to the ones who do not believe in His resurrection.

This is the real mission of the Christian life.

May you have a blessed life! During this season.

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 and Thursday
NO MASS WED 6TH MARCH 2024
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
NO NOVENA THIS WEEK
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

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes are available at St Mary's Cathedral and Sacred Heart

Church to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations.

Project Compassion Prayer:

God of all hope, we pray for our world with all its beauty and need. We thank you for the love in our lives that mirror of your unending love.

May all creation know your compassion this Lent, and may we take courage to share it, especially with those who do not have what they need.

In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses: 'I will be with you' when you ask us to do courageous things. Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, move us to act in the company of your spirit, showing compassion and acting for justice to renew the face of the earth, now and for all future generations. **Amen**



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

Please donate to Project Compassion via donation boxes, envelopes, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas



Join us every
Friday night from
6pm - 12 midnight
at the Cathedral

Crypt. Access is through Cathedral Centre
Everyone is welcome.



Dear Parishioners, it is with deep sorrow, I wish to announce the death of Fr Terry Yard. The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered for Fr Terry Yard at 11.30am on Friday, 8th March 2024 at Holy Redeemer Church, Deloraine. The burial will take place in the

Deloraine Lawn Cemetery after the Mass. We surround his family members with love during this time of grief and sorrow. Please pray for the eternal repose of his soul. Fr Terry Yard served as the Parish Priest at Sacred Heart Church New Town and was instrumental in establishing a L'arche community in Hobart. **Fr Bernard Perera**

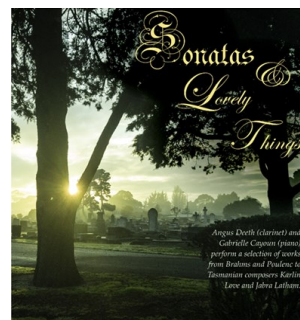


2024
Concert Series

a place of Prayer, a place of Worship, a place of Music...

St Mary's Cathedral Concert Series 2024

2pm - 9th March – Angus Deeth (clarinet) and Gabrielle Cayoun (piano) perform Sonatas and Lovely Things. A selection of works from Brahms and Poulenc to Tasmanian composers Karlin Love and Jabra Latham.



Stations of the Cross:

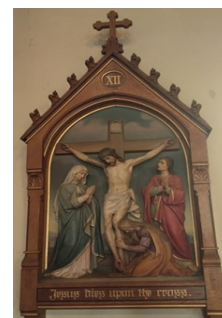
Friday – Stations of the Cross during Lent.

8th March - Sacred Heart Church at 6.00 pm

15th March - Sacred Heart Church at 6.00 pm

22nd March – **DAY OF MERCY**
No Stations of the Cross

29th March - Sacred Heart Church **Good Friday** at 10.00 am Open air - Way of the Cross
3pm - St Mary's Cathedral **Good Friday** Service



International Women's Day

In preparation for International Women's Day **Friday 8th March**. International Women's Day Reflection: www.caritas.org.au/resources/school-resources/international-women-s-day-reflection

From Our Anniversary Book: Angelina Di Domenico, Terrence Keogh, Giuseppe Paternoster, Helmut Ott, Caterina, Giuseppe and Nicola Gentile, Paolo Scavone, Roy Foulkes, Rex Rushton, Benjamin Rootes, Edward Terry, Rosita De Montes, Laszlo Hegedus, John Cairns, Antonin Divis, Ettore Di Martino, Patrick Harnett, Frederick Banks, Annie Lawler, Br. Dominikus Tischmacher, Geoffrey Whittaker, Barbara Pitt, Josephine Grey, Eugenio Labbrozzi, Albert Wood, Alice Stubbs, Daisy Ryan, Louis Gillon, Raymond Doran, Angela Di Tommaso, Kath Case, Eileen Bowden, Hugh McConalogue, Laurence Simpson, George Flaskas, Alma Horne, Myra Tillack, Pauline Frances Watts, Dennis Connolly, Leonard Nash, Leonard Carr, Mona Donovan, Noreen Deayton, Ben Rootes, Sr Gerard Rawley PBVM

May they rest in peace!



WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE

Day of Mercy

As instructed by His Grace, the Day of Mercy falls on **22nd March FRIDAY**. Please note the following notice



SACRED HEART CHURCH

9am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Adoration
9.15 - 10.15am Reconciliation
10.30 am Benediction

ST.MARY'S CATHEDRAL

6pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Adoration
6.15 - 7.45pm Reconciliation
8pm Benediction

NO ADORATION IN CRYPT on Friday 22nd March

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



Join us for the Life to the Full Conference in April 2024, featuring the incredible Sisters of Life from New York City, who dedicate their lives to serving those who the world considers 'useless'.

From April 26th to April 28th, 2024, we invite high school students (yr 7-12) to join us at Camp Clayton (Ulverstone) for a weekend of faith, growth, and community. Come and explore the profound truth that we are made for love, not use, and be reminded that you are built with purpose, and equipped in courage.

A bus service to and from Conference will be provided for youth from Hobart. Please indicate in your registration if you would like more details on this. Cost is \$230 for food and accommodation. To register see link below:- <https://events.humanitix.com/life-to-the-full>

HEALING SERVICE

08 MARCH 2024

MASS AT 7:00 PM

AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
 180 HARRINGTON STREET,
 HOBART

....HE WAS WHIPPED SO
 WE COULD BE HEALED
 ISAIAH 53:5

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

Healing Service

Friday 8th March
 7pm
 St Mary's Cathedral,
 Hobart

Everyone is welcome.

Children's Corner



There are times when things make us angry; even Jesus got angry and upset sometimes. But there are good and bad ways of dealing with anger. Complete the statements below by using words and/or pictures.

When I'm angry I sometimes do the wrong thing by...

When I'm angry I can do the right thing by...

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 – 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house.

You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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Gospel John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 4th March	Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday 5th March	Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday 6th March	Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday 7th March	Luke 11:14-23
Friday 8th March	Mark 12:28-34
Saturday 9th March	Luke 18:9-14

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23	Psalms 136
Ephesians 2:4-10	John 3:14-21

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.