

# AE Cathedral Parish

November 17, 2019 YR C/1  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Weekly Mass Times

### St Mary's Cathedral

Tue-Fri : 7.30am

Sat : 6pm Mass

Sun : 10.30am & 6.00pm Masses

### Sacred Heart Church

Tue-Thu : 9am

Sat : 8.00am Mass

Sun : 8.30am Mass

Lawrenny Court Cnr Arthur and Hill  
Sts, West Hobart

Fri : 10.30am

### Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Church : Sat following

8.00am Mass

St Mary's Cathedral: Sat 5-5.30pm

### Rosary

Sacred Heart Church : Sat 7.30am

St Mary's Cathedral—Cnr Harrington & Patrick Streets,  
Hobart; Sacred Heart Church—Cross St, New Town;

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

**Readings:** Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

**Next Week's Readings :** 2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

## 'LORD, WHEN YOUR GLORY APPEARS, MY JOY WILL BE FULL.'

Repeatedly we are hearing heart-wrenching news about natural disasters. Droughts, famine, fires, torrential rain and floods, earthquakes, destructive winds and thousands of lives lost as a result of such events. We also hear of senseless destructive wars; the loss and lack of moral consciousness! Since sin came into the world pain, sorrow, isolation and devastation have infiltrated our loving creative.

God's plan is of perfect love, happiness and ultimate salvation. This we can attain only by our obedience to the Law that gives life and not death! Ours is a better choice - to love God and all people.

Because of modern technology we are aided to grow in knowledge and appreciation of the world. God, out of his redeeming love for us has created all things with such mystery and beauty. The modern means of communication has enabled all peoples of the world to grow in understanding and unity. St. John 23rd prayed often that "They may be one".

St. Paul reassured his listeners that Our Lord Jesus Christ is faithful, that he will give us strength and fortitude and will guard us from the evil one. We all have a deep desire to have a greater knowledge and love of God who at the conception of human life imprinted the image of himself on each soul and with this planted the 'seed of Eternal Life'. At the Resurrection, 'Let all the nations praise you, O God, let all the nations praise you'. Alleluia.

**Sr. Monica Shelverton PBVM.**



**Red Wednesday is a day to gather to draw attention to the plight of those who are persecuted and oppressed for their religious beliefs.** Cathedrals, churches and public buildings around the world will light up in red to show

solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), a Catholic charity dedicated to the support of suffering and persecuted Christians. **In Australia, Red Wednesday will take place on the 20th of November and St Mary's Cathedral will also host the prayer service on that same day from 7-8pm.** During the prayer service we will hear from two Catholic Christians who will share their own experiences of persecution. Archbishop Julian Porteous will attend the prayer service and following the service there will be refreshments at the Cathedral Centre. It is clear that the persecution of Christians is worse today than at any time in history. In terms of the numbers of people involved, the gravity of the acts committed, and their impact, not only are Christians more persecuted than any other faith group, but ever-increasing numbers are experiencing the worst forms of persecution.

The purpose of Red Wednesday is to join together and raise a strong voice in support of the persecuted who are unable to speak freely, and who look to us - their brothers and sisters in Christ - to speak on their behalf.

Red Wednesday coincides with the release by Aid to the Church in Need of the biennial publication Persecuted and Forgotten?, a report assessing the nature of threats to Christians and the underlying causes. The report can be viewed at [aidtochurch.org/RedWednesday](http://aidtochurch.org/RedWednesday).

**Let us join in prayer for our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters around the world.**



**Tickets to the Archdiocese of Hobart's Carols on the Hill event in Hobart are now available to order online.** Supported by the City of Hobart, Carols on the Hill is a free, traditional outdoor carols event specifically designed for families to share in the joyful spirit of Christmas. The event will be staged at the Hobart campus of Guilford Young College on Saturday, December 21 from 7pm to 9pm, with gates opening at 5.30pm. The oval is secure and can comfortably hold around 1200 people, making it an ideal venue for families with children. Entry to Carols on the Hill is free; however, attendees must order tickets through an official website. A valid email address is required to order up to a maximum of six (6) tickets. A single general admission ticket must be reserved for each & every attendee (adults & children)

There are no costs involved when ordering tickets.

You can choose to receive tickets by email that requires printing, or electronic tickets delivered to your smart phone or tablet. Tickets are available once you accept the event Terms & Conditions on the ticketing website.

**To reserve your tickets, go to [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) and search for 'Carols on the Hill'.**



**Dear Readers and Eucharistic Ministers,**

The Feb-July 2020 rosters are at the back of both Churches in hardcopy, and have also been emailed to anyone who has supplied me with an email address. Once again, a reminder that if you cannot make a date to please organise a replacement for yourself. All readers should however be aware that on the extremely rare occasion that it is apparent there is no other reader standing up that day, to please also do the other reading.



### **Come and hear Fr Fidelis Udousoro discuss "Knowing the Heart of God"**

Join us at St Francis Xavier Hall, corner Anglesea and Adelaide Sts, South Hobart (underneath St Francis Xavier's Church, parking off Anglesea St) at 8am on Sat 30th Nov. Come and enjoy some singing, inspiration, fellowship, and breakfast. It is a weekend, and the main activities will be over by 9:30 am. A small donation will help to defray costs. Please bring a friend. To assist catering, please RSVP: Duncan MacFarlane 0400 095 807 or Martin Stone 6223 8132

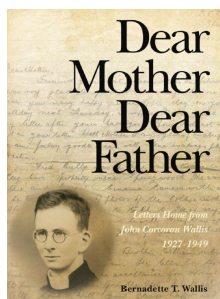
**Additional Special Screenings of "Unplanned".** This movie was screened in the USA earlier this year and had great success in unmasking the abortion industry's strategies, and most importantly, in changing people's hearts about abortion. "Unplanned" depicts the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. Tickets online:

Fri 22nd Nov - Village Cinemas, Eastlands @ 7pm  
<https://fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-village-cinemas-eastlands-5/>  
 Fri 29th Nov - Village Cinemas, Eastlands @ 7pm  
<https://fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-village-cinemas-eastlands-4/>  
 Tickets are \$22 People can contact Moana on 0476 030 535n or email tas-muller@gmail.com

**The Missionary Sisters of Service invite you to the book launch of Dear Mother Dear Father—100 letters written by John Wallis : to be launched by Archbishop Adrian Doyle.**

Tuesday 19 November : 6pm for 6.30pm start 2nd Floor St Mary's Cathedral Centre.

Info 0411 058 046 or [mssadmin@missionarysisters.org.au](mailto:mssadmin@missionarysisters.org.au)



### **Meli Melo Christmas concert**

Come and enjoy a varied programme of Christmas, folk and classical music including soloists, choirs and an Alpine and French Horn ensemble presented by the Meli Melo choir. Where? St. John the Baptist Church, Bowden Street, Glenorchy. When? 2.00pm. on Saturday 30 November. Entry by donation includes afternoon tea. All proceeds go to support students at the Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnager, Nepal. Contact Jo 0419 510 014



### **We welcome you to St Mary's Cathedral Parish!**

To help you become involved in our parish life and any of the various ministries of the parish, please return this slip to the Cathedral Office or place it on the collection plate at any Mass.

**We will then be in touch.....with thanks.**

Name .....

Email .....

Phone .....

Address .....

### **Ministries you may be interested in: (please circle)**

greeters, lectors, choir members, musicians, childrens' liturgy, youth ministry, cleaners, setting up for morning teas, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, book stall attendant after Mass, office help, handyman work, gardening, organising special events/fundraising.



### Death Washes Things Clean by Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

When I was a child, as part of our family prayer, we used to pray for a happy death.

In my young mind, I spontaneously associated a happy death with dying cradled in the loving arms of family and church, fully at peace with God and everyone around you.

Not many persons, even very good persons, get to die like that. Given the randomness and contingencies of human circumstances, very often people die in broken and compromised situations: bitter, unforgiving and unforgiven, not having dealt with their own sins, unreconciled with their own families and the church, alienated, indifferent to God and community, angry, drunk, dead by drug overdose, by suicide. Or, at times, death catches people before they have had or taken the time to say some things that should have been said or done some things that should have been done. Very often when people die they leave behind, on this side of heaven, much unfinished business. As an old Confiteor has it, there is a need to be reconciled for what's been said and left unsaid, done and left undone.

To cite a few small examples: I once, in counselling, dealt with a man in his 50s who was unable to forgive himself because his mother, as she was dying (when he was seven and unaware that she was dying) asked him to come and hug her and he, inhibited, male, refused. More than 40 years later there was still some unfinished business.

In another case, I officiated at the funeral of a man who, just before getting killed in an accident, had had a major blowup with his family and stomped out of the house in a rage of anger.

Many of us, I am sure, have had persons close to us die with whom we had unfinished business. Perhaps we hurt them, or they hurt us and it was never reconciled, or we should have given them more of ourselves but were too preoccupied with our own lives to reach out at the time, or we hated them and should have made some gestures of reconciliation and we didn't and now it's too late! Death has separated them from us and what was left unfinished now lies, irrevocably, unfinished and we live with guilt and keep saying: "If only, if only..."

These "if onlys" will disappear if we take seriously the Christian doctrine concerning the communion of saints. This doctrine, so central to our faith that it is one of the doctrines enshrined in the creed, asks us to believe that we are still in vital communion with those who have died, indeed in privileged communication.

To believe in the communion of saints is to believe that those who have died are still linked to us in such a way that we can continue to communicate, to talk, with them. It is to believe that our relationship with them can continue to grow and that the reconciliation which, for many human reasons, was not possible in this life can now take place.

Why? Because not only is there communication between us and those who have died before us (this is the stuff of Christian doctrine, not that of séance) but because this communication is now privileged. Death washes clean. Not only does the church teach us that, we simply experience it.

How often in a family, in a friendship, in a community, in any human network, is there tension, misunderstanding, anger, frustration, irreconcilable difference, selfishness that divides, hurt which can no longer be undone, and then... someone dies! The death brings with it a peace, a clarity, and a charity which, prior to it, were not possible.

Why is this so? It is not because someone has died and that changes the chemistry of the family or the office or the circle, nor is it because, as might seem the case sometimes, the source of the tension, or headache, or heartache, or bitterness has died. It happens because, as Luke teaches us in the incident where on the cross Christ forgives the good thief, death washes things clean.

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In the communion of saints we have privileged communication with those with whom we still have unfinished business. It can be a great consolation to die a happy death, snug and reconciled in the arms and the warm thoughts of those around us. Fortunately, for them and their loved ones, there is a privileged time after death to finish off some things for those whose lives end in situations full of bitterness, anger, irresponsibility, sin, and lack of warmth and love.



**'FORMED' has been updated!** (Note : you may find that Chrome is a better browser in which to view Formed) The new FORMED platform has improved performance and an enhanced search tool. It allows

offline playback and you no longer have to remember a password because access is now simply through your e-mail address. **For existing subscribers, just visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) then click 'Sign In' and enter your email address. You will be sent an e-mail, and when you click on the link in the email you're in.** No more pass-

words. You can stay signed in even when you close your browser or your device is off. When you go back to [formed.org](http://formed.org) just click on 'sign in' and you can start watching again. If you sign out, then to get back in, just go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) again and click 'sign in' and an e-mail will be sent to you, then click – you're back in. **For parishioners wanting to join our FORMED group account, the process has become even easier than it was. Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and click 'Sign Up'. On the next page select "I Be-**

**long to a Parish or Organization."** Find our parish by name, "St Mary Cathedral 164 Harrington St Hobart TAS" Enter your email address and you will be sent an e-mail - and you're in!





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**From Our Anniversary Book** Mary Burn, Eileen Quigley, Arthur O'Neill, Mangione Family, Pat Case, Nicola Mainella, Beverley Munnings, Maria Cutoli, Azzizulah Haibari, Julio Fuentes, Edward Stanford, William Dolliver, Ian Baker, Harry Burton, Elizabeth Proposch, Vittorio Di Martino, Charles Wilson, Fr. Tom McDonnell, Leslie Ransley, Henry (Harry) Fitzgerald, Lucia Lacapra, Roydon Chen, Bernard Mazengarb, Molly Pullen, Carmela Palmese, Walter Smallhorn, Maria Ferraro, Tommaso Dienno, Fr. Harold Buckley, Moira Fisher, Johannes Meure, Rrok Lufi, Jan Fikerle  
**May they rest in peace.**



**Classes in "Inspiring Faith" Catechesis for children aged 8–11 years will continue on Sundays to 8 December at the Cathedral Parish Centre (Level 1) 9:45 – 10:15am.** For more information contact Jo 0407 876 913 or macfarlane3jo@gmail.com On Sunday mornings, parish children are invited to participate in the following: Children 0 – 4 stay with parents  
 Children 5 – 7 Children's Liturgy during Mass  
 Children 8 – 11 Catechesis before Mass (as above)

**This year to assist the office, please ensure you submit your loved ones' names for inclusion in the Book of the Dead in large, clear printing.** It is often very difficult and time consuming to decipher long hand.  
**Please write the names of the deceased on the front of the envelope.** With thanks.



#### Reminder : Regular Weekly Events

**Fri 4.30-5.30pm :** Cathedral—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction; **Sat 11am :** 2nd Floor Cathedral Centre—Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help;  
**Sun 9.45-10.15am :** Children's Catechesis (8-11yrs in school terms)



#### Saints of Italy Pilgrimage

Fr Brian Nichols will be leading a 13 day pilgrimage to Italy, departing 18 May 2020. Organised and run by Harvest Journeys, the tour will follow the paths of many of our saints and will take in Rome, Montecassino, Pietrelcina, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant' Angelo, Lanciaio, Loreto, Assisi, Siena and Florence. Contact the Sandy Bay parish office for more information. Email sandybay@aohtas.org.au or phone 6224 1423.

**PRO ORANTIBUS DAY – On Thursday 21st November, feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Church celebrates a special day of prayer in honour of her contemplative nuns and monks, called Pro Orantibus Day ("For Those Who Pray").** All are warmly invited to join the Carmelite nuns for a special Sung Mass on this day at 7.30am at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St. Please pray for the Sisters and for the gift of vocations to their Carmel.

A new website has recently been launched for our Tasmanian Carmel, which includes information about the Sister's life of prayer, work for sale, ways people can be more closely associated with the Community, prayer requests and vocations. Please visit the site at <https://launcestoncarmel.com> and share the link with family and friends who may like to learn more about Carmel.

#### UTAS Catholic Student Society (UTAS CSS)

Any university students or young adults who would like to become a member of the University of Tasmania Catholic Student Society (South Campus) or would like to send any suggestions are welcome to contact or message the newly elected executive members of CSS: Lukas Paska (0402319578), Dennis (0415737408), Tom Bearman (0439833801), and Suwani Samaratunga (0450364669).

16/17	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6.00pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
<b>Greeter</b>			Maria Respondek	TBA
<b>Lector</b>	Eva Dunn Geoff Burrill Peter Tierney	Andrew Pinelli, Sr Monica Shelverton	Zelia Matuszek, Angela Ritar	Johnnie Lennard, Margot Su-ber
<b>EMOC</b>	Jane McKeown & Peter Tierney	TBA	Anna Reussien, David Shelverton, Maria Saracino	TBA