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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A

REJOICE ALWAYS IN THE LORD

God warmly and joyfully welcomes us today. We gather as one family invited in Christ and together celebrate the feast of Christ the King. The King of our hearts, our homes and our lives. We are well aware of the worldly pomp and splendour with regards to royalty, presidents, prime ministers and the like. The Kingdom of God will only be complete at the end of time but for now we must be watchful and ready for the coming of the Son of Man in all His glory at the end of time.

St. Matthew portrays Jesus as a brilliant storyteller. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us how to love our neighbours as well as ourselves. He makes it clear by telling a story in parables, which paints a clearer picture in words and stories that we can more easily understand. Remember recent parables given to us by St. Matthew i.e. The faithful servants keeping our lamps burning brightly etc. Have you had an opportunity of late to observe the behaviour of a large flock of sheep? When feeding on lush green grass they gently move forward together, going in the same direction. Goats' behaviour is just the opposite. They are very frisky and move in all directions. Is my relationship with God going in the right direction or am I following the distractions and pressures of life which smother me? God has a plan for us. Be open to receive "Your will be done." Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad. Let all the nations sing "Hosanna to our King". Each time we fulfil the commandment to love one another we make the Kingdom of God present among us.

"Come, whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and in prison and you loved me." These words have many implications. Remember the Beatitudes Jesus presented to us, St Matthew Ch.5:1-12 also St. Luke Ch.6:20-26. I invite you to reflect and pray with these passages of scripture.

Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts our lips to praise you Christ our King for all time and eternity. Amen.



St. Mary's Cathedral Hobart

Mass times
7.30 am - Tuesday - Friday
5.00 pm - Saturday
10.30 am & 6.00 pm - Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation
4.00 pm - Saturday

Eucharistic Adoration
6.00 pm - Midnight - Friday

Sacred Heart Church - Newtown

Mass Times

9.15 am - Tuesday - Thursday
8.00 am - Saturday
8.30 am - Sunday

Novena to Our lady
9.45 am - Wednesday

Rosary
7.30 am - Saturday

Lawrenny Court (Mass)

10.30 am - Friday

Sacraments and Devotions

Enquiries for baptisms and marriages please contact the Parish Office

THE CC'S - (Companions of the Cathedral)
Every Wednesday on Floor 1. Starting at 12.30 pm

Piety Shop - Thursdays 10 am - 3 pm
Saturday & Sunday opened after every Weekend Mass.

safe communities Archdiocese of Hobart

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.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is celebrated on the final Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. Instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, this feast reminds us that Jesus Christ is the King of all creation and that His kingdom extends beyond all earthly powers, nations and authorities.

Unlike earthly kings who rule through power and authority, Christ's kingship is founded on love, humility, truth, justice and service. He is the King who came not to be served, but to serve, offering His life for the salvation of humanity.

In the Gospel of Matthew (25:31–46), Jesus teaches us that our love for God is reflected in the way we treat others, particularly those who are hungry, thirsty, lonely, sick or in need. Through acts of kindness, compassion and generosity, we recognise Christ in our neighbours and make His Kingdom present in our daily lives.

As we celebrate this great solemnity, we are invited to reflect on whether Christ truly reigns in our hearts, our families and our communities. May we follow His example of love and service and work towards building a world rooted in peace, compassion and hope.

Christ reigns as King forever!



November Mass Envelopes

The Church dedicates the month of November to pray for our deceased loved ones. November envelopes are available for those who wish to offer Masses.
Pick up your envelope at the foyer of the Cathedral, Sacred Heart Church and the Parish Office.
Return envelopes to Parish Office or place in collection plate during Mass.
Names will be added in the Remembrance book and Masses offered for them.

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. ThroughthesameChristourLord.
Amen.

November – A Month of Prayer for the Faithful Departed

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of November in a special way to remembering and praying for the faithful departed. During this month, we remember our family members, friends and all those who have gone before us in faith, entrusting them to God's loving mercy.

November is a time to reflect on the gift of life, the hope of eternal life and the enduring bond we share with those who have passed away. Through our prayers, we ask God to grant eternal rest to the departed and welcome them into His heavenly kingdom.

As we remember our loved ones, may we find comfort in the promise of the Resurrection and continue to hold them close in our hearts and prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



From Our Anniverssary Book -Carmela Palmese, Walter Smallhorn, Maria Ferraro, Tommaso Dienno, Fr. Harold Buckley, Moira Fisher, Johannes Meure, Rrok Lufi, Jan Fikerle, Domenico Raglione, Cliff Barwick, William Andrews, Lisa Giusti, Geoffrey Goodey, Augustine Celny, Judith Archer, Pasa Family, Silvio Andalfatto, Joseph D'Arcy, Walter Alomes, Mary McConalogue, Vivian Turnbull, Angelo Antonio Di Florio, Eileen D'Arcy, Brendan Bevan, Hilary Landers, Francis Westbrook, Annita Ciafardini, Terence Lynch, Cyril Davis, Ellen Imlach, John Finn, Marie Hand, Stella Williams, Michael Furjanic.- ***May they rest in peace !***



Livestreaming at St Mary's Cathedral—Please note that the Sunday 10:30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral is livestreamed on the Archdi- ocese of Hobart YouTube c hannel. Most special events and ceremonies celebrated at the Cathedral are also livestreamed. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the livestream, please contact the Parish Office on (03) 6208 6094 for more information.

Horn of Africa Drought Appeal

The Salesians in Ethiopia and across the Horn of Africa have made an appeal for support as they face an emerging drought. In parts of Tigray, severe drought and renewed conflict have left communities stuggling to access basic necesities, while rising food costs continue to push families deeper into poverty. The Salesians are working across the region to support vulnerable families through food and relief initiatives.

Scan the QR Code to visit the website and Donate

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Ministry

How You See God Shapes How You See Yourself
Images of God, Images of Self is a day retreat at Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, Josephite Mission, Hobart, exploring how our image of God shapes our own identity and sense of worth. Facilitated by Fr Chris McPhee MSC, former Parish Priest and Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.
Saturday 12 December, 9:00am – 2:00pm
$132 incl. GST
Learn more: https://mmsm.org.au/events/life-is-a-journey/

Lectio Divina – Last session for 2026 with Drasko Dizdar
Saturday November 28, 10-12.30pm – Morning Tea provided
$20pp

Carols at St. Mary's 2026



Preparing for the Season of Advent

As we approach the beginning of Advent next Sunday, 29 November, the Church invites us to enter a special season of preparation, hope and joyful expectation. Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year and prepares our hearts for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

The word Advent comes from the Latin word adventus, meaning "coming" or "arrival". During these four weeks, we prepare to welcome Christ into our lives, remembering His birth in Bethlehem while also looking forward with hope to His promised return.

The Advent season is traditionally represented by the Advent wreath, with its four candles symbolising the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. As each candle is lit, we are reminded of the growing light of Christ entering the world. The candles are traditionally associated with hope, peace, joy and love.

Advent is more than simply counting down the days to Christmas. It is an invitation to slow down, reflect and renew our relationship with God. Through prayer, acts of kindness, forgiveness and generosity, we are encouraged to prepare not only our homes but, more importantly, our hearts for the coming of Christ.

May this Advent season be a time of renewed faith, joyful waiting and spiritual preparation for us all.

Advent Daily Reflections – Resources on FORMED
To help us prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ, parishioners are encouraged to explore the Advent resources available on **FORMED**. These include daily Advent reflections, Scripture-based meditations, prayers and inspiring videos to guide us throughout the season. you may subscribe to Formed - advent resouces via - **https://daily.formed.org/advent?utm_source=chatgpt.com**



READINGS OF THE DAY- SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR A

First Reading
Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.
As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation
Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday	23rd	November	- Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday	24th	November	- Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday	25th	November	- Luke 21:12-19
Thursday	26th	November	- Luke 21:20-28
Friday	27th	November	- Luke 21:29-33
Saturday	28th	November	- Luke 21:34-36

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 29th November 2026

First Reading	- Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19
Second Reading	- 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel	- Mark 13:33-37

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.