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21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 27th AUGUST 2023 SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

My dear parishioners,

Evangelisation & Mission, as mentioned last weekend the Cathedral Parish is in the process of focusing on the call to be Missionary Disciples within our families and wider community based on the structure of divine renovation. Thus we will be carrying some articles on the book Divine Renovation by Fr James Mallon.

Being Christian and "being Church" means being missionary; one is or is not. Loving one's faith implies bearing witness to it, bringing it to others and allowing others to participate in it.



Knights of the Southern Cross, celebrating a centenary this year on the weekend of Sunday the 27th of August. The Order of the Knights of the Southern Cross in Tasmania was established on the 29 August, 1923

Sick and Retired Priest Fund, this weekend there is a special collection for the sick and retired priest in our diocese. Envelopes are available on your pews for this purpose, please donate and help take care of your priests who have given themselves to the service of God's people.

First Communion Prep, a group of 30 children from our Cathedral Parish schools and public schools are currently undergoing preparation of First Communion. They would be receiving the sacrament on Sunday 17th of September during the 10.30 am Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

Parish Annual Dinner Dance, as announced last weekend our



Annual Dinner Dance will be on **Friday** the 20th of October at the Italian Club, from 6.30 pm onwards. \$ 50 per head, for dinner (Vegetarian & Gluten free options available) and dancing. Please contact Parish Office by telephone 62344463 or by email smcparishdinner@gmail.com

to book your tickets.

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 Bulletin for further details.

In Christ,

Fr Leonard



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday5.00pm: Saturday Vigil Mass

10.30am: Sunday Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.00am: Tuesday - Thursday

8.00am: Saturday 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

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

DIVINE RENOVATION

Parish Life is the Eucharist. The foundation, source and summit and Prayer.



The First Key to unlocking our Parish is:

The Power of the Holy Spirit

Parish renewal is God's work. All the work you do to transform our parish must be drenched in prayer. **You are not enough... but He is.** Through the Power of the Holy Spirit Parish renewal is possible.

Like the first disciples, you cannot set off on your own. First, you pray. Then you wait until you are clothed with power from on high. It is the power of the Holy Spirit that makes your work fruitful. Call on the Holy Spirit and expect Him to show up, because the Father has promised Him to us. (Luke 24:49). Surrender your work, surrender your parish, and surrender your whole self to Him. Realising that we must work daily toward a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Spend time in prayer and ask for a deeper encounter with Christ and seek how you can continue to walk with him every day. Prayer is the engine of our mission.

As baptised Catholics we are all called, gifted and responsible for participating in this mission, the great commission given to us by Jesus. (Matt 28: 18). Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

What would it look like if the Holy Spirit came in power and transformed people in our parish?

SOME WAYS TO UNLOCK THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR PARISH:

- Start every meeting, gathering, and conversation in prayer. "Come Holy Spirit Come"
- Align your existing prayer ministries. With the renewal of the parish. Prayer is the engine of a parish, and your people are your engineers:
- Pray WITH each other, not just for each other. If someone asks for prayer, offer to pray with them right then and there.
- If our work is transforming lives and bringing people to Jesus, it will be subject to spiritual warfare. Pray frequently for peace, understanding, and alignment. When conflict and disagreement arise, bring it to prayer and ask the Holy Spirit for guidance.

Prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth.

REFLECTION 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

So Peter You Are The Rock On Which I Will Build My Church

When Jesus asked His disciples "Who do you say I am?" Simon spoke up and said He was "the Christ, the Son of the living God". When most of the people thought Him to be a prophet, even a great prophet like Elijah, Simon was inspired by the Holy Spirit to say that Jesus was the Christ i.e. the Messiah – the one sent by God to save and restore Israel. But he went further that that. He said Jesus was "the Son of the living God." None of them, except Jesus Himself, would have known what that meant. It took the Church centuries to work through and codify the meaning of the Most Holy Trinity – that there are three persons in God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Yet despite the fact that he didn't understand it, Simon professed this eternal truth, that Jesus, our Saviour, is God.

Jesus then gave Simon his new name – Peter. It means 'rock'. He called him that because Peter was to be the Rock on which Jesus would build His Church. It must have seemed like a joke to those who knew him. Peter's mates would have understood better if Jesus had called him 'Sandy' because to them, he was nothing like a rock. The Gospels show him to be anything but solid and reliable like a rock. He was constantly doing and saying the wrong thing. But Jesus chose him not for what he was but for what he would become. He knew that after Pentecost, once the Holy Spirit took control of Peter's life, he would be a rock. Of course, the Church's foundation stone is Jesus Himself (see 1 Peter 2:4-5), but after Christ ascended to Heaven, Peter became the vicar of Christ on earth.

Peter's profession of faith in Jesus was bigger than Peter himself. And so, because of that profession of faith, Jesus chose him to be the rock on which the Church was to be built. In choosing him, God gave him the grace he needed to proclaim and defend true Christian doctrine even though he was still a fallible human being, as are all of his successors, the popes. The infallible Christ uses them to proclaim and teach the unchangeable rock of true doctrine. It was Peter's profession of faith that was infallible, not his human personality. And so right through the centuries, we can be confident that although among the good popes there have been some indifferent popes and even some who lived wicked lives, none have ever taught errors publicly and officially with respect to the Church's dogmas of theology and morality. It is nothing short of miraculous. We should be very grateful for the confidence we can have in the truth contained and explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Deacon Nick MacFarlane

From Our Anniversary Book:

Gerald Hyde, Isabel Cracknell, Freda Young, Rita Bearzatto, Benita Lapolla, Gerardo Demarte, Tom Howe, Mirella Ghedini, Antonio Di Tommaso, Mary Ludeke, Celestina Zambotti, Rita Goodluck, Leo Pauly, Br. Paul Doyle, Elsa Giudici, Ilona Batholovics, Sr. Mary Clark, SSJ, Albert Charles Colbeck, Margaret Kilmartin, Thomas Rose, Mary McCarthy, Eileen Fox, Jeremiah Barnett, Josee Korytkowski, Mario Cundari, Madge Bugg, Thelma Wright, Kathleen Francis, Zelinda & Donato Vacca, Frances Kinsella, Patrick Connor, Valerie McDonald. Melva McLelland, Donato D'Amato, Cornelio Valentini, Florence Watt, William Philbin, Patricia Burton, Mary Allison Hodgson

May they rest in peace!

SICK AND RETIRED PRIEST FUND APPEAL:



The Sick and Retired Priest Fund was established to ensure that all diocesan priests incardinated into the Archdiocese of Hobart would receive adequate accommodation, health care and support needed in their retirement, or should they become ill.

Please support our diocesan priests with appeal envelopes on pews this weekend, or you can securely donate online at hobart.catholic.org.au

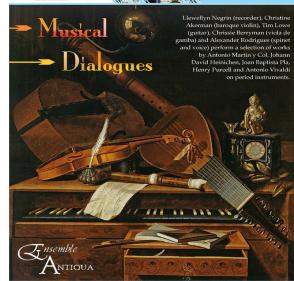


Join us every Friday from 6 pm to 12 midnight at the Cathedral Crypt. Access is through Cathedral Centre









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

Children's Corner

Match up each of these symbols of St Peter with its correct story









Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replied, You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus told Peter that he would be the foundation upon which the church would be built.

When Jesus first met Peter and his brother Andrew he said to them, "Follow me!" Immediately they stopped what they were doing and followed Jesus.

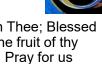
Jesus told his disciples that they would desert him. Peter told Jesus he would never desert him, but Jesus predicted that Peter would deny him three times.

Jesus said to Peter, You are Peter; to you I will give the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

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.



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 Jane McKeown 62344463

READINGS OF THE DAY - 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137:1-3,6,8

- (R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.
- 1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you.
- I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
- I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.
 On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
- 3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods. Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia**

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples,

'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'

And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.'

Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man. Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 28th August - St Augustine, bishop, doctor

Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday 29th August - The Passion of St John the Baptist,

martyrMatthew 6:17-29Wednesday 30th AugustMatthew 23:27-32Thursday 31st AugustMatthew 24:42-51

Friday 1st September - World Day of Prayer for Creation

- **Spring Ember Day** Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday 2nd September - Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary

Matthew 25:14-30

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God