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#### SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES YEAR C - 29TH JUNE 2025

The narrative of Christianity is rich with paradox. At its heart lies the profound truth that God often chooses to work through imperfect, flawed individuals to accomplish His divine purposes. No greater example is there, then the lives of two of its most pivotal figures whose solemnity we celebrate this weekend, St. Peter and St. Paul. St. Peter, the fisherman called to be a "fisher of men," exemplifies impulsive passion and wavering faith. He was quick to speak, quick to act, and at times, quick to stumble. This was a man who walked on water only to sink in doubt, who boasted of his unwavering devotion only to cower in fear. Yet, it was this very Peter, deeply flawed and recently restored by a compassionate Christ, who stood up on the day of Pentecost and preached with such power that thousands were converted. In the Gospel today Jesus pronounces him the "Rock" upon whom His church would be built, a foundational apostle who boldly led the early Christian community, faced persecution, and ultimately died a martyr's death, consistently upholding the faith he once denied.

Then there is St. Paul, initially known as Saul, a zealous persecutor of Christians. His early life was marked by opposition to the early church. He oversaw the stoning of Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and travelled with official papers to arrest believers. Yet, on the road to Damascus, he encountered the risen Christ, an event that radically transformed his life. From persecutor, he became the Apostle to the Gentiles, embarking on arduous missionary journeys, enduring shipwrecks, beatings, imprisonment, and countless hardships. He penned a significant portion of the New Testament, laying down theological foundations that continue to shape Christian thought and practice to this day. Paul's towering intellect and relentless drive, once used against the church, were repurposed by God for its expansion and edification.

What can we glean from the lives of these two giants of faith? Every Christian, regardless of their piety or position, is inherently flawed. We are all susceptible to doubt, fear, pride, selfishness, and a myriad of other human failings. We stumble; we make mistakes. Our weaknesses are undeniable. We should not grow despondent upon discovering this revelation, instead let it be a reminder to us that our ability to do "amazing things" does not stem from our own inherent goodness or strength, but from God working through us. It's a call to honest self-assessment, acknowledging our frailties while also embracing the divine potential that resides within us through faith. It means that no one is beyond redemption or beyond use in God's kingdom, regardless of their past or present struggles. As Saint Francis de Sales reminds us "Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections but instantly set about remedying them -- every day begin the task anew."



# 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 Sunday

#### **Lawrenny Court**

(131 Hill St West Hobart) **10.30am:** Friday

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart 4.00pm - 4.45pm: Saturday

## NOVENA TO OUR LADY AND ROSARY

Sacred Heart Church, New Town After 9.15am Mass: Wednesday 7.30am: Saturday

# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, Hobart 6.00pm - Midnight: Friday

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA) Please contact the Parish office

#### **SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS**

ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE



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."



# IN THE PARISH

## Thank you Archbishop!

#### Dear Archbishop,

With deep gratitude, we, the parishioners of St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart, thank you for your faithful leadership, pastoral care, and unwavering devotion to our archdiocese. Your years of service have been marked by wisdom, humility, and a shepherd's heart that touched countless lives. You guided us through challenges with courage and in-

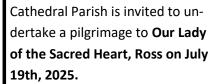
spired us through your witness to Christ. As you begin a new chapter in your life, please carry with you our prayers, love, and sincere appreciation. May Lord continue to bless you with peace, joy, and good health. With heartfelt thanks,





#### St Mary's Catholic Cathedral Parish Pilgrimage of Hope

In joyful celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025, which the Catholic Church marks under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope", the faithful of St. Mary's





We will gather at St Mary's cathedral at 9am, depart at 9:30, we will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Ross and enjoy a BYO picnic lunch afterwards.

A flyer with more information and the schedule will be available at all our Masses.

A bus with limited spaces will be available for those who will require transport, a list will be there at the back of our churches for you to place your name.

There will also be a sheet for those who are taking their own car and if you would have space for others.

#### **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.

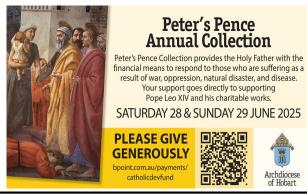
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



#### ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website uacpallottines.au Closing Date 15 August 2025

#### **Peter's Pence Annual Collection**



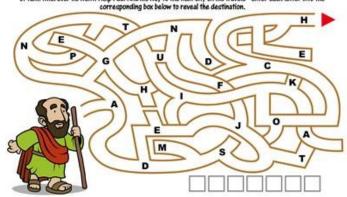
From Our Anniversary Book: Gertrude Rose, Eliza Wiltshire, Barbara Paprotny, Edelene Crosswell Mary Luttrell, Elizabeth Mary Berger, Cecil Owen, James Hanlon, Grace Kelly, Gabrielle Hawkins, Domenico Passarelli, Anne Fletcher, Elsie Deegan, Aileen Mitson, Ian Corby, Sr. Alacoque Cornish (SSJ), William Owen, Martin Rodriguez, Silvio Andolfatto, Marita Kirkham, Marie Philbin, Reginald Packer, Harold Aiken, Marion Allen Harry Haigh, Patrick Conway, Eileen Hughes, Alice O'Neill, Giuseppina Corradetti, Mary Propsting, John Finn, Zelinda Vacca, Maria Passa, Giuseppina Di Narzo, Catherine Mundy, Raffaelo Carluccio, Sr Campion Horner (PBVM), Sr Gabriel Horner (PBVM) and Sr Biddy Clippingdale (PBVM)



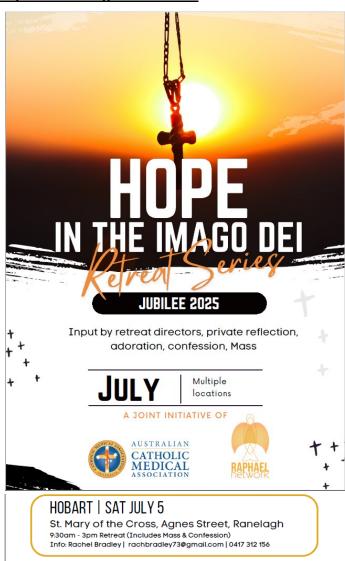
# IN THE DIOCESE

## Children's Corner:

The apostle Paul is best known as a great traveler who spread the message of Jesus and established communities of faith wherever he went. Help Paul find his way to the next city on his travels - enter each letter into the corresponding box below to reveal the destination.



## Hope in the Imago Dei Retreat



#### THE CATHOLIC STANDARD

The June edition of the

Catholic Standard has arrived.

Please collect your own copy at the back of Cathedral/Church to take home and share with

family and friends.



# Here are the highlights from this edition:

- Mystery of the Shroud to visit Tasmania
- Pentecost at Richmond: Many cultures united in faith
- The gift of fertility explored as Billings LIFE visits Tasmania
- Pentecost fire pots fan flames of faith
- Following the 'little way of love': Moonah-Lutana celebrates canonisation centenary
- Newly renovated Ranelagh church blessed and consecrated
- Nominations now open for Guilford Young Medal
- Spirituality centre honours founders and embraces faith-filled future
- Vietnamese Sisters find new home in Granton
- New CEO for St Joseph Affordable Homes

#### **Healing Mass**





**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** 

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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 SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES YEAR C**

#### First Reading

#### Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

#### (R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

- I will bless the Lord at all times
  his praise always on my lips;
  In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
  The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
- Glorify the Lord with me.
   Together let us praise his name.
   I sought the Lord and he answered me;
   from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
- Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.
   This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued his from all his distress. (R.)
- The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them.
   Taste and see that the Lord is good.
   He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

## **Second Reading**

#### 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good

fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Matthew 16:18** 

#### 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 16:13-19

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.'

#### **GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Monday 30th June - Matthew 8:18-22
Tuesday 1st July - Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday 2nd July - Matthew 8:28-34
Thursday 3rd July - John 20:24-29
Friday 4th July - Matthew 9:9-13
Saturday 5th July - Matthew 9:14-17

#### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary**

#### Time Year C

First Reading - Isaiah 66:10-14
Responsorial Psalm - Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1
Second Reading - Galatians 6:14-18
Gospel - Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

# Pray and Reflect on the Word of God