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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 24TH AUGUST 2025

Christ Our King on the Cross

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, our minds might picture a mighty monarch seated on a throne, adorned in gold and purple. The Gospel, however, gives us a far different image: Jesus crucified on a cross, stripped of his dignity and mocked with the title "King of the Jews." Those who stand by jeer and insult him. This image challenges our earthly notions of power and kingship. Jesus did not come to rule by force, to command armies, or to compel obedience. He came to reign through love and sacrifice.

Yet, amid the taunts and jeers, one person truly saw the truth of Christ's kingship. The repentant thief, sharing the same fate of crucifixion, recognised something that many others missed. He looked at the dying man next to him and saw a king. His words are a testament to his profound faith: "We are paying for what we did, but this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen often reflected on the powerful witness of the repentant thief. He marvelled at this man's faith, noting that while many around the cross—including the other thief—demanded an earthly escape from their suffering, the good thief sought something far greater: a place in an unseen kingdom. Sheen pointed out the beautiful irony in this moment. The thief, who had spent his life stealing, made one last, perfect theft. He didn't steal a miracle; he stole Paradise.

The repentant thief's final act reveals the true nature of Christ's kingdom. It is a kingdom of mercy, forgiveness, and unconditional love. It is a kingdom where even in our final moments, we can turn to the King on the Cross and be welcomed. The good thief had nothing to offer but his own death and a humble plea, and in that act, he received the promise of salvation.

Our Gospel invites us to examine our own hearts. Do we seek an earthly king who will solve all our problems, or do we recognise Christ as a king who reigns through humility and love? Do we, like the repentant thief, turn to him in our weakness and ask him to remember us in his kingdom?



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
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*

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? **RCIA** is held every second Monday .Please contact the Parish office for more information.

PIETY SHOP Thursday, 10 am –3pm. Saturday & Sunday the shop is open after every weekend Mass



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."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A heartfelt thank you to all who have generously volunteered their time and talents to support and enrich our Parish community. Your contributions are deeply appreciated. There are always many ways to get involved if you're willing! We are currently in need of **readers for all our Masses**. If you've ever considered it, please know—it's not as hard as you might think, and your help would be most welcome. You can also leave your **name and contact number** at the Parish Office, or get in touch with **Deacon Mick** directly—either in person or by text on **0403 741 913**.

"We would love to hear from YOU !!"

THIS WEEK

Mon August 25 RCIA Program 6:30-08:30pm , 1st Floor Parish Centre.

Fri August 29 Virtuosi Tasmania Concert 6:00-7:00pm Cathedral

Fri August 29 Adoration 6pm– 12 am, Cathedral Crypt.

COMING UP

August 30 & 31 Sick and Retired Priest Fund Annual Collection envelopes found in the parish.

August 31 Sunday Mass & Parish First Holy Communion 10:30-12:00 pm, Cathedral.

THE CATHOLIC STANDARD

The August 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:

- New Archbishop of Hobart installed: 'From descendant of a convict to a shepherd among you'
- Fifty years on, Fr Mike recalls 'incredibly powerful' ordination
- Evangelium offers inspiration and encouragement
- Man of the Shroud: An encounter with Jesus is 'a great love story'
- Catholic organisations unite to shine a light on homelessness in Tasmania
- 'Safeguarding is a work of love, flowing from the heart of Christ'
- School's Green Thumb Team enjoys growing success (Our Lady of Mercy Deloraine)
- Catholic Education Week 2025: A statewide celebration of faith, service, and hope
- Jubilarians celebrate 60th anniversary of priestly ordination
- Seven more catechists instituted to serve across Tasmania



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.

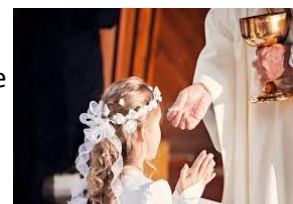
First Holy Communion

We are delighted to announce that the First Holy Communion for our parish children will take place on Sunday, 31 August, during the 10:30 AM Mass at the Cathedral.

This is a deeply meaningful step in their faith journey as they receive the Body of Christ for the first time.

We invite all parishioners to keep these children and their families in your prayers. May this sacred occasion be filled with grace, joy, and a deepening of their relationship with Jesus.

Let us come together as a community to support and celebrate this beautiful milestone in their spiritual lives.



SEA SUNDAY APPEAL

We are grateful to announce that the collection for the Ave Sea Sunday Appeal amounted to \$393.00.

Thank you for your generous support towards the welfare of seafarers and maritime ministry.

From Our Anniversary Book: Albert Groves, Mary Holding, Irene Wardle, Shelagh Scott, Maureen Dainer, Robert Cosgrove, Leo Mazengarb, Julius Kudor, Maree Triffett, Justino Di Sipio, Nicola Matrisciano, Walter Clark, Arthur Fletcher, Brian Speers, 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, Andrea Di Domenico, Ilona Batholovics Sr. Mary Clark (SSJ), Albert Charles Colbeck, Sr Elizabeth Finn (PBVM) and Sr Canice Fleming (PBVM).

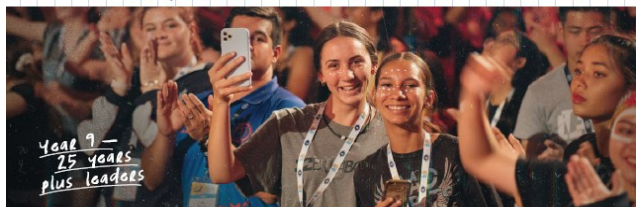
May they rest in peace!



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL



MELBOURNE, VICTORIA • 30 NOVEMBER – 2 DECEMBER 2025



• WANT TO KNOW MORE? COME TO ONE OF OUR INFORMATION SESSIONS •

DEVONPORT
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
17 August at 10:30am
(after Mass)

HOBART
Cathedral Centre
19 August at 6pm

LAUNCESTON
Launceston Pastoral Centre
17 August at 6:30pm



For details on our Information Sessions, and to register your interest, scan the QR code, or visit:
<https://forms.gle/hbJ5Y9QinNr6xrJS8>



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Celebrate **National Child Protection Week**
7-13 September 2025

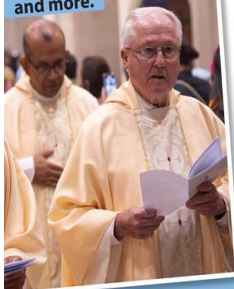
"SHIFTING CONVERSATION TO ACTION"

Safeguarding Sunday
14 September 2025



www.napcan.org.au

Your donations help
with living allowances,
aged care, medical costs,
and more.



Sick and Retired Priest Fund Annual Collection
Sat 30 & Sun 31 August 2025

Appeal envelopes available in your parish,
or you can donate at hobart.catholic.org.au

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY



Spiritual formation opportunities

Spiritual formation opportunities coming up:

Pause - Retreat for women (especially in the middle years or in a time of transition). August 22-24, Low Head.

Sabbath - rest in God's unrelenting love

Reflection day, Hobart, 13th September.

Servant Leadership - more than foot washing

2 day retreat in Hobart, 15 & 16 September.

Lead on... The Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola for Leaders.

A 6-month program of retreat in daily life for those who lead. Starting November 1. For further details of all the above please contact Belinda Chapman on 0418 141 171 or see the site: belindachapman.square.site

EUCCHARISTIC APOSTLES OF THE DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: Every 4th Thursday of the month, starting with an information session on 28th August. 1pm – 3pm (includes afternoon tea break. Lindisfarne Pastoral Centre, 3 Bay Road. Contact Sue Clausen on 0409 391 133.

KOINE AND BIBLICAL GREEK FOR BEGINNERS: Every Thursday, 18th Sept. to 20th Nov., 10.30am-12.30pm at the Lindisfarne Pastoral Centre, 3 Bay Road Lindisfarne. Join Dr David Daintree AM for this 10-week beginner's course. \$90 Registration Fee.

Registrations: <https://events.humanitix.com/koine>

SAVING OUR UNBORN

HPLS PRESENTS

TAKING UP THE FIGHT PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE
HOBART, OCTOBER 25, 2025

FOR DETAILS, VISIT HLPSTAS.COM.AU

Reflection Day on the theme of Sabbath

Wonder at the invitation to remember the Sabbath and delight in holy rest,
and discover how to be in sacred time, receiving nourishment and joy.

Saturday 13th September, 2025

At: Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre
(Mission and History centre)

67 Clare Street, New Town

10am – 3pm

Cost \$50 (including morning tea, BYO lunch)

Facilitated by: Belinda Chapman

Bookings Ph: 0418 141 171 or email belindachapman.sd@gmail.com

Please book by 9th September

READINGS OF THE DAY TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR–C

First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

**(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.**

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

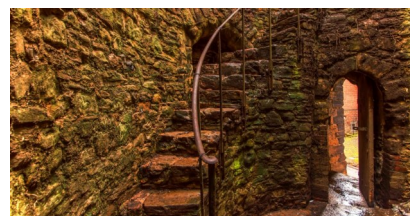
Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 25th August	-	Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday 26th August	-	Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday 27th August	-	Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday 28th August	-	Matthew 24:42-51
Friday 29th August	-	Mark 6:17-29
Saturday 30th August	-	Matthew 25:14-30

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

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First Reading	-	Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Responsorial Psalm	-	Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11
Second Reading	-	Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Gospel	-	Luke 14:1. 7-14

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.