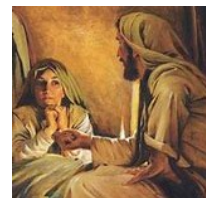


AEC Cathedral Parish

July 21, 2019 YR C/1
16th 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

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

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Readings: Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Next Week's Readings : Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Our thanks to all the volunteers who contributed to the preparation for Fr Ben Brooks' Ordination on Friday 19th July. Your help was greatly appreciated.



Dear Parishioners,

Please note the new Eucharistic Minister and Reader roster begins next weekend.

Everyone should have either taken their copy from the back of both Churches, or received by email by now. Please contact Liz if you participate in either ministry and did not receive a copy. *Just a reminder also, if you are unable to make it on your designated day please contact someone from the numbers provided on the roster.*

With thanks.



Are We Doing God A Favour or Is God Doing Something for Us?

This week's readings are linked by the impression that the protagonists (Abraham in the first reading and Martha in the gospel) are preparing meals for God. The first reading illustrates Abraham's eagerness to be hospitable to his visitors by inviting them to share a meal. In the Old Testament, meals were covenant rituals. God had previously formed a covenant with Abraham, and now God comes to eat with him. Abraham might think he is doing something for his guests, but it is actually God who is doing something for him, i.e. providing him with a son and heir in accordance with His covenant promises.

In the gospel, Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem where He will take part in the great covenant meal that will constitute the New Covenant. On His way, he stops by at the house of his friends, Mary and Martha. Martha is preoccupied and anxious as she sets about serving the food. Jesus gently tells her: "Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one." Why was Martha anxious? Perhaps she was worried that it would be a poor reflection on her and her family if things weren't just so.

So what is the one thing that Jesus puts before Martha as necessary? It is being with the Lord, which is what Martha's sister (Mary) was doing by sitting at His feet and listening to Him. Martha's worrying and busyness had caused her to

lose her perspective of communion with Jesus because she wasn't spending time with Him. Martha finds herself in the same situation as Abraham in the first reading. She, too, was concerned with what she could do for her guest. However, the story is about what Jesus could do for her.

Jesus' gentle word to Martha, beginning with an affectionate repetition of her name, was an act of love. Jesus gently and affectionately corrects her (and us) by asking whom are we serving in our serving? When we feel compelled to serve out of anxiety, we are probably serving our own glory and not God's. Jesus wants us to be free from this preoccupation by inviting us to stop, rest at His feet and listen to what He has to say to us.

We don't do God a favour by coming to Mass on Sunday – it adds nothing to His glory. God does us a favour by inviting us to a meal He is hosting, in which He Himself is the food! Mass is not about us doing something for God. In her wisdom, the Church teaches that we must go to Mass on Sundays so that we can be partakers of God's most intimate act of communion imaginable. Let us pray for the Lord to work in our hearts, to transform our thinking so that we will dwell in God's presence and in perfect communion with Him.

Deacon Nick MacFarlane

We're excited to begin "Inspiring Faith" a Children's Catechesis on Sunday mornings for children aged 8-11 years at the Cathedral Parish Centre (Level 1) on Sunday 28th July. Children will explore the mysteries of the Trinity and Jesus Christ, and will come to understand the dignity and powers God bestows on each Christian. Children will discover how following the example of Christ develops a moral conscience and a sense of community in God's family, the Church, with Mary and the saints. Time: 9.45-10.15am during school terms. A great opportunity for your child to go deeper in his or her Catholic faith! **Register by this Sunday 21st July** with Jo MacFarlane 0407 876 913 or macfarlane3jo@gmail.com Cost: \$25 for children's workbook

As of Sunday 28th July, the 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 per above)



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Many Tasmanian families are doing it tough this winter, suffering housing and financial crises. Vinnies is always ready to offer a helping hand to those in need. Parishioners can help the St Vincent de Paul Society continue its great work by donating during the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Envelopes are available at both the Cathedral and Sacred Heart Parish centres. Please give to those in desperate need this winter.



The next Alpha in the Cathedral Centre starts Mon 9 Sept 7-9pm. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different aspect of Christian faith and is designed to create conversation. Everyone's welcome. Come and bring a friend for good food, a great talk and a chance to ask questions and share points of view in an open, friendly environment.

Dear Eucharistic Ministers, When cleaning the Chalice, please ensure the whole Purifier is used rather than only using the same spot each time. Also, please turn the Chalice after each communicant. This should be done all year and most especially be mindful of it during the winter flu season. **With thanks.**



The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is a gathering of young people who come together to celebrate the joy and beauty of the Catholic faith in a setting that is vibrant and engaging. If you want to know more about the ACYF, visit the festival website and check out the promo video: www.acyf.org.au The "Hobart-Perth Pilgrimage" is open to all young people from year 9 to 30 years of age and will be held from 6-11 December. All students will need to register through their Catholic Colleges, whilst young adults between the ages of 18-30 can register at the website:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/acyf-hobart-to-perth-pilgrimage-registration-62123542187>

For more information on the pilgrimage, please see the registration page or the flyer in the foyer. I hope that many of you can join us for what will be an awesome event! **Thanks and God bless, Tomasz Juszczak**

Director | Office of Youth Evangelisation



Can you help me? I am looking for more people to participate in the Faces of the Parish column. It is simply a way for your fellow parishioners to get to know you and to engender a community feel. If you'd like to help please contact Liz or simply drop me a line with the following info in about 250 words with a photo (can be sent via SMS to 0408778152).

Which suburb do you live in and which is the main Mass you attend? How long have you lived in Hobart? The names of your immediate family and your background, place of origin and occupation. What are your hobbies and are you in any ministries or charities. Any funny stories you'd like to share and any other information you are happy to share is appreciated! **Thanks...Liz**

Encounter Timor Leste in September

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Dear Parish Centre users,

Frequently we are finding heaters left on, lights left burning and chairs not replaced as you found them. We have many groups using the Centre these days so the motto is 'leave it as you found it' please. This includes not leaving dirty cups on the sink, a mess on the floor and the kitchen untidy.

Thank you! Liz



The **Verbum Domini Institute** is offering two bible studies: **An Introduction to the Old Testament Prophets:** This eight session bible study will guide you through the great prophetic literature of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Amos, and the other prophets. **When:** Wednesdays 10.30am-12.30pm, 31st July, 14th August, 11th & 25th Sept., 16th & 30th Oct., 13th Nov. **A Study of the Gospel of St. Matthew: Reading the Old Testament in the New.** This bible study will help you discover the riches of the Gospel of St. Matthew by plumbing the depths of its Old Testament background. **When:** Thursdays 6.30- 8.30pm, 25th July, 8th & 22nd August. **Cost:** \$20 per course for study guide. **Where:** Murphy Room, Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. **Register:** 6208-6236.



In Times Past

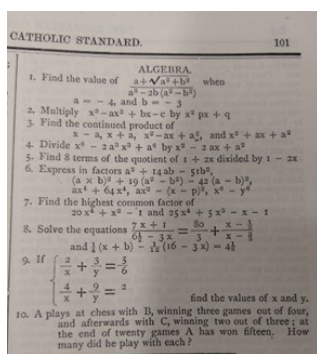
The history of Australian Catholicism reveals that Colonial Catholics highly valued education. Among the more taxing proofs of this is an exam set for applicants to the Dunne Scholarship in 1886. Comprised of nine sections – Ecclesiastical History, Dictation, English Grammar, English Composition, English History, Geography, Arithmetic, Geometry, and Algebra – the would-be scholars evidently had to be rather scholarly.

'Give some account, with dates, of ... the Patriarch Jacob ... his sons and descendants', demanded the first question of the first section. Questions about 'St Patrick's mission to Ireland' and 'St Gregory's mission to England' surely almost answered themselves, although those anticipated answers would now be seen as grossly simplistic. Dictation was easy, as it meant simply copying a paragraph from Butler's *Lives of the Saints*. Many Catholics are still doing that one, especially online, albeit with less scholarly cause. A wordy bit of theology in need of parsing and analysing served to test English Grammar. It was about whether Christ's circumcision was necessary, but begs the question whether that was really a good topic to set teenaged boys.

The English Composition section required a brief account of Tasmania and suggested '15 or 20 minutes thinking' first. English History centred on divisive issues and people like Cranmer, Guy Fawkes, and the Plantation of Ulster. Geography was ostensibly less charged, but it started with Tasmania, then moved up towards Victoria, New South Wales, and eventually reached major islands like the Hebrides and Fiji and some big rivers in the Americas. Arithmetic involved addition, division, multiplication and so on, and mainly used money, land, and farm animals for its examples. Geometry stayed theoretical, mostly parallelograms, rectangles, triangles, and their angles. Algebra was typically x and y and a and b added to and subtracted from each other in various configurations.

Whoever passed certainly deserved a scholarship.

Dr Nick Brodie



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



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From Our Anniversary Book John Davis, Michael Carroll, Ila Cox, Gertrude Cosgrove, Francis Shelverton, Christina McGuire, Trevor Williams, Maria Fantini, Kiaus Assman, Cyril Shirley, Giovanni Di Monda, Vincenzo and Sebastiano Allocca, Martin McShane, Ernest White, Sheila Stephens, Richard Darcey, Ellen Nolan, William Hogan, Donato Palermo, David Donaghy, Mary Langdale, George Wilson, Harry Thompson, Yvonne Brierley, Lucy Jarvis (SSJ), Barbara Morgan, John Fahey, Mary Jeffrey, Mary Lily Power, James Sexton, Sante Cerone, Molly Shelverton, Rodney Howell, John Green, Catherine McErval, Rigney Dance, Raymond Ryan, Alexander Imlach, Angela Whittaker



May they rest in peace.

Reminder : Regular Weekly Events

Wed 6-7pm : Cathedral—Hobart Haven (youth plus all welcome); **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



Dear parishioners, I am very happy to include your announcements (subject to content approval) in AVE.

A gentle reminder that AVE is actually nearly always full by around Tuesday of each week. Also, if you are sending through information please do not send it in poster format as there is not time to retype all the information; it needs to be sent in paragraph form, checked and ready to copy and paste into AVE. As you can appreciate I have content come from many sources and there are tricky logistics every week formatting it uniformly and on time. **With thanks. Liz**



Becoming Missionary Disciples

The Evangelium Conference is aimed at engaging Catholics in evangelisation. It will be held for the first time in Tasmania from August 30-31 at St Bernard's Church in Claremont. Themed 'Becoming Missionary Disciples', the conference will feature speakers, workshops, times of prayer and outreach. The theme is taken from Pope Francis' call for Christians to be 'missionary disciples'. "Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are 'disciples' and 'missionaries', but rather that we are always 'missionary disciples'," the Pope said, in his apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium. Aimed at parishioners, teachers and youth, as well as priests and religious, the conference will have a particular focus on enabling parishes to develop a missionary spirit. The conference's keynote speaker is evangelist, and co-founder and managing director of the Catholic ministry menALIVE, Robert Falzon. Purchase of a conference ticket includes access to keynote addresses and workshops, lunch & dinner, morning & afternoon tea, tea and coffee. Attendees can choose to attend one presentation from each workshop:

Workshop I - •Ministry to Men (Robert Falzon/ Martin Stone) •The grace of adoration in evangelization (Immaculata Community) •Catechesis as mode of evangelization (Angela Ritar) •Giving your personal testimony (Palavra Viva) •Forming a parish youth group (Tomasz Juszczak) **Workshop II**—•Using the media to evangelise (Shalom World) •Experiencing God in devotions (Fr Guy Riolo) •Liturgy as source and summit of evangelization (Michael McKenna) •Ministry of Bishop Robert Barron (Martin Tobin) •Parish from Maintenance to Mission (Fr Shammi Perera)

Commences Friday 30 Aug 7pm and concludes Saturday 31 August at 9.30pm. Tickets are \$65.00 each (inc. GST & booking fee). Available from www.eventbrite.com.au (search Evangelium) or by phone with Diana Batchelor 6210 8805.



20/21	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6.00pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
Greeter		TBA	Romilda Amorosa	TBA
Lector	Fred Tojino Geoff Burrill Eva Dunn	Sr Monica Shelverton, Andrew Pinelli	Isaac Harradine, David Harradine	Sr Monica Shelverton, Gabrielle Hutchinson
EMOC	Carol & Colin Brown	TBA	Angela Ritar, David Shelverton, Maria Saracino	TBA