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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER -YEAR A -19TH APRIL 2026

Encounters with the Risen Lord: Hope Renewed in the Appearances of Christ

The resurrection of Jesus Christ stands at the very heart of Christian faith, and the Gospel accounts of His appearances to the disciples offer both profound reassurance and deep spiritual insight. These encounters are not merely stories of a past event; they are living testimonies that continue to shape the faith and hope of believers today.

After the crucifixion, the disciples were gripped by fear, confusion, and despair. Their hopes seemed shattered. Yet, it is precisely into this atmosphere of uncertainty that the risen Christ appears. His first words are often, "Peace be with you," a greeting that calms their troubled hearts and restores their courage. This peace is not simply the absence of fear, but the presence of Christ Himself, bringing reconciliation and new life.

One of the most touching appearances is to Mary Magdalene at the tomb. In her grief, she does not recognize Jesus until He calls her by name. This moment reveals a deeply personal dimension of the resurrection: Christ knows each of His followers intimately and calls them into a renewed relationship with Him. It reminds us that faith is not only communal but also profoundly personal.

Similarly, the encounter on the road to Emmaus shows how the risen Lord walks with His disciples even when they fail to recognize Him. As He explains the Scriptures and breaks bread with them, their eyes are opened. This appearance highlights two essential ways we encounter Christ today: through the Word and the Eucharist. It reassures us that even in moments of doubt or discouragement, Christ is present, guiding and enlightening us.

The appearance to the apostles in the locked room is another powerful moment. Despite their fear, Jesus comes and stands among them. He shows them His wounds, not as signs of defeat, but as marks of victory and love. In doing so, He transforms their fear into joy and commissions them to continue His mission. The gift of the Holy Spirit, breathed upon them, empowers them to forgive sins and to carry the message of salvation to the world.

The encounter with Thomas further emphasizes the journey from doubt to faith. Thomas's honest questioning is met not with rebuke, but with an invitation to believe.

Jesus' gentle response teaches us that doubt, when approached with sincerity, can lead to a deeper and more mature faith. These appearances of the risen Christ are rich with meaning. They reveal a Lord who seeks out His followers, reassures them, strengthens their faith, and sends them forth with a mission. For us today, they are a reminder that Christ is not distant or absent. He continues to be present in our lives, offering peace, calling us by name, walking with us in our struggles, and inviting us to believe more deeply.

As we reflect on these sacred encounters, may we too recognize the risen Christ in our midst and respond with renewed faith, hope, and love.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart



7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
8.30am: Saturday (ANZAC Day)
5.00pm: Saturday (Vigil Mass)
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*

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.

Friends of the Cathedral



Calling all those who love our Cathedral.

We are starting a "Friends of the Cathedral" group that will meet on Wednesday afternoons around 1pm for a cuppa and biscuit.

Our wish is to create an atmosphere of community where we can chat, have a laugh and get to know each other. Maybe do some odd jobs around our beautiful heritage building or maybe just spend some time in prayer or reflection.

If you are interested, please contact Deacon Michael or talk to Christine at the piety shop.

THE MORE THE MERRIER !

ANZAC Day – 25 April 2026

ANZAC Day is a time for us to remember and honour the courage, sacrifice, and service of the men and women of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, and all who have served our nations in times of war, conflict, and peacekeeping.

A special ANZAC Day Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Saturday, 25 April 2026 at 8:30am, presided over by Archbishop Anthony Ireland.



All are warmly invited to attend as we gather in prayer and remembrance.

From Our Anniversary Book

Sarah Cooper, Dietro Vivarelli, Cecil Carter, Brian Harradine, John Benjamin Oldham, Amelio Cattaruzza, Arthur Gillam, William Proposch, Kathleen Cox, Margaret Cowen, George Cengia, Alipio Maccallini, Anne Tong Lee, Mary Smith, Brendan Cook, William Hartnett, Lily Rose, Christopher Richardson, Caroline Banks, Rosemary Monk, Sheila Mills, Annie McDermott, Eileen Cowie, Rhueben McCallum, Michele Chew, Abigail Carter, Anthony Chisholm, Brian Quigley, Fr. Peter Murphy, George Ward, Sr. Philomena Mary Healy, Ken Lowrie, Mary Johnston, Benedict Ambrose Mackey

May they rest in peace !

Please Pray for Our Confirmation Candidates

The Parish has commenced the Sacramental Program formation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. There are 29 candidates combined from the Parish and Parish Schools who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We ask our Parish community to keep our young candidates in your prayers as they prepare to be "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" on Pentecost Sunday. May they be strengthened by the seven gifts of the Spirit—Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord—to live out their faith with courage.

May you continue to pray for the candidates' families, their sponsors, catechists and the Parish Sacramental Team as they walk together and journey in faith with the candidates.



Flowers, Flowers, Flowers

Looking for people with flower power!

Do you grow flowers, can you arrange them, or would you simply like to give it a go?

Your Cathedral is waiting for "you". Perhaps you would like to supply a small bunch of flowers from your own garden whenever you can.

If you are interested, please let Deacon Michael know or see Christine at the Piety Store after all Masses on the weekends.

THANK YOU



Seeking Answers? Discover the Catholic Faith

Whether you are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or a Catholic looking to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, we invite you to explore the beauty, history, and depth of the Catholic Church through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**.

Join Us for an Inquiry Night

- **When:** Tuesday, 2nd June 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Where:** St. Mary's Cathedral Parish (Meeting Room)

This is your invitation to begin a journey of discovery. Come and see what the ancient faith has to say to our modern world.

Opportunity to Serve Wellbeing Support Worker Role

The Sisters of Saint Joseph are seeking to employ a Wellbeing Support Worker in the Hobart area. For more information, or to apply, follow this link:

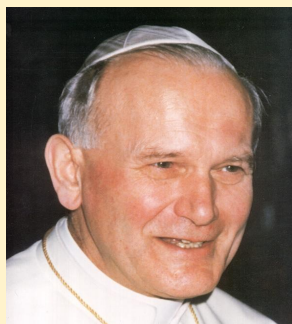
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Call for Memories: Papal Visit 1986

As we approach the anniversary of the visit of Pope John Paul II to Tasmania in 1986, we warmly invite parishioners to share their memories and reflections.

Were you there? What do you remember most? How did the experience impact you or your faith?

We would love to hear your stories and welcome any photos or memorabilia you may be willing to share. Please submit your reflections to ahm@aohtas.org.au or write to Cherie O'Meara GPO Box 62 Hobart TAS 7001. Your contributions will help preserve this important moment in our shared history.



The Regina Coeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice.

R. Alleluia.

For He, whom you did merit to bear.

R. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. R. Alleluia.

Pray for us to God. R. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary.

Alleluia.

R. For the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, Who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



Middle East Emergency Appeal Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care.

To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

There will be a **Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life** on **Sunday 26th April from 2-3pm**, led by Emeritus Archbishop Julian Porteous DD to mark the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, at the **Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston**. All are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in praying for vocations to priesthood, and consecrated life, especially for the Church in Tasmania as well as praying in support of our Archbishop Tony and our priests and consecrated men and women serving as shepherds in our Archdiocese.

READINGS OF THE DAY—3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Or (R.) Alleluia!

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading - 1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation - Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 20th April	- John 6:22-29
Tuesday 21st April	- John 6:30-35
Wednesday 22nd April	- John 6:35-40
Thursday 23rd April	- John 6:44-51
Friday 24th April	- John 6:52-59
Saturday 25th April	- John 12:23-28 /John 14:23-29

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 26th April 2026

First Reading	- Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1
Second Reading	- Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1
Gospel	- John 10:1-10

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.