

# St Mary's Cathedral Parish



## New Mass Times

### St Mary's Cathedral Hobart

Tue-Fri : 7.30am & 12:15pm Masses

Sat : 5pm Mass

Sun : 9am, 10.30am, & 6.00pm Masses

### Sacred Heart Church

Tue-Fri : 9am Mass

Sat : 8.00am Mass

Sun : 8.30am & 10:00am Masses

### Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)

### St Mary's Cathedral Hobart:

Tue-Fri: 11:45am-12:05pm

Sat: 4:30pm-4:50pm

Sacred Heart Church: Friday after 9am Mass

12th July 2020, 15th Sunday in Ordinary  
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St Mary's Cathedral—Cnr Harrington & Patrick  
Streets, Hobart Sacred Heart Church—Cross St, New Town

**Responsorial Psalm:** The seed that falls on the good ground  
will yield a fruitful harvest.

**Gospel Acclamation :** Alleluia!, Alleluia!  
The seed is the word of God, Christ is  
the sower; all who come to him will  
live for ever.  
Alleluia!, Alleluia!

**This week's Readings:** Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

**Next Week's Readings:** Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt  
13:24-43

## Bear the Word of God like Blessed Virgin Mary, "Theotokos"

Teaching through parables is quite a Biblical Tradition and the word "parable" is taken from the Hebrew word "mashal" meaning an illustrative story taken from day to day common man's life that is supposed to be a puzzle and a riddle for people or even take them by surprise, and the primary object of the biblical parable is to tease out a spiritual truth about God, Christ or one of the Kingdom values. These features in the definition of a parable are seen in the parable we hear today, the parable of the sower. For example, Jesus is saying that the sower went to sow seeds and some fell on the path, some on rocky ground, others among thorns and thistles, and finally some on fertile soil. Seemingly, Jesus is preaching to a crowd consisting of 95% of peasant farmers. They would have thought that this is strange for a farmer to be so sloppy, careless, and ragtag. But the nature of a parable is exactly to surprise the audience and to puzzle or riddle them. The facts in a parable need not be socially verifiable. The purpose of this exaggerated approach is to tease out something important, which is to bring out the truth about the Kingdom of God.

No one else knows Christ as God in the manner that the Blessed Virgin Mary did. Why? Because she was the "Theotokos", God-bearer. Mary bore Christ, the eternal Word of the Father in her heart like the fertile soil in the parable today before she physically bore him. So let's ask the question of how Mary kept the Word? Keeping the Word of God means that our heart opens, it is open to that Word just like the earth opens to receive the seed. The Word of God is a seed and is sown. And Jesus told us what happens with the seeds: some fall along the path, some on the rocky surface and some among the thorns. This Word is not kept; these hearts do not know how to receive it, but Mary knew how to receive it. Once she received it, she became the handmaid of the Word. She ponders over the words and events that happen in her life in the light of her trust and faith in God.

So like Mary let us follow this three-fold path in keeping the Word of God:

1. Receive: How often do I read Scriptures? Have I read the Bible at least once? Do I pray with the Scriptures, at least a psalm or a simple verse?
2. Pondering in the Heart: Do I see God's hand in every action and in every event in my life? Do I recognise the presence of God living in the other person, even in people in whom I think the presence of God can't dwell?
3. Putting the kept and pondered Word of God into action: Like Mary do I intercede for people who need Christ's help?

Fr Shammi Perera



## Deacon Chathura Ranmuni Silva Ordination to the Priesthood Friday, 31 July 2020

The Archdiocese of Hobart, together with the Ranmuni Silva family, cordially invite you to join the celebration of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Dcn Chathura Ranmuni Silva on Friday, 31st July 2020 at 7 pm at the Church of the Apostles, Launceston.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we invite you to join the celebration via live-stream broadcast of Dcn Chathura's Ordination on YouTube. The attached invitation provides details about how to access the live-streaming broadcast.

# ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

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"O my God, teach me to be generous: to serve you as you deserve to be served, to give without counting the cost, to fight without fear of being wounded and to work without seeking rest."

*St Ignatius of Loyola*



Archdiocese  
of Hobart

With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God the Catholic Archdiocese of Hobart, together with the Silva family cordially invite you, on the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola, to join via live-stream the ordination of

**Chathura Ranmuni Silva**

To the Sacred Order of the Priesthood through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Grace

**MOST REV. JULIAN PORTEOUS DD**  
Archbishop of Hobart

**Friday, 31st July 2020 at 7pm**

Church of the Apostles  
44 Margaret Street  
Launceston, Tasmania, Australia



Regrettably, the number who may attend in person is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Please join in the celebration via our live-stream Go to YouTube.com and search 'Archdiocese of Hobart'.

Your spiritual presence, prayer and affection is truly appreciated.

## **Please note our Cathedral Bookstall is open**

**for business from 9am to 3pm,**

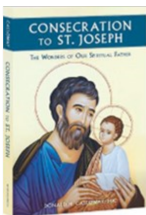
**Monday to Friday**

We offer a selection of new religious articles, gift items related to sacraments, Scapulars, medals, statues, cards, Missals, Bibles, contemporary and classic writings as well as baptism candles and sashes and much more!



**“Now is the time for consecration to St.**

**Joseph”.** This is the claim of Father Donald Calloway who has recently published a beautiful book “Consecration to St. Joseph”.



He invites individuals, families, parishes and dioceses to consecrate themselves to the spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph thereby placing themselves under his special protection.

In his book Father Calloway shows that St. Joseph has been gradually emerging from obscurity with recent popes calling upon his patronage for the Church in these perilous times.

**The book is now available from the Cathedral bookstore for \$33.**

## **The Moonah Bazaar Project**

CatholicCare Tasmania’s Safe Haven Hub has received a Multicultural Grant from the Department of Communities for the development of the Moonah Bazaar Project.

The Project will offer small business training, coaching and ongoing mentoring for up to eight participants, who will operate sustainable micro businesses in a community market environment.

People wishing to participate in the project are encouraged to submit an expression of interest form. The form is available from [www.safehavenhub.org.au](http://www.safehavenhub.org.au)

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have a viable business idea, and are over the age of 18
- Have been in Australia for less than five years and are from a CALD background
- Possess a basic understanding of how to operate a computer and hold a Certificate II in Spoken and Written English.

**Expressions of Interest close on 27th July.**

## **National Vocations Awareness Week 2020, 2nd to 9th August**

### **NVAW Week - 2 August**

National Vocations Awareness Week – This is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week especially. In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service).

### **NVAW Week – 9 August**

National Vocations Awareness Week - This week we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop. Our first Australian born canonised saint. St Mary took bold new directions in education and care of children. We know her saying ‘Never see a need without doing something about it’. We pray this week that many young people in our communities may embrace this spirit in response to the call of the Lord to serve as priests or consecrated religious.



## Contact

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## Feast Days (13th-18th July, 2020)

St. Henry (July 13), Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha (USA - July 14), St. Bonaventure (July 15), Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (July 16), St. Camillus (July 18).

## Highlight of the week

### July 16, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

The Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock, holding in her hand a scapular, and directed him to found a Confraternity whose members should wear this scapular and consecrate themselves to her service. The Sabbatine privilege will then insure their early release from Purgatory on the Saturday after their death.



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## From Our Anniversary Book

Francis Gill, Dean Green, Mary Scullen, Ivo Corradetti, Catherine Absolom, Victoria Rigney, Riza Villanueva, Teresa Morgan, Jimmy Abraham, Jack Tierney, Mary Waters, Bruno Chinchella, Joan Pigot-Conant, Denis Shelverton, Crugnale Family, Donato, Raffaella and Corrado Di Martino, Francis Fahey, Allison Imlach, Mollie Whitehouse, Joy Halton, Richard Suttorini, Perc Daly, Jack Daly, Alexander Bannerman, Anthony George Hartnett, Bill Mallaburn, Margaret Westell, Kathleen Hanley, Eileen Lansdell, Anthony Carrick, Tom McDonald, Alice Law, William Kay, Hilda Bourke, Debbie Boyle, Mary Halton, Severina Medued, Adam Gaffney, Johannes Tisch, Frederick Flynn, Linda Lewis, Sheila Andrews, Anthony Maurice Hartnett, Gaetano Manfredi, Ailis Nally, John Lennard, Linda Newman, Nellie Fitzpatrick, Agnes Dolan, Lillian Westbrook, Roy Oates, Joseph Imlach, Giuseppe Colavecchio, Michael O'Kane, Brendan Finucane, John Andrews, Margaret Nolan, Thomas Landers, Therese Ivory, Gordon Henry, George Ward, Annunziato Amorosa, John Burke, John Lynch, Terrence McKillop, Violet Hawkes, Lucille Kuchnicka, William Maurice, Alicia Tokarski, Cesira Paoli, Rita Boon, Fr. William Hall, John Crowe, Samuel Lynch, John Nedwell, Herbert Jones, Leslie Direen, Anne Conway, Martha Buckley, Phyllis Jaeger, Anastasia Drew, John Evan Asley, Dianne Burley.

**May they rest in peace !**



## New Planned giving Envelopes

New planned giving envelopes are now available, Please collect them from the foyer at the Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church. New parishioners who are interested to start weekly planned giving through the envelopes or by direct debit, please contact parish office on (03) 6234 4463 or email: [cathedral@aohtas.org.au](mailto:cathedral@aohtas.org.au). Thank you!

