



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
12.15pm: Friday
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 Hobart

11.00am: Friday
6pm - 12am: Friday (CRYPT)
4pm - 4.30pm: Saturday

RECONCILIATION

11am - 12 Noon: Friday
4.00pm - 4.30pm: Saturday

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C - 22TH MAY, 2022

From Your Administrator
My Dear Parishioners,

Starting from this Month of May, in order to promote and encourage devotion and prayer, I have started **the Praying of the Angelus prayer** before the Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday Evening Masses.

Cathedral Parish is looking for volunteers, as catechist, office workers, sacristans and cleaners. If you feel like helping out, please contact the Cathedral Office for further details.

The 24th of May, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians**. Masses will be celebrated at 7.30am at St Mary's and 9.00am at Sacred Heart Church on that day. The patroness of Australia, a brief history of this feast is presented for your reflection in this weekend's parish bulletin.

The Evangelium initiative. The session that was due to be presented at the Cathedral Centre, commencing 17 May, will resume on the 24th of May.

A number of children from our parish schools and public schools will be **preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation from this month**. A special fun and activity day has been organised for these children and their parents on Sunday the 29th of May after the 10.30am Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Christ,
Fr Leonard.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES:

ROSARY TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN: 7.30am Saturday at Sacred Heart Church, New Town followed by 8am Mass.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: 11am Saturday on First Floor in Cathedral Centre.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: 11am Friday and 4pm Saturday in Cathedral and 6pm – 12 midnight in Cathedral Crypt.

RISEN LORD COMMUNITY TASMANIA: 7.30pm Friday Prayer Service on First Floor of Cathedral Centre. 7pm Mass and Anointing Service on 1st Friday of each month.

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The Feast of Mary Help of Christians

The tradition of this avocation goes back to 1571, when the whole of Christendom was saved by Mary Help of Christians when Catholics throughout Europe prayed the Rosary. The great battle of Lepanto occurred on October 7th 1571. For this reason, this date has been chosen as the feast of the Holy Rosary. In 1573 Pope Pius V instituted the feast in thanksgiving for the decisive victory of Christianity over Islamism.

Near the end of the 17th century, Emperor Leopold I of Austria took refuge in the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians at Pasau, when 200,000 Ottoman Turks besieged the capital city of Vienna, but a great victory occurred thanks to Mary Help of Christians: on September 8th, Feast of Our Lady's Birthday, plans were drawn for the battle. On September 12, Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, Vienna was finally freed through the intercession of Mary Help of Christians. All Europe had joined with the Emperor crying out "Mary, help!" and praying the Holy rosary.

In 1809, Napoleon's men entered the Vatican, arrested Pius VII and brought him in chains to Grenoble, and eventually Fontainebleau. His imprisonment lasted five years. The Holy Father vowed to God that, if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary. Military reverses forced Napoleon to release the Pope, and on May 24th 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome. Twelve months later, the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians, be kept on the 24th of May.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness. St Mary's Cathedral was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, who



arrived in Sydney in 1820 and assumed responsibility for the planning and initial construction of the Cathedral.

Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title. The Church has traditionally focussed on two aspects of Our Lady's help on this feast day. Firstly, upon the role of Our Lady's intercession in the fight against sin in the life of a believer. Secondly, Our Lady is one who assists Christians as a community, through her intercession, in fighting against anti-Christian forces.

In the Opening Prayer for Our Lady Help of Christians, the Church prays that through Our Lady's intercession God will "grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens", so that "under her protection Australia may be granted harmony, justice and peace".

From Our Anniversary Book

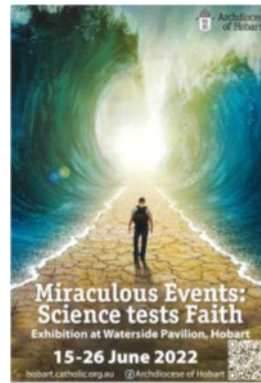
Ruby West, Graeme Atkins, Mary Lees, Bridget Stone, Rosina Scavone, Eileen Nolan, Harold Dean, Dick Steward, Bob Forsberg, Lucy Knott, Adrian Hawtree, Achille Sorella, George Griffith, Zena Munday, Ida Davis, Thelma Forsyth, Filomena and Rocco Mangione, Elizio Bini, Mary Cox, Aileen Cracknell, Mary Downey, Alexander Ashby, Celistino Callegari, Judith Eaton, Kevin Harrington, Philip Di Nardo, Sr Rita Court PBVM, Sr Margaret Smith PBVM and Sr Magdalen Riordan PBVM



May they rest in peace !

Seventh Anniversary of the Publication of Laudato Si': Pope Francis terms his encyclical *Laudato Si'* which are the opening words of the Canticum of the Creatures written by St Francis of Assisi in 1224. That Canticum celebrates the family relationship of all creatures ("Brother Sun", "Sister Moon, Mother Earth") which is expressed in the encyclical's other title *On care for our Common Home*. The degradation of the environment is, for Pope Francis, a form of domestic violence! It is certainly not fitting praise for the Creator. He calls on everyone to "hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor". That means recognising that ecological crises and the social crises of poverty are connected; and responding with a practical spirituality concerned with praising the Creator, protecting Creation, and caring for our fellow Created beings. Find out more at www.laudatositasmania.com

Message received from Fr Brian Nichols,
Thank you for your prayers and expressions of concern since I was diagnosed with cancer of the bladder some months ago. Please know that I am deeply grateful to know that so many people are praying for me. I will be undergoing surgery at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, on Thursday 26th May. I hope to be home in Hobart some weeks later to recuperate for a couple of months and then return to my work at Corpus Christi seminary and Catholic Theological College. I ask that you do not contact me over these next few weeks. A message will be sent through the Archdiocese to inform you of my progress. With thanks for your continued prayerful support.



As an initiative of the AOH, the exhibition titled 'Miraculous Events:



Science Tests Faith, will consist of interactive and documentary styled presentations of more than 20 miracles, including eyewitness testimonies and findings from scientific investigations. The miracles will include inexplicable healings from deafness, blindness, cancer, paralysis, and even death. The exhibition will be open to the public at the Waterside Pavilion, Argyle Street Hobart (opposite Mawson's Hut) on 15-26 June 10am -4.30pm daily. Scan the QR Code on flyer to gain information from website or seek <https://hobart.catholic.org.au/miraculous-events-science-tests-faith/>



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

This Winter Vinnies appeal will provide emergency relief to people at risk and experiencing homelessness. Your donation will help our Vinnies volunteers to rebuild lives. Your gift this Winter can provide the emergency accommodation, care and support needed in the community.
<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-tas/vinnies-winter-appeal-tas-2022>

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 23rd May John 15: 26-16:4
Tuesday 24th May - ***Our Lady Help of Christians Patron of Australia*** Luke 8: 19-21
Wednesday 25th May - ***St Bede the Venerable, St Gregory VII - Pope, St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi*** John 16: 12-15
Thursday 26th May - ***St Phillp Neri*** John 16: 16-20
Friday 27th May - ***St Augustine of Canterbury*** John 16: 20-23
Saturday 28th May John 16: 23-28

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6
Ephesians 1:17-23 Luke 24: 46-53

Children's Corner

Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to help us obey him. Write down the things that the Holy Spirit can help you do for Jesus.



The Regina Coeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For he, whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, 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 obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(The Congregation will pray this prayer prior to Mass celebrations on Friday - 12.15pm, Saturday Vigil and Sunday Evening Masses until Pentecost Sunday).

READINGS OF THE DAY - 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

First Reading

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Reading

Revelations 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation

stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

REFLECTION

OBEDY GOD AND IT SHALL BE WELL WITH YOU

Obedience to the word of God is a highway to spiritual growth and peace. However, it is not easy to obey since the prices that must be paid include: letting go of our opinions, pride and ideas. Although our society often tries to silence the voice of God, Christians are called to put God first above all other things.

In the gospel, Jesus says: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him...' Here, we are called to love God practically; by words and by actions. If the love of God in Christians' hearts ends within the walls of the church building, then the purpose is defeated. If the love of God is only about prayers, then the purpose is defeated. If the love of God is just about attending Masses and devotions, then the purpose is defeated. To love God means to always be like him, to always live for him and to always speak for him.

