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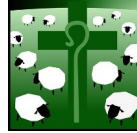
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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



The instructions Jesus gives his Apostles in the Gospel reading are marked by very specific directions and a clear, urgent focus. He tells them to bypass foreign lands and Samaritan towns, directing them instead straight to the "lost sheep of the House of Israel." This limitation shows how pressing the work is; before the mission can expand to the whole world, it has to start where the need is most immediate. The disciples are sent out with a simple message—"the kingdom of heaven is close at hand"—and are given authority by Jesus to back it up by healing the sick, raising the dead, and driving out evil.

This focus on a specific, local mission mirrors the reality of a vocation to the priesthood. A priest is not called to a vague, abstract mission, but is set apart and sent to a real community—to the "lost sheep" in his own backyard. In a world fragmented by loneliness, the priest is given the spiritual authority to heal hearts, bring people back together, and show everyone that God is close by. It is a radical choice where an ordinary man steps forward, leaves his own plans behind, and models his life after Jesus the Good Shepherd.

The heart of this identity is captured perfectly in the final instruction of the text: "You received without charge, give without charge." The priesthood is fundamentally about total generosity. A priest does not own the grace he gives out, nor does he earn the sacraments he shares; he has received everything as a free gift.

In celebrating Mass, forgiving sins, and comforting the brokenhearted, he becomes a channel for God's love, offering his entire life as a gift back to the people. Just as Jesus looked at the tired, hurting crowds with deep compassion and chose the Twelve from among them, He continues to look at our world today and call ordinary men to shepherd his people.

The harvest remains rich, but the workers are still few. Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls, look upon your people with compassion and raise up good workers for your harvest. Open the hearts of young men to hear your voice, and give them the courage to answer the call to the priesthood with total generosity and trust. Amen.

MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart



7.30am: Wednesday - Friday
5.00pm: Saturday (Vigil Mass)
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.15am: Wednesday - 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*

Parishioners, please note that there will be no morning masses on 16th June at the cathedral and the Sacred Heart church.

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.

Discover the Catholic Faith: RCIA is Underway!

The journey has officially begun, but it is not too late to find your place at the table. Whether you are unbaptised, baptised in another Christian tradition, or a Catholic looking to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, you are entirely welcome.

No pressure, no expectations—just a community exploring the beauty, history, and depth of the Catholic Church together.

Join Us on the 16th and every fortnight following.

- **When:** Tuesday, 16th June 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Where:** Cathedral Centre

This is your invitation to take that next step. Come and see what the ancient faith has to say to our modern world.

The Piety Store

Welcome everyone to the start of the second half of the year and thanks to all that have visited our shop, making this parish enterprise a success. We have just received some beautiful earrings with the miraculous medal as the centre piece. We also have a range of saint stickers that have already sold out once and the range of saints is growing all the time. Come along and check them out. We are also preordering the Magnifica Humanitas: Encyclical Letter on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence by Pope Leo XIV. If you are interested, see Christine at the Piety Shop and we can place you on the list for a copy. Visit your Piety Shop regularly and if you want something that we don't have we can get it in for you.

THE CC'S

(Companions of the Cathedral)

We have now been running for two weeks and last week we came together to complete some tasks for the benefit of our Cathedral. All our blue Hymnals now have a supplement book nestled safely within them and our foyer and cathedral floor have been cleaned to within an inch of its life. If you would like to lend a hand, have a cuppa and chat then come along on Wednesdays, meet the team and get involved. The benefits far outweigh any negatives that you may perceive. Every Wednesday on floor 1 starting at 12:30 pm and Finishing whenever you are ready. For any more info contact Deacon Mick or see Christine at the Piety Shop.

An Open Invitation: Explore "The Search"

What is the meaning of life? Why do we exist? Where are we going?

To launch our RCIA year, St. Mary's Cathedral Parish is extending an open invitation to **everyone**—parishioners, seekers, and the curious alike—to join us for the first three weeks as we host *The Search*.

Produced by the Augustine Institute and hosted by renowned Catholic speaker Chris Stefanick, this visually stunning video series tackles life's biggest questions. Featuring insights from scientists, psychologists, artists, and theologians, *The Search* examines the place where modern science, philosophy, and the ancient Catholic faith meet.

Whether you want to anchor your own faith or are simply looking for answers to the big questions, come and share the evening with us.

- **When:** Every Second Tuesday nights (Commencing 16th June for three fortnights)
- **Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Where:** Cathedral Centre

No registration required for these open sessions. Bring a friend, bring an open mind, and join the conversation.

Safe Communities Update

We as a parish are closing in on being 100% covered in our striving to have all our volunteers properly 'Qualified' and for this we sincerely thank everyone for jumping on board to make our Cathedral Parish a truly safe community for all. There are still some who are lagging just a little bit. We have set a date of the Sunday 19th July to be completely compliant. If you do not have the required documents by then it is possible that you may not be able to practice your valuable ministry and none of us want that to happen. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be trying to contact all those who currently have not supplied the necessary info. If you feel or know you are one of these people, please talk to Deacon Mick or see Christine at the Piety Store.

VOLUNTEERS

Readers/ Welcomers/ Sacristans/ Flowers

We are always looking for more volunteers in all shapes and forms. Don't hesitate, put your hand up, give it a go and you may surprise yourself. See Deacon Mick or contact the Parish Office.

From Our Anniversary Book

Clyde Coulson, Zygmunt Rybak, Phillip Vincent, Leslie Asley, Charles Witcombe, Joseph Brown, Bepi Giacon, Chiara Napolitano, Sr. Philippa Chapman, Robert Sinclair, Anne Louise McGinity, Kevin Ranalli, Elisabetta Pulsoni, Phyllis Dwyer, Pat Smith, Anna-Rita Longo, Mary Dwyer, Fr. Rex Donohoe, Barbara Cooper, Dallas Kathleen McVilly, Charles Cook, Bertie Carr, Doris Dwyer, Gregory MA, Douglas Bratt, Rosalie & Frank Parkes, Kelvin Edman, Joan County, Francis Morgan, Pierre Kennedy, Donald McShane, Luigi Amorosa, Doreen Lennard, Rosa Di Virgillio, Margaret Witcombe, Ellen Scoles, Elsie Clay, Bernarda Glowacki, William Horne, Grace Coghlan, John & Caterina Folino-Gallo, Victor Shaw, Franco Mainella. ***May they rest in peace !***



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.



Funeral Arrangements for Rev. Fr Michael Carter Tate AO



We commend to the loving mercy of God the soul of Rev. Fr Michael Tate, who entered eternal life on Friday 5th June. Fr Michael served both God and the Australian community with great distinction throughout his life, and we give thanks for his faithful priestly ministry, wisdom, and dedication to the Church.

A Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 pm on Monday, 15 June 2026, at St Francis Xavier Church, South Hobart.

A Pontifical Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00 am on Tuesday, 16 June 2026, at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart. It will be livestreamed via the Archdiocese's YouTube channel. **You can watch it here:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYTsCJG5DHk>

All parishioners are warmly invited to join in prayer and thanksgiving for Fr Michael's life and ministry. Please keep Fr Michael and his family in your prayers during this time.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Called to More? Monthly Discernment Evenings

Are you asking big questions about a potential vocation to the priesthood?

Join us starting on 25th June and every 4th Thursday of the month at Holy Spirit Church, Sandy Bay.

We begin at 6:00 PM with Adoration, followed by a shared meal and a short talk.

RSVP by Tuesday 23rd to Fr Steven Smith at vocations@aohtas.org.au or 0493 122 283.



WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER

BUSH DANCE

Join us for a fun, all-ages community Bush Dance! No experience needed!

SATURDAY, 20 JUNE 2026

5 - 7:30PM

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH HALL

61 Adelaide St, South Hobart (underneath the Church)

LIVE CALLING - DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!

Lucky door prizes & prizes for best dressed 'country' theme



To purchase tickets, scan the QR Code or visit: <https://events.humanitix.com/bush-dance-wyd-fundraiser>

Dinner included in ticket cost. Dessert and beverages for purchase, with money going towards the Tasmanian Pilgrimage to WYD27, Seoul.



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Many Tasmanians are experiencing hardship during these difficult times. They face the threat of homelessness, food insecurity or work uncertainty.

There has been strong demand for the services of the St Vincent de Paul Society this year. The cathedral Vinnies group has been active providing emergency relief. One of the Society's most important fund-raising activities, the 2026 Tasmanian Winter Appeal, is underway across parishes and the community.

This year's appeal focuses on the crisis of homelessness and the fact that many people are only one unexpected setback away from losing the security of their home. Donations to the appeal are gratefully accepted and can be made through envelopes that will be available in the cathedral soon, or via the Vinnies website. **<https://www.vinnies.org.au/>**

Mass for the Unborn

The upcoming Mass for the unborn will be celebrated on June 20th 2026, at Midday. Starting with prayers at 11 am. It will be held at Our Lady of Victories Shrine, 12 Ashbolt Crescent, Lutana. Please contact Anne at president@hlpstas.com.au or 0407704539 if you have any enquiries.

READINGS OF THE DAY ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

First Reading **Exodus 19:2-6**

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3**

**(R.) We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading **Romans 5:6-11**

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation **Mark 1:15**

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 9:36 – 10:8**

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 15th June	- Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday 16th June	- Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday 17th June	- Matthew 6:1-6. 16-18
Thursday 18th June	- Matthew 6:7-15
Friday 19th June	- Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday 20th June	- Matthew 6:24-34

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 21st June 2026

First Reading	- Jeremiah 20:10-13
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14
Second Reading	- Romans 5:12-15
Gospel	- Matthew 10:26-33
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.