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PENTECOST SUNDAY OF YEAR A -24TH MAY 2026

As we celebrate Pentecost this weekend, it seems right, that the theme for the Archdiocese of Hobart Synod is revealed, taken from Christ's prayer from John's Gospel: "May they be one, as we are one." At Pentecost, we celebrate the birthday of the Church. As the Holy Spirit descends on the apostles in the upper room—not as a gentle breeze but as a powerful wind from heaven—it didn't leave the disciples speaking a single, uniform language. Instead, it sent them out to speak the local, messy, distinct languages of the ancient world.

At the heart of Catholicism lies a vital principle: we seek unity, not uniformity, It is the opposite of the Tower of Babel. Where Babel sought a forced uniformity born of human pride and ended in confusion, Pentecost creates a beautiful harmony where distinct voices are preserved, heard, and joined together under a single truth. When you look at this prayer, Christ isn't asking for cosmetic agreement or polite silence. The oneness Christ shares with the Father is an absolute unity of purpose achieved through distinct persons. In entering this Synodal journey across Tasmania, we might honestly feel a lot like those disciples in the Gospel, sitting behind closed doors out of fear. There is a fear of the world, a fear of change, and a fear of losing what we hold dear. But Christ enters right through those locked doors, bringing His peace, and inviting us to step past our anxieties.

This Synod is a spiritual journey that mirrors the first Pentecost in two clear movements. First, it begins internally with prayer and preparation. Just as the disciples sat together in the quiet presence of the Risen Christ to receive his breath, we must learn to listen to the Spirit before we speak. By focusing on prayer and reflection, we can learn to hear the authentic voice of God beneath our own opinions. Second, this journey moves outward into our local communities. Through listening sessions, the diverse gifts across our diocese become diverse voices. Every perspective—clergy, religious, and lay faithful—is valuable. These regional voices are then gathered and shaped into shared priorities for our faith, formation, and mission, moving us from listening into action.

The ultimate comfort and challenge of both Pentecost and this Synod is simple: **No expertise is needed, just an open heart.** The fishermen in the Upper Room weren't theologians or polished public speakers; they were ordinary people wrestling with uncertainty. Yet, because they opened their hearts to the Spirit, they changed the world. As we enter this time of prayer and discernment across the Archdiocese of Hobart, we are simply asked to drop our defensiveness, listen to one another, and trust that the same Spirit can take our diverse voices and make us truly one.



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.

**The Month of May
Dedicated to Our Blessed Mother**

The month of May holds a special place in the life of the Church as we honour Mary, the Mother of God and our spiritual mother. Throughout this month, Catholics around the world are invited to deepen their devotion to Our Lady through prayer, reflection, and acts of love inspired by her example of faith and humility.

Mary's "yes" to God reminds us to trust in the Lord with open hearts, especially in times of uncertainty. As we journey through May, may we turn to her intercession, praying the Rosary and asking her to guide our families, parish, and community closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us."

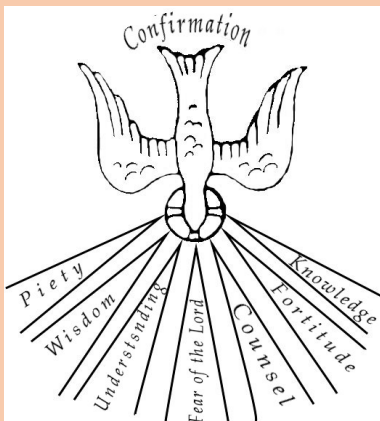


Congratulations !

We offer our warmest congratulations to the 29 candidates celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this Pentecost Sunday.

This is a truly special moment, marking a deepening of your faith and a renewed commitment to your spiritual path. We pray that you feel God's presence strongly as

you embark on this next chapter and know that our prayers go with you as you begin preparation to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time later this year.



We give a special Thank you to everyone involved, especially the candidate's sponsors, parents and their families, our Parish School Religious Education Teachers, Principals and the Parish Sacramental Program Team.

Let us give thanks for the gifts you share. daily. May the Holy Spirit, fill you with his grace and love.

Well done to all of you!!

From Our Anniversary Book

Elsie Wright, Julia Carroll, Norman Mazengarb, Coral Davis, Columba Warren, George Gardiner, Nicola D'Alfonso, David Kearney, Domenico Di Sipio, Pietro Vivarelli, Giovanna Giana, Ray Zantuck, James Manson, John Duggan, Ricardo Tamaio, Sr Mary Patricia Noonan, Antonia Alfredo Longo, Charles Lennon, Phyllis McCallum, Lynette Hughes, Bonaventure Proto, Arthur Shelverton, Noreen O'Grady, Ginetta Fantini, Kevin Haley, John Anderson, Doreen Howe, Keith Swan, Ruby Ann Markham, Ruby West, Graeme Atkins, Brian O'Brien (Danny), Mary Lees, Bridget Stone, Rosina Scavone, Eileen Nolan, Mario Amorosa

May they rest in peace !

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.

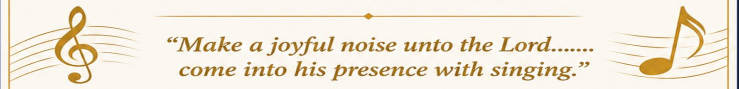
R. For the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

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.**



**JOIN
ST MARY'S
CATHEDRAL CHOIR**



The Cathedral Choir would like to extend an invitation to any parishioners interested in joining for 10:30am mass.

We are a mixed voice choir with a small time commitment, rehearsing from 9:30am prior to Mass as well as one evening per week.

Music reading skills are not essential, and singers of all ability are welcome.

Music ministry is a great way to get involved with parish life.

Singing in a choir is also fun, rewarding and a great way to experience singing some of the most beautiful music ever written.

**PLEASE CONTACT
CLAIR STANELOS
on 0412 212 468
if you are interested.**

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.

For more information or to register your interest, please



Join us in the
UPPER ROOMS
- ON PENTECOST SUNDAY!

Let's come together as a Parish

BOARD GAME Activity!

A FUNDRAISER
to support our young people as they journey to
WORLD YOUTH DAY KOREA 2027

WYD SEUL 2027

ARE YOU... a master of MONOPOLY?
a verse at BINGO?
a shoo-in at SOLITAIRE?

Whether you're a pro or just in it for the fun - everyone's welcome!

PENTECOST SUNDAY
May 24, 2026

2:00 PM - 7:30 PM

LEVEL 2 CATHEDRAL CENTER

Enjoy board games, snacks & refreshments!

If you're not in a position to donate, then perhaps you can bring a smile.

Our event is a fundraiser, but there is **NO REQUIREMENT TO DONATE.** A donations box will be available for those who wish to contribute.

Come together. Have fun. Support our youth. Celebrate Pentecost!

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre Josephite Mission Hobart

Upcoming Events at 67 Clare Street—Josephite Mission

- Mary Sharpe - Friday June 5th - 9-4pm -- **Ageing can be transformative/Is - just let God in - Reflection Day** - \$50 for the day - all catering provided.

Reply by email to hobart@mmsm.org.au or ring 62281628 for more information

The Mary MacKillop Fund is available for anyone needing financial support to attend any retreat or spirituality experience be encouraged to discuss in private with Centre Host (Simone McManus). There should be no one denied access to an experience for

St Vincent de Paul Society TASMANIA **VINNIES WINTER APPEAL** good works

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/>

WALK WITH CHRIST

The Walk with Christ Eucharistic Procession is on again this year on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

SUNDAY 7 JUNE
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH
TO ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
1pm-3pm

In case of bad weather, please check the Catholic Archdiocese of Hobart Facebook page for notification of wet weather contingency plans.

Parking
Long-term parking is available in the Hobart Central Car Park in Melville Street. On the day please assemble no later than 1pm at St Joseph's Church, Hobart.

Participants who are unable to walk in the Procession are invited to come to the Cathedral at 1.30pm to take part in the Adoration and concluding Benediction.

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Catholic Standard

Celebrating the gift of motherhood

Mum Mel Saunders and daughters Bella and Lexi celebrated Mother's Day at the photo booth at St Joseph's Cathedral, Launceston. Read the story on page 3.

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Here are some of the highlights from this edition:

- Celebration and thanksgiving at Carmel citizenship ceremony
- 'Vocations come from the heart of Christ'
- Sharing St Francis' love of creation (Fr Tate speaking at Big Pub Night)
- Youth groups go 'All In' for faith and fellowship
- Joyful celebration puts mothers in the frame (Launceston)
- Celebrating the gift of motherhood (Burnie-Wynyard)
- ANZAC Day: Remembering the courage and sacrifice of the fallen
- Fr Mike Nguyen begins a new chapter in Hobart
- 'Souper' start for Young Apostles Society
- Teenagers urged to seek joy, purpose and meaning (Launceston)

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of

service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel - John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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| Monday 25th May | - John 19:25-27 |
| Tuesday 26th May | - Mark 10:28-31 |
| Wednesday 27th May | - Mark 10:32-45 |
| Thursday 28th May | - Mark 10:46-52 |
| Friday 29th May | - Mark 11:11-26 |
| Saturday 30th May | - Mark 11:27-33 |

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 31st May 2026

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| First Reading | - Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9 |
| Responsorial Psalm | - Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52 |
| Second Reading | - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 |
| Gospel | - John 3:16-18 |

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God !