# AFC St Mary's Cathedral Parish

# Mass Times

Tuesday 22th -Thursday 24th December 2020

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart

Tue -Thurs: 7.30am & 12:15pm Masses No 12.15pm Mass on Christmas Eve

Sat: 6pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 10.30am, & 6.00pm Masses

**Sacred Heart Church** 

Tuesday- Thursday: 9am Mass

Sat: 8.00am Mass Sun: 8.30am Mass

# Reconciliation Times

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart: Saturday: 5:00pm-5:30pm 20th December 2020, Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B



St Mary's Cathedral—Cnr Harrington & Patrick Sts. Sacred Heart Church—Cross St, New Town

**Responsorial Psalm**: For ever I will sing the

goodness of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation**: Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

**This week's Readings**: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12,14,16;

Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Next Week's Readings: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3, Heb 11:8,

11-12,17-19; Lk 2:22-40

### **Christmas Nativity Play 2020**

Dear parents....we invite all interested primary aged children (or younger) to our parish to a Nativity rehearsal at 10.00am in the Cathedral on Thurs 24th December!

The children will then perform their enactment during the

6pm Cathedral Family Mass that evening. All welcome — costumes supplied. For information please contact Jane McKeown Parish Secretary on 62344463.





#### **CHRISTMAS MASS BOOKINGS 2020**

Catholic churches across Tasmania are open and ready to safely welcome parishioners and interstate visitors who wish to attend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass services. To ensure the continued safety of our communities and visitors the Catholic Church in Tasmania has established an online booking system for those who wish to attend Christmas Mass services.

**This is a free booking system.** A booking is required for <u>each</u> <u>person</u> attending a Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day Mass service to ensure seating availability, and if required, details to assist with contact tracing.

The direct link to the Cathedral Parish bookings page is:

https://cathedral-parish-christmas.eventbrite.com.au

**HOW TO DO:**- Copy the link into computer search bar then press ENTER . **Eventbrite registration page** will open.

Complete details.

For parishioners who have no access to online booking system, please ring the Parish Office on 62344463 and the Parish Secretary will complete booking.

### CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Thursday 24th Dec CHRISTMAS EVE

**6pm and 8pm:** St Mary's Cathedral (Family and Children Vigil Mass) **8pm:** Sacred Heart Church

(Family and Children Vigil Mass)

Midnight Mass with Service of Carols beginning

11.15pm: St Mary's Cathedral

Friday 25th Dec

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) DAY

**8.30am:** Sacred Heart Church **10.30am:** St Mary's Cathedral

Please note there is NO evening Mass on Christmas Day



# POUR FORTH, WE BESEECH YOU, OH LORD, YOUR GRACE INTO OUR HEARTS.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, Holy Mother Church puts before us again the scene of the Angel Gabriel coming to Mary, the young woman chosen to be the mother of the Redeemer (Luke 1:26-38). He says to her "Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you." In other words "Hail Mary, full of grace". And so she is! From the moment of her conception, the Holy Spirit has been in her soul working for her sanctification and enabling her to be holy. And by her whole-hearted co-operation with this grace, Mary is holy. She had won God's favour. She is the perfect person to become the mother of God. She has given herself completely to God's will in her life. And so Gabriel truly addresses her as "full of grace" because the Lord is with her. Gabriel tells her that she is to bear a son whose name is to be Jesus ('Yeshua' in Hebrew which means 'God saves') and "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever, and his reign will have no end." So Mary's son, Jesus, will be the final and superlative fulfillment of the prophesies God made to David by speaking through the prophet Nathan a thousand years before. Jesus will be the ultimate and eternal Son of David as well as Son of the Most High, and the eternal King of Kings. What an amazing, breath-taking offer is made to Mary. And she says 'Yes.' "Let what you have said be done to me."

Mary became the Ark of the New Covenant. She carried Jesus the Word of God to save His People and bring the light of God's love and mercy to the whole world. Like Mary, we too are called to carry Jesus to

those whom God puts us near. Through us too, God wants to work His miracles of love. But for that, we too need to be full of grace. One of the tried and true methods of learning to depend on God's grace throughout all of our days is to say the Angelus, which brings us back to the amazing gift that Mary's yes has given us. Traditionally, people stopped what they were doing at 6 am, 12 noon and 6 pm to pray the Angelus. It concludes with the Collect prayer from today's Mass:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



#### Deacon Nick McFarlane

### **Gift Giving**

My dear parishioners, as your present
Administrator Fr Shammi Perera is
being transferred to Sandy Bay Parish,
we as a parish family would like to thank him for his
faithful service to St Mary's Cathedral Parish by
getting him a gift to appreciate his ministry. Therefore
if anyone would like to contribute, please make your
monetary donations to Jane McKeown at the Parish
office by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Thank-you, Fr Leonard Caldera

<u>Syro Malabar Malayalam Qurbana</u> 6pm 25th December 2020 at St Mary's Cathedral



### A GENTLE REMINDER

Please, if you are planning to attend the 10.30am Mass on Christmas Day at the Cathedral prior to attending the Christmas Lunch for Students, bookings for Mass are required as outlined on the front page of AVE

### Welcome to Christmas Novena 2020

Where: St Paul's Catholic Church at Bridgewater

When: 15th – 23rd December 2020

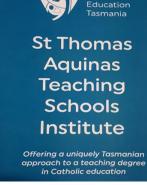
Time: 6.30pm Rosary

7pm Christmas Evening Novena Mass

Booking: Please ring 62636242

Are you considering a
career in Catholic
Education Tasmania?
The St Thomas Aquinas
Teaching Schools may be the
answer for you.

Catholic Education Tasmania has embarked on an innovative journey as we partner with Alphacrucis College and Campion College to



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**Need more information?** Check out Catholic Education Tasmania Website:

https://catholic.tas.edu.au/teaching-schools

# Immaculata Mission School 2021: Made for Heaven!

Start the New Year by going deeper in faith through awesome talks, friendship & fellowship, daily Mass & prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship & lots more!

When: 1-5 January, 2021

Where: St James Catholic College, Cygnet Tasmania

**Cost per person:** \$220 (with basic shared accommodation), \$170 (with no accommodation) - includes food, speakers, activities and youth and children's ministry - all ages, families welcome

**Speakers:** Archbishop Julian Porteous, Fr Rob Galea, James Parker, Paul Elarde, Sisters of the Immaculata & lay community.

For more info or to register:

www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims or

0406 372 608



### **CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASS TIMES**

Saturday 26th Dec

SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

8am: Sacred Heart Church

6pm: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

(Vigil Mass)

St Mary's Cathedral

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8.30am: Sacred Heart Church 10.30am: St Mary's Cathedral 6pm: St Mary's Cathedral

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec

NO MASS IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec

9am: Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec

9am: Sacred Heart Church

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec

9am: Sacred Heart Church

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10.30am: St Mary's Cathedral

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

8am: Sacred Heart Church

6pm: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD VIGIL MASS

St Mary's Cathedral

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8.30am: Sacred Heart Church 10.30am: St Mary's Cathedral 6pm: St Mary's Cathedral



# "Year of Saint Joseph"



With the Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" - "With a Father's Heart", Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8th December 2020, to 8th December 2021.

To read the "Patris Corde" the web link is:

www.vatican.va

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St Mary's Cathedral Parish embraces and wholeheartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.

# **From Our Anniversary Book**

Ellen Baker, Leona Fulton, Cynthia Parker, Augustine Bravo, Marguerite Harris, Sr. Mary Philbin, Bessie Thornhill, Mary Collins, Rose Fitzpatrick, Antony Carnevale, Ivana Parodi, Florence Crowe, Bernard Ray, Ronald Andrews, Grace Clark, Margaret Pegler, Richard Gall, Vince Kmet, Robert Hassett, Ei-

Fitzpatrick, Violante Gentile, Thomas Fahey, Marjorie Colbeck Rita and Anthony Cooray, Sr Paschal Philbin PBVM, Sr Ignatius Murphy PBVM, Sr Veronica Lacey PBVM, Sr Xavier O'Donovan PBVM and Sr Angela Donelan PBVM



May they rest in peace!

### **Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**

Please note Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction usually held every Friday between 11am and 12pm will commence again in early February 2021.



THE WAY

CYGNET

### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sat 11 am: 2nd Floor Cathedral Centre— Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be on a break until early February 2021.

### VIRTUAL WAY TO ST JAMES PILGRIMAGE

Make your way through natural surroundings in a meditative way anywhere in the world on 9-10

January 2021.

Join this Global "El Camino de Santiago" in the Spirit of the Annual Pilgrimage

to St James Church in Cygnet in the Huon Valley. Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/

waytostjamescygnet/

Website link: https://

www.waytostjames.com.au/



# An Advent Prayer God of light and hope, look upon us in love, and fill us with the Spirit of Jesus that we may love you and serve you in your kingdom. Protect us during this week and keep us watchful in prayer as we awaie the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### **CATHEDRAL BOOKSHOP SALE**

Are you still looking for presents for Christmas? Check out our bookshop. Many items have been reduced.

A limited supply of 2020 Columban calendars and Christmas cards are in our

bookstall. Available 9am-3pm Monday to Friday and following 10.30am Mass Sun-

