

04th October

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR A

The readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time bring us the vivid, cautionary image of the Lord's vineyard. In Isaiah's song, God prepares fertile ground, clears it of stones, and plants choice vines, only to find sour grapes where justice and integrity should have blossomed. In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ deepens this narrative with the parable of the wicked tenants – men who silenced every messenger sent to them, driving out the landowner's servants and seizing control of a place that was never theirs to dominate.

It is easy to hear these scriptures as ancient warnings about displaced stewards, but their challenge remains immediately relevant to the life of our Church today.

A vineyard cannot thrive if only a handful of voices dictate its harvest, nor can a parish community discern where the Holy Spirit is leading if dialogue is dominated by the few. Too often, we face the subtle tyranny of the loudest: those with the sharpest opinions, the readiest platforms, or the most forceful persistence end up framing the reality of our shared life. When that happens, a vocal minority can easily masquerade as the consensus of the whole, simply because so many faithful individuals choose silence.

Quiet hesitation is understandable. It is easy to think that one small voice does not matter, or that leaving the discussion to the most emphatic parishioners is the path of least resistance. Yet when you remain quiet, the entire community is deprived of your particular grace, your lived experience, and your unique perspective. The true health of the vineyard depends on every vine being cared for, and every voice contributing to the discernment of the Church.

This is precisely why our upcoming Synodal listening sessions are so vital.

Guided by the theme 'May they be one, as we are one' (John 17), the Synod is a time of prayer, listening, and discernment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is not a battleground of competing agendas, nor an arena where whoever speaks the most stridently wins. Every voice is valid – clergy, religious, and lay faithful alike. No special expertise is needed, only an open heart ready to help shape the future of our archdiocese.

Regional Listening Sessions (10:00 am – 4:00 pm)

- **Devonport:** Saturday 31 October
- **Launceston:** Saturday 7 November
- **Hobart:** Saturday 21 November

Registration & Key Details

- **Registration Deadline:** Registrations close **11 October**.

How to Register: Visit collections.humanitix.com/regional-listening-sessions-synod-2027 or scan the QR code in the 3rd page of the parish newsletter.

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
9.45am: Wednesday—Novena
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

7.30am: Saturday—Rosary

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)

10.30am: Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

4.00pm - 4.30pm: 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.

Cathedral Parish Sacramental Program 2026/2027

The Cathedral Parish Sacramental Program invites enrolments for the 2026/2027 program.

Sacraments of **Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion** are vital milestones in nurturing your child's faith, building upon their Baptism, and offering lifelong sources of grace and spiritual growth.

Families interested in preparing their children to receive these sacraments are warmly invited to contact the Cathedral Parish Office to gain enrolment package which will provide full details about the preparation program, key dates, and how our parish community will support your family along this sacred path.

For further details or enquiries, please contact the Cathedral Parish office on 03 62344463 or by email ca-the-dral@aohatas.org.au

We look forward to journeying in faith with your family.

Enrolments close on Friday 16th October 2026.

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.

WORLD MISSION MONTH October 2026

Copies of **Archbishop Tony's message for World Mission Month** are available in the foyer.

Please take a copy and have a read as we prepare to celebrate **World Mission Sunday** and join Catholics around the world in being **One in Christ, United in Mission**.

Thank you for your support for **Catholic Mission**.

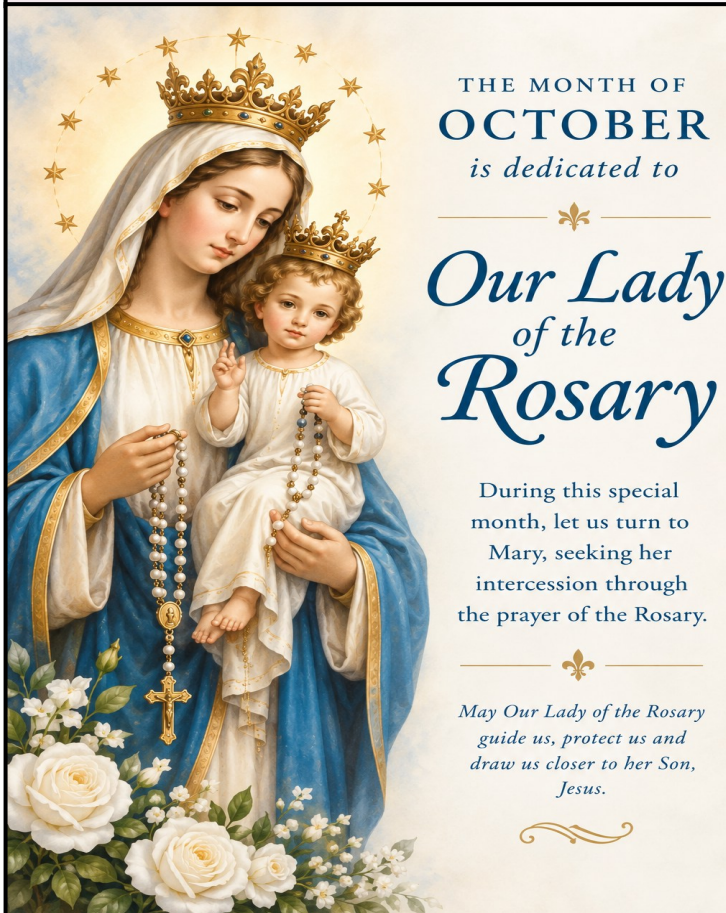
Sacristans

The **Sacristan** is one of the Church's most unsung ministries. Much of their important work happens behind the scenes, preparing for Mass and caring for the sacred space afterwards.

Their quiet service helps our liturgies run smoothly and supports our worshipping community.

Interested in learning more? We'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Deacon Mick or the Parish Office.



From Our Anniversary Book

John Harrington, Richard Darcey, John O'Loughlin, Robyn Foale, Thomas Ward, Lucia Di Ienno, Vittorio di Felice, Shirley Ursula, Nicolina Pignatola, Umberto Genovesi, Nicoletta & Pasquale Giancane, Peggy Steele, Florence Harrington, Sr. Barbara Hateley, MSS, Jessica Stubbs, Vera O'Halloran, Lilian Johnston, Richard Carter, Frances Roach, Sr. Mary Cook, LCM, Maurice Mulcahy, Pamela Mavis Porteous, Catherine Young, Ethel Brait, Paul Nicolaas-Ponder, Eva Letec, Gretta Anderson, Alan Lansdell, Edward Hanlon, Thelma Bratt, Hilary Sweeney, Maxwell Williams, Elly Riggs **___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.



Synod Regional Listening Sessions

A time of **prayer, listening, and discernment** as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit for our future.

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED?

Attend listening sessions

Diocesan-wide prayer

Individual reflection and formation opportunities

REGIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS

10AM - 4PM

31 October, Devonport

7 November, Launceston

21 November, Hobart

14 - 16 May 2027

Diocesan Synod Gathering

SYNOD theme

'May they be one, as we are one.' (John 17)

WHY A SYNOD?

Listen to the hopes and concerns of our people



Strengthen unity across our diverse communities

Set priorities for faith, formation, and mission



Every voice is valid, clergy, religious, and lay faithful.

No expertise needed, just an open heart.



To register, scan the QR code or visit:
<https://collections.humanitix.com/regional-listening-sessions-synod-2027>
Registrations close 11 October.
For more information contact synod@aohtas.org.au

THE TRUTH REVEALED: 'BORN ALIVE AND LEFT TO DIE'

You are warmly invited to a screening of the ACL documentary **'Born Alive and Left to Die'**, followed by a discussion and light refreshments.

Saturday, 17 October 2026
10.00 am for 10.30 am start
1 Kirkham Drive, Lindisfarne
(Off Gordon's Hill Road)

RSVP: Julie Borger – VicePres@hlpstas.com.au

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1-7 October, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the One Million Children Praying the Rosary prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world.

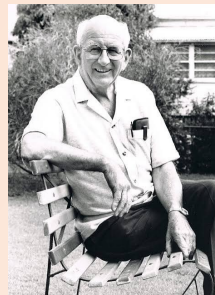
Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit:
www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying



"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio

Remembering Fr John Wallis



The Missionary Sisters of Service warmly invite the Cathedral Parish community to join them in remembering and celebrating the life and legacy of Fr John Corcoran Wallis, founder of the Missionary Sisters of Service, on the 25th anniversary of his death.

Tuesday, 27 October 2026

10.00 am Mass – St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
Celebrant: Archbishop Tony Ireland
Light refreshments will follow.

RSVP for catering by Sunday, 11 October:
Glenn D'Souza –

businessmanager@missionarysisters.org.au
0447 896 275

Living Water Gathering

Friday 16 October 2026 at 7.00pm
O'Loughlin Room-Corpus Christi Church, Bellerive.
Archbishop emeritus Julian Porteous will share on the Topic of the Holy Spirit. There will be opportunity for individual prayer

The Sacred Heart College Old Scholars Association are holding their annual reunion luncheon

On Sunday 25th October at the Riverfront Motel Rosetta.

Bookings to Kathryn Darvell on 62283975 by 17th October.

READINGS OF THE DAY TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything

that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 5th October	- Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday 6th October	- Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday 7th October	- Luke 11:1-4
Thursday 8th October	- Luke 11:5-13
Friday 9th October	- Luke 11:15-26
Saturday 10th October	- Luke 11:27-28

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 11th October 2026

First Reading	- Isaiah 25:6-10
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 22.
Second Reading	- Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20
Gospel	- Matthew 22:1-14

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.