



# St Mary's Cathedral Parish

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## **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C** **7TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can discern the will of the Almighty?

Who is the Supreme Being above and beyond, the source of all life?

There is only one God and Father of all. We are mere mortals human beings who must labour for our existence. Yet, in our short span of life, by divine providence, we are given the grace to know, love, and serve the Lord of all creation. As for your intentions, who could understand them unless you granted wisdom and sent your Holy Spirit from above?

Thus, the paths of those on earth have been made firm, and humanity has been taught what pleases you—guided by Wisdom.

Jesus left his mother Mary, extended family, and friends at the age of thirty. He departed from the comforts of home, the community, and the familiar surroundings of Nazareth to begin a three-year journey fulfilling his Father's will. He prepared the pathway to freedom from the influence of Satan and established the means of salvation through his teachings, passion, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension into eternal joy.

Through the sacrament of Baptism, we are marked for discipleship—as members of the Mystical Body of Christ and heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven.

### **RENUNCIATION OF ALL POSSESSIONS**

There is no need to dwell on the news of the world today—we are well aware of the plight presented daily: sins of pride, power, prestige, possession, greed, and the lack of remorse, respect, and care for those in need. On the other hand, we also witness the discipline and dedication required in sporting events to achieve excellence. Let us reflect for a moment on the teachings of Jesus, who said: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life—come, follow me."

Jesus spoke these words to Peter, James, Andrew, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddeus, Simon, and Judas. He mapped out a road for their journey as disciples—calling them to sell their possessions and follow him, taking nothing with them. The Ten Commandments and the spirit of the Beatitudes became the firm foundation of love—love of God and love of neighbour.

We should honestly and sincerely re-evaluate what is present in today's Gospel from St. Luke:

Does Jesus' way take priority in my life, or do the things I perceive as more important shut Him out?

Discipleship means discipline—in prayer, in relationships with family, friends, and community, and in how we handle the countless goods we think we need.

Is what I give truly sacrificial—giving all until it hurts? 100%?

Let us pray with St. Clement:

"Teach me to realize that the world is passing, that my true future is the happiness of heaven. Show me the way from pride and selfishness. Let go and let God lead."



## **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

## **SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS**

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

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?** RCIA is held every second Monday .Please contact the Parish office for more information.

**PIETY SHOP** Thursday, 10 am –3pm. Saturday & Sunday the shop is open after every weekend Mass



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."

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A heartfelt thank you to all who have generously volunteered their time and talents to support and enrich our Parish community. Your contributions are deeply appreciated. There are always many ways to get involved if you're willing! We are currently in need of **readers for all our Masses**. If you've ever considered it, please know—it's not as hard as you might think, and your help would be most welcome. You can also leave your **name and contact number** at the Parish Office, or get in touch with **Deacon Mick** directly—either in person or by text on **0403 741 913**.

**"We would love to hear from YOU !!"**

## THIS WEEK

**Fri September 12 Adoration** 6pm– 12 am, Cathedral Crypt.

**Fri September 12 and Sat 13 Sons and Daughter's of God Retreat**, Cathedral level 2

## COMING UP

**National Child Protection Week**, which will be held from 7-13 September 2025 and Safeguarding Sunday, celebrated on Sunday 14 September.

September 19 Movie night, Cathedral 1st floor.

**September 23 Chatter that matters**, Fr Shami Perera  
Cathedral 1st Floor

## 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.**

## Cathedral Parish Vinnies Tin Drive

During the month of September our Parish will be running a Tin Food Donation Drive on behalf of Vinnies. We are asking you to bring tins of food and leave them in the baskets at the back of our churches. All items must be within their 'use by date' and be in tins. There are more and more people within our city being affected by the cost of living crisis but most of us cannot afford to give large donations. Our tin drive then becomes a way that we can all help each other simply by sharing in a small way but culminating into a large affect.

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Celebrate **National Child Protection Week**  
7-13 September 2025

**"SHIFTING CONVERSATION TO ACTION"**

Safeguarding Sunday  
14 September 2025

[www.napcan.org.au](http://www.napcan.org.au)

Together, we can *Turn Debt into Hope* and build a more just world.

Sign the petition and learn more at:

[www.caritas.org.au/debt](http://www.caritas.org.au/debt)



**From Our Anniversary Book:** James Farrington, Sylvester O'Halloran, Mamie Bone, Mary Harrington, Walter Ball, Antonio D'Ettore, Lance Fitzgerald, Mavis Blazeley, Fr. Tom Bresnehan, Mary Thomas, Nick Billitteri, Doris Chisholm, Celia Celia, Eunice D'Arcey, Allenby Salter, Stan Siejka, Charles Donnelly, Percy Wright, Mary Drew, Frank Naden, Terence Ransley, Donald Bone, Mario Longo, Antonio Di Narzo, Mary Burke, Mervyn Clarke, Thelma Miles, Wilma Tate, Patricia Dance and Sr Martha O'SheaPBVM).

**May they rest in peace!**







## Women's Retreat

With the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia

Saturday, 4 October 2025 | 9am - 3:30pm  
Our Lady of Victories Shrine, Lutana  
(12 Ashbolt Cres, Lutana)



**Limited spaces, book now!** For more information, or to book your place, scan the QR code or visit:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/dominicans-womens-retreat>  
Registrations close 27 September, 2025



### Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre

- Fr Chris Hope four talks on the Parables of Luke (Four Mondays in October (6th, 13th, 20th and 27th of October) Cost: \$20 per session – Morning Tea provided
- Henry Nouwen Book Reading and Discussion Group Tuesdays – September 16, 23, and 30 - 10:00 – 11:30 AM \$5 per session – reading provided
- Lärche - Beni Abbes – Reflection time – Second Tuesday of each month - 5.00 to 5.30 pm next gathering 9th of September – Gold coin donation
- Dr Drasko Dizdar – Lectio Divina – 10-12.30 – Morning Tea provided \$20 pp – October 4th and November 1st

Contact [admin.JMHC@sosjspirit.org.au](mailto:admin.JMHC@sosjspirit.org.au) to book or for more information

### Spiritual formation opportunities

Spiritual formation opportunities coming up:

**Sabbath - rest in God's unrelenting love**

Reflection day, Hobart, 13th September.

**Servant Leadership - more than foot washing**

2 day retreat in Hobart, 15 & 16 September.

**Lead on... The Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola for Leaders.**

A 6-month program of retreat in daily life for those who lead. Starting November 1. For further details of all the above please contact Belinda Chapman on 0418 141 171 or see the site: [belindachapman.square.site](http://belindachapman.square.site)

**Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy Prayer Group:** Every 4th Thursday of the month, starting with an information session on 28th August. 1pm – 3pm (includes afternoon tea break. Lindisfarne Pastoral Centre, 3 Bay Road. Contact Sue Clausen on 0409 391 133.

**Koine and Biblical Greek for Beginners:** Every Thursday, 18th Sept. to 20th Nov., 10.30am-12.30pm at the Lindisfarne Pastoral Centre, 3 Bay Road Lindisfarne. Join Dr David Daintree AM for this 10-week beginner's course. \$90 Registration Fee.

Registrations: <https://events.humanitix.com/koine>

### Get ready for a night of faith and film!

Join us for a special movie night fundraiser at the **St Mary's Cathedral Parish in Hobart**, featuring the animated film, **King of Kings**. This isn't just a movie night—it's a chance to make a real difference. Your donations will directly support our young people in the parish, helping them attend and participate in the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne**.

Entry is by donation, so please give what you can—every contribution helps! Let's come together for a evening of community, inspiration, and cinematic storytelling, all ages welcome and encouraged to come!!!

**When:** Friday, September 19th, 2025 at 5:30 pm

**Where:** St Mary's Cathedral Centre, Level 1.

We can't wait to see you there!

Please go to the following link if you would like to see a trailer for the movie:

<https://youtu.be/HDhet3EVRac?si=um-NCEt55m4Ae6vk>



### Reflection Day on the theme of Sabbath

Wonder at the invitation to remember the Sabbath and delight in holy rest, and discover how to be in sacred time, receiving nourishment and joy.

Saturday 13th September, 2025

At: Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre  
(Mission and History centre)

67 Clare Street, New Town

10am – 3pm

Cost \$50 (including morning tea, BYO lunch)

Facilitated by: Belinda Chapman

Bookings Ph: 0418 141 171 or email [belindachapman.sd@gmail.com](mailto:belindachapman.sd@gmail.com)

Please book by 9th September



Education of Future Priests Appeal

**Sat 27 & Sun 28 September**



Help support our seminarian students who are in preparation for entering the priesthood.

Appeal envelopes available in your parish, or you can donate at [hobart.catholic.org.au](http://hobart.catholic.org.au)

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY**



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 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR–C

### First Reading

[Wisdom 9:13-18](#)

What man can know the intentions of God?  
Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
The reasonings of mortals are unsure  
and our intentions unstable;  
for a perishable body presses down the soul,  
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.  
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,  
laborious to know what lies within our reach;  
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?  
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you  
not granted Wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from above?  
Thus have the paths of those on earth been  
straightened  
and men been taught what pleases you,  
and saved, by Wisdom.

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1](#)

**(R.) (R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

1. You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

### Second Reading

[Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17](#)

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could

have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

### Gospel Acclamation

[Psalm 118:135](#)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws **Alleluia!**

### Gospel

[Luke 14:25-33](#)

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

### GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 8th September	-	Matthew 1:1-16. 18-23
Tuesday 9th September	-	Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday 10th September	-	Luke 6:20-26
Thursday 11th September	-	Luke 6:27-38
Friday 12th September	-	Luke 6:39-42
Saturday 13th September	-	Luke 6:43-49

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

#### [The Exaltation of the Holy Cross](#)

First Reading	-	Numbers 21:4-9
Responsorial Psalm	-	Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7
Second Reading	-	Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel	-	John 3:13-17

**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.**