# St Mary's Cathedral - Hobart Sacred Heart Church - New Town Hood

#### **MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK**

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt Hobart

**7.30am:** Tuesday - Friday

**12.15pm:** Friday

**Guilford Young College Chapel** 

**5.00pm:** Saturday Vigil Mass

**10.30am:** Sunday **6.00pm:** Sunday

**Sacred Heart Church New Town** 

9.00am: Tuesday - Thursday

**8.00am:** Saturday **8.30am:** Sunday

Lawrenny Court (131 Hill St West Hobart)

10.30am: Friday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT St Mary's Cathedral Crypt Hobart

11.00am: Friday 6pm - 12am: Friday

Guilford Young College Chapel 4pm - 4.30pm: Saturday

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

11am - 12 Noon: Friday (Cathedral Centre) 4.00pm - 4.30pm: Saturday (GYC Chapel)

## 24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 11TH SEPTEMBER 2022

#### My Dear Parishioners,

It is with sadness, that I wish to announce that Benedict Mackey, the Director of Music of St Mary's Cathedral has tendered his resignation. I wish to thank Benedict Mackey for the great contribution that he has made as Director of Music to St Mary's Cathedral Parish. We as a parish wish him all the best and success in his future undertakings.

<u>Sunday 18th of September</u> children from our parish schools and public schools would be receiving their First Communion in a special Mass in Sacred Heart Church, New Town at 10.00am. Please continue to pray for them as they prepare for this special day.

#### Feast Days in September

(mark the dates of your favourite Saint and Devotions)

13th September (Tuesday) - Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop/ Doctor

14th Sept (Wednesday) - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15th Sept (Thursday) - Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

16th September (Friday) - Memorial of Sts Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs

20th September (Tuesday) - Memorial of Sts Andrew Kim and Companions, Martyrs

21st Sept (Wednesday) - Feast of St Matthew, Apostle/ Evangelist

23rd Sept (Friday) - Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)

27th Sept (Tuesday) - Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest

29th September (Thursday) - Feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels

30th September (Friday) - Memorial of St Jerome, Priest/ Doctor

<u>Prayer Request</u> - If you are undergoing difficulties and are in need of prayers, please drop your request in the Prayer boxes during Masses on Weekdays and Sundays.

Starting from this month we will also carry a **special column of appreciation** for all our volunteers in our Cathedral Parish Community.

In Christ, Fr Leonard Caldera

#### WE APPRECIATE - ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH COMMUNITY

#### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS CHOIR

The Choir shares their gifts with Charles playing violin, Debbie on piano and Roanne and Chris through vocals. There is a rich history of music ministry to the Parish with Charles and his late wife, Pauline for over 30 years and Debbie as the Saturday Vigil Mass pianist since August 2015. Chris sets the hymns for Mass and formats all the liturgical booklets used during the year. Roanne is a cantor with prayerful song.



With Gratitude, St Mary's Cathedral Parish Thank-you for your ministry.

# **PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:**

#### **Administrator:**

Fr Leonard Caldera

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**Director of Music** 

**Vacant Position** 

**Choral Director** Myfanwy McIndoe



September 14th is the Feast Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also known as the Triumph of the Cross or the Elevation of the Cross. This is the day the Church celebrates both the discovery and the recovery of the True Cross of Jesus Christ. The True Cross was considered a most valuable treasure of the Church and became a highly venerated object, and the feast honouring the Elevation of the Holy Cross has continually been celebrated until this day.

The Roman Emperor Constantine's mother, St. Helena, a convert to Christianity, went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to locate where the important events in the life of Jesus Christ occurred, and to preserve the relics of the Christian faith that remained there. One of her goals was to find the place of Jesus' crucifixion and the very Cross on which he was hung. Through interviewing many locals, and with the assistance of the Bishop of Jerusalem, St. Macarius, she discovered the spot and found the True Cross which had been previously hidden by the Jews. According to the historian Rufinus, the identity of the True Cross was confirmed by a miraculous healing after St. Macarius recited this prayer: "O Lord, who by the Passion of Thine only Son on the cross, didst deign to restore salvation to mankind, and who even now hast inspired thy handmaid Helena to seek for the blessed wood to which the author of our salvation was nailed, show clearly which it was, among the three crosses, that was raised for Thy glory. Distinguish it from those which only served for a common execution. Let this woman who is now expiring return from death's door as soon as she is touched by the wood of salvation." The date of this discovery and miracle, according to tradition, was May 3rd, 326 A.D. St. Helena had a church built on the original site of Jesus' crucifixion, burial, and resurrection, known as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Her son Constantine dedicated this church on September 13-14 in the year 335 A.D. Even today, the Stations of the Cross in Jerusalem, or the Via Dolorosa, end at this very spot.

The Cross of Christ was kept by the Church in Jerusalem, but was absconded by Chosroas, King of the Persians, in the year 614 A.D. after the Persian invasion of Syria and Palestine. In the year 629 A.D. the Cross was recovered and brought back to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius of Constantinople. The relic of the True Cross was then restored to its place in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

The date the True Cross was brought back to Jerusalem was September 14th! The anniversary of the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the date on which Jerusalem celebrated the feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross.

Tradition has it that Emperor Heraclius carried the Cross on his back, a public act of homage, in order to restore it to its rightful place; but he was only able to move it after he had removed his royal garments and put on the humble garments of repentance instead.

#### TIMELINE OF EVENTS

326 A.D.: St. Helena discovers the True Cross in Jerusalem on May 3rd.

335 A.D.: Constantine dedicates the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on September 14th.

614 A.D.: Jerusalem is invaded by the Persians who steal the True Cross.

629 A.D.: The True Cross is recovered and brought back to Jerusalem on September 14th.

The Church has a long tradition of venerating the Cross, that's why Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches always have large crucifixes in prominent places. In the Catholic Church venerating the Cross is a liturgical tradition during Holy Week.

It's also why Catholic Christians and Eastern Christians keep crosses and crucifixes in their homes, usually on their wall or above their doorway. In fact, a cross or a crucifix put in a place of honour is a sure mark of a Christian home.

#### REJOICE FOR HE WHO WAS LOST HAS BEEN FOUND

The Gospel today tells three parables about the finding of something lost. Jesus is trying to get across to us the enormous lengths to which God will go to find us when we are lost and bring us back to Him. First there is the story of the lost sheep. The shepherd is protecting and guiding the flock of 100. But when he finds one is lost, he leaves the 99 and goes after the lost one.



What shepherd would do that? Only one who madly loved that lost sheep.

Next there is the story of the woman who lost a coin – a drachma which was worth about one day's wages. She sweeps and searches and is no doubt relieved to find it again. But who would call all the neighbours in and have a party over that? She would most likely have to spend most of it to feed them and give them something to drink. But God's calculations are not like ours. Jesus assures us that there is great rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.

Lastly, Jesus gives us the story of the lost son. This young man showed monumental selfishness and callous disregard for his father, his family, and his religion. His sinful life brought him close to death. When he finally came to his senses and went home to face the wrath of his father, he was astounded that his father ran to meet him, embraced him, covered his rags with the best robe and called for a great feast to be prepared. This amazing, loving and forgiving father could only think of celebrating because as he said, "this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found."

So it is with God the Father when any sinner turns back to Him and asks for help.

## 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.

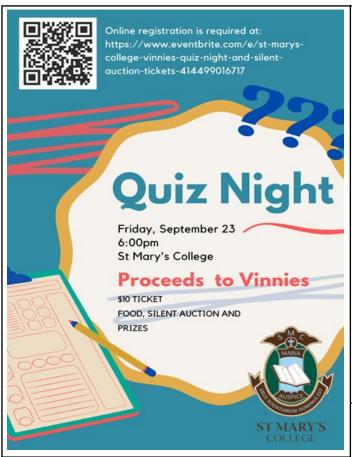
Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## From Our Anniversary Book

Percy Wright, Mary Drew, Frank Naden, Terence Ransley, Donald Bone, Mario Longo, Antonio Di Narzo, Mary Burke, Mervyn Clarke, Thelma Miles, Wilma Tate, Patricia Dance, Giovanni Gazzignato, Mary Downey, Doris Cross, Gladys McVilly, Fr.Peter Rushton, William Verrell, James Polock, Doug Parkinson, Frances Simpson, Gina Toigo, Barry Stanfield, D'Abate & Meale families, Emma Alomes, William Absalom, Dawn Dolan, Reginald Goodluck, Zygmunt Gauden, George Carr, Michael Donnelly, Kaisei David O'Keefe and Sr Agnes Webster PBVM

May they rest in peace !







**Daylight Saving in Tasmania** commences at 2am on **Sunday 2**<sup>nd</sup> **October 2022**. It is time to put your clocks forward by one hour on Saturday evening to ensure you arrive at the correct time for Mass on Sunday morning.

To coincide with the beginning of daylight saving the **Saturday Vigil Mass on <u>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October</u> 2022** will be at **6pm.** The new Saturday Vigil Mass Time will be at 6pm.







# Catholic Mission invites you to a "Luncheon for Ethiopia"

Where: Royal Yacht Club Tasmania
When: Saturday 17th September 2022

Time: 12pm through to 3pm

If you are able to attend this Event please call Michael Diocesan Director, Hobart.

Mobile: +61 438 243 533

Email: Hobart.director@catholicmission.org.au James Lonergan, Program Officer Catholic

Mission will be our Key Note Speaker



Interested in Becoming Catholic? Longing for a relationship with God? Do you want to get to know Jesus Christ? Never been baptised but interested in what it's all about? If you've got questions and would like to know more about the process of becoming Catholic, Please contact Christine Wood on 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au



Catholic Theological College Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation

ATHOLIC Online Information Session

Monday 12 September at 7pm

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jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au Register via our website:

ctc.edu.au/open-days

Please take your copy of the AVE home to reflect on during the week and to share with family and friends.

# **Children's Corner**



#### **GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Monday 12th September - The Most Holy Name of Mary

Luke 7: 1-10

Tuesday 13th September - Saint John Chrysostom

Luke 7: 11-17

Wednesday 14th September - The Exultation of the Holy

**Cross** John 3: 13-17

Thursday 15th September - Our Lady of Sorrows

John 19: 25-27

Friday 16th September - Saints Cornelian and Cyprian,

Pope, Martyr Luke 8: 1-3

Saturday 17th September - Saint Robert Bellarmine

Luke 8: 4-15

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 25th Sunday Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 112:1-2, 4-8, 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God



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

#### READINGS OF THE DAY - 24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

#### First Reading Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand?

Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to

Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

# **Responsorial Psalm** Psalm: 50:3-4.12-13.17.19. R. Luke 15:18

#### (R.) I will rise and go to my father.

- Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
   In your compassion blot out my offence.
   O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.
- A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
   Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
- O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.
   My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

#### Second Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Gospel Acclamation

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!** 

#### **Gospel** <u>Luke 15: 1-32</u>

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.' He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life: he was lost and is found."