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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

"Do Not Be Afraid" - Living Courageously in Christ

Here, Jesus speaks to His disciples as He prepares them to go out and proclaim the Good News. He does not promise them an easy path. Instead, He tells them that they will encounter opposition, misunderstanding, and even persecution. Yet, in the midst of these challenges, Jesus repeats a comforting message three times: **"Do not be afraid."**

Fear is one of the greatest obstacles in our Christian journey. We fear rejection, criticism, failure, and uncertainty about the future. Many Christians hesitate to speak openly about their faith because they worry about what others may think. Jesus understands these fears, but He invites us to place our trust in God rather than in human opinion.

Jesus reminds His disciples that "nothing is concealed that will not be revealed." Truth ultimately triumphs. The Gospel cannot remain hidden. As followers of Christ, we are called to be witnesses who proclaim the light of the Gospel through both our words and our actions.

The Lord also offers a beautiful image of God's loving care: "Even the hairs of your head are all counted." This expression reveals a God who knows each person intimately and cares for every detail of our lives. We are never forgotten or abandoned. If God cares for the sparrows, how much more does He care for us, His beloved children?

Finally, Jesus challenges His followers to acknowledge Him before others. Being a Christian is not merely a private matter. Our faith is meant to be visible. We acknowledge Christ whenever we act with honesty, forgive someone who has hurt us, defend the dignity of another person, or speak words of hope and kindness.

Let me suggest few things

Begin each day with trust in God. Offer your worries and fears to the Lord in prayer, asking Him for courage and wisdom.

Do not hide your faith. A simple prayer before meals, attending Mass faithfully, or speaking about your beliefs when appropriate are ways of witnessing to Christ.

Choose truth over convenience. Stand for what is right, even when it is unpopular or difficult.

Practice kindness and compassion. Sometimes the most powerful proclamation of the Gospel is a loving action.

Remember your worth before God. In moments of anxiety or loneliness, recall Jesus' words: "You are worth more than many sparrows." God knows you, loves you, and walks with you.

Today's message is both comforting and challenging. Jesus does not ask us to be fearless because life is easy; He asks us not to be afraid because God is always with us. When we place our trust in His loving care, we can face life's uncertainties with confidence and become courageous witnesses to the Gospel in our families, workplaces, schools, and communities.

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
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.

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.

Help Keep Our Parish Safe

The safety and wellbeing of everyone in our parish is important. Parishioners are encouraged to be alert to any hazards, unsafe conditions, incidents, or near misses they may notice while attending Mass, parish activities, or using parish facilities. Examples may include trip hazards, damaged equipment, blocked walkways, electrical concerns, or any situation that could cause injury or harm. If you see something that does not seem right, please report it promptly to the Parish Office

(cathedral@aohtas.org.au) or a member of the parish leadership team. By identifying and reporting issues early, we can work together to maintain a safe, welcoming, and healthy environment for all.

Peter's Pence Annual Collection

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 June 2026

The Peter's Pence Collection provides the Holy Father with the financial means to support those who are suffering around the world due to war, oppression, natural disasters, and disease.

Your generous contribution directly aids Pope Leo XIV in his charitable works, offering hope and relief to communities in need.

Please give what you can and stand in solidarity with the most vulnerable.

Peter's Pence envelopes are available in parishes, or you can donate securely by scanning the QR code.



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.

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.

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.



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.



1. The Paschal Mystery unveiled – Lectio Divina of gospel readings of the day with Dr Drasko Dizdar – 27th of June – 10 – 12pm \$20 pp – morning tea provided
2. Making a Joyful Noise – Mary-Anne Johnson and Andrew Whitaker – Thursday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd of July – 11-12.30pm \$20 pp – light refreshments provided
3. Robyn Moore- Marriage Refresh...reigniting LOVE, LIFE and LAUGHTER" 18th of July 1-4pm – \$50 per couple

For more information contact hbart@mmsm.org.au or ring 62281628

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.

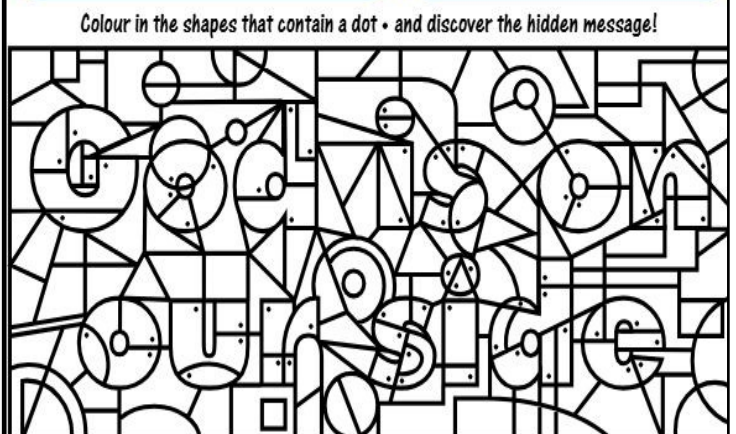
Don't be afraid!

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

God watches over us and protects us because we are precious to him. Draw a picture of something that is precious to you.

What are some things that people are afraid of?

How does God help us to overcome our fears?



READINGS OF THE DAY TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

First Reading - Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)

2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

Second Reading - Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that

through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation - John 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 28th June 2026

First Reading	-
Responsorial Psalm	-
Second Reading	-
Gospel	-

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.