



Weekly Mass Times

St Mary's Cathedral

Tue-Fri : No Masses (Archbishop and priests away on clergy plenary held every two years*)

Sat : 6pm Mass; Sun : 10.30am & 6.00pm;

Sacred Heart Church

Tue/Wed/Thu : No Masses (Archbishop and priests away on clergy plenary held every two years*)

Sat : 8.00am Mass; Sun : 8.30am Mass;
Lawrenny Court Cnr Arthur and Hill Sts,
West Hobart - Fri 10.30am Liturgy of the Word

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)

Sacred Heart Church : Sat following
8.00am Mass

St Mary's Cathedral: Sat 5-5.30pm

*For urgent after hours assistance from a priest this week call Fr Ray Brain 62344866 or 62344870 or call the Cathedral during office hours please.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

Next Week's Readings: Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

'We proclaim your Death, O Lord and profess your Resurrection until you come again.' Let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.

Each year we recall the Paschal Mysteries; Jesus Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection, I can not help but recall the Papua New Guinea experience of these annual celebrations particularly the Easter Vigil. Some weeks before the Easter ceremonies the men from the surrounding villages gathered heaps of fire wood and created an enormous bonfire at the top of the Ningil Mission airstrip in readiness for the blessing of the Easter fire and the Christ Candle. At the appointed time several hundred people from near and far away villages would eagerly gather around the bonfire waiting expectantly for it to explode into flames. At the conclusion of the open-air Easter Ritual of Blessing there was always a rush forward to the fire in order to retrieve a fire stick, then with singing and dancing the crowd joyfully made their way to the Church. Because of the large crowd many people had to stand outside. Often there were large numbers of babies to be baptised (60-80). The night of the celebrations under the soft light of the Easter moon was very long and always concluded with the echoing music, singing and dancing and lots of talking as the people returned up the hills being guided by their fire sticks, some people taking two to five hours to reach their villages. The fire sticks were very symbolic of Christ's presence among the people as they made the return journey home. This was always a deep spiritual experience for me as I felt the joy and presence of our risen Lord.

Ps. 16:v11 ' Lord, you will reveal the path of life to me/us. Give me/us unbounded joy in your presence and

at your right hand happiness for ever.'

During these past weeks of Lent leading up to Easter the Church has encouraged us again to recognise, 'the breadth and length, the height and depth'; (Ephesians Ch 3 v 18) of Christ's love for us individually and for the whole world. We have been vindicated from our sins because of Christ's immense sacrifice and the opportunity to know the fullness of the Mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. By Jesus' death on the Cross we have been set free and Heaven is our eternal home. Can you imagine how desolate the disciples were after the death of Jesus. They felt alone, abandoned, crushed, disappointed and afraid. Jesus was their hope for a new way of life. Jesus had spoken often about the Kingdom of God; a kingdom of justice, peace, forgiveness, truth and love. The disciples gathered together in the Last Supper room and he appeared to them. They were startled and afraid until Jesus spoke. 'Peace be with you.' then he encouraged them to touch him and he ate with them. Jesus wanted to reassure his disciples that he was truly risen and alive but in a different way. Jesus presents himself to us when in faith we receive him in the Holy Eucharist each time we go to Mass.

As we carry the flame of Jesus' love within us how can we fulfil his command to 'Love one another as I have loved you?'



Sr. Monica Shelverton PBVM.

This weekend at Sacred Heart Church I ask you to join with me in thanking John Fox for his dedicated service of 62 years as an altar server and 42 years as an acolyte for the Catholic Church in Tasmania.



John started as an altar server at the age of 10 at Sacred Heart in New Town, Tasmania and between the ages of 16-18 he served at the Lenah Valley Community Hall for the late Fr Dean Green due to a decision to have a Mass for the people of Lenah Valley around 1949. Around 1961 the Immaculate Heart of Mary School was built and John served at the Masses in the multi-purpose room prior to Lenah Valley being approved as a Parish in 1966. John was instituted as an Acolyte by Archbishop Guilford Young in 1976 and two years later the Immaculate Heart Church and presbytery were built. In 2000 Fr Denis Allen retired and John acted as Administrator for the parish as there was no priest in residence and he served on the altar on weekends. In 2005 John served at the final Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary prior to it being deconsecrated. John then served from 2005 to Feb 2018 at Sacred Heart Church, New Town and his family attended the last Mass he ministered on Feb 18, 2018. John also served at the Salesian Co-operators' Masses for well over 30 years and also served many masses for Archbishop Guilford Young with the Christian Family Movement. We thank John for his lifetime of service to the Church and bestow our blessings upon him and his family.

Fr Shammi Perera - Administrator



Tasmanian Catholic Youth Festival

The inaugural "Tasmanian Catholic Youth Festival" (TCYF) will be held on 16 and 17 May 2018 in Launceston and Hobart respectively with a fantastic line-up of speakers and performers. They include US singer/songwriter and ACYF performer Steve Angri-sano, entrepreneur and Oneplate charity founder Therese Nichols, and many more! The festival will consist of a day session which will be open to all school students from years 8-12 followed by a night rally that will be open to all young people until 30 years of age. More information on the festival will be out shortly. If you have any questions, please email youth@aohtas.org.au

The Catholic Women's League Craft Shop is packed with lovingly handmade affordable goods, including knitting and smocked clothing and shawls, socks, gloves, scarves, toys, bags, handmade cards and much more. Proceeds enable the CWL to donate to several charities. Mathers Place, 108 Bathurst St, M-F 10am-3pm. Info via 6234 1513.

Good Shepherd Sunday – 22nd April 2016

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Fr Ruben Martello FSF will lead a Holy Hour praying for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life especially for our Archdiocese at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston, from 2:15pm – 3:15pm. All are welcome to join the Carmelite Community in prayer for this important intention.

Mother's Day Gift Ideas from our Bookstall



Dear parishioners,
Many of our kind volunteers will find their **Working With Vulnerable People/Children** registrations are expiring around this time. Please reapply and advise me of your new registration number or email or drop off a copy of your new card when it arrives please. Just a reminder that if you previously held one you must by law have your new card to cover you in your volunteering capacity.
With thanks.

It's not too late to join one of the two new Alpha Courses which started last week.

The evening course is being held in the Cathedral Centre from 7-9pm on Mondays (started 9th of April). The morning course is being held in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre from 9:15 to 11:15 am on Wednesdays (started 11th of April). Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. Come for a bite to eat, watch a talk and have a chat. A great experience for active Catholics and also a way for those who have got a bit isolated to get back into things. Check out Alpha at alpha.org.au. For info, or to let us know you are coming, call Deacon Nick on 0418 242 010 or Moana on 0476 030 535.



Reminder : please return your Project Compassion boxes.



Dear parents of Sacramental Program candidates,

We have a new large delivery to our bookstall of lovely items to purchase as gifts for your children to commemorate their First Eucharist and Confirmation. Please be so kind as to pass this information on to family members who may also be seeking a gift.



With thanks.

Dear Sacred Heart parishioners,

Immaculate Heart Church closed its doors in 2005 and many of those parishioners elected to attend Mass at Sacred Heart.

The practice of Morning Tea after Mass was very strong at Immaculate Heart, and it was noticeable that this practice did not exist at Sacred Heart, so five ladies de-



cided to continue morning tea in the Sacred heart Parish Centre. These ladies have been providing Morning Tea for nearly thirteen years.

Three ladies have said that they are finding it harder to carry out this duty, so it is timely to ask for some younger volunteers to take their place. Please give Margaret Fox a call on 62283715 and she will be happy to explain how you can assist. **With thanks.**

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES: The Lamb's Supper (the Biblical roots of the Mass) on Tuesdays 10 & 24 Apr., 8 May, 1-3pm; and He Must Reign: The Kingdom of God in Scripture on Thursdays 12 & 26 Apr., 10 May, 10am-12pm. Encounter the link between our Catholic lives today and Scripture! Discover what God has revealed to his People in Scripture. Where: Murphy Room, Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. Cost: \$20 per course for study guide. Register: Dr Christine Wood, 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au



Seeing the Resurrection by Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

God never overpowers, never twists arms, never pushes your face into something so as to take away your freedom. God respects our freedom and is never a coercive force.

And nowhere is this more true than in what is revealed in the resurrection of Jesus. The Gospels assure us that, like his birth, the resurrection was physical, real, not just some alteration inside the consciousness of believers. After the resurrection, we are assured, Jesus' tomb was empty, people could touch him, he ate food with them, he was not a ghost.

But his rising from the dead was not a brute slap in the face to his critics, a non-negotiable fact that left sceptics with nothing to say. The resurrection didn't make a big splash. It was not some spectacular event that exploded into the world as the highlight on the evening news. It had the same dynamics as the incarnation itself: After he rose from the dead, Jesus was seen by some, but not by others; understood by some, but not by others. Some got his meaning and it changed their lives, others were indifferent to him, and still others understood what had happened, hardened their hearts against it, and tried to destroy its truth.

Notice how this parallels, almost perfectly, what happened at the birth of Jesus: The baby was real, not a ghost, but he was seen by some, but not by others and the event was understood by some but not by others. Some got its meaning and it changed their lives, others were indifferent and their lives went on as before, while still others (like Herod) sensed its meaning but hardened their hearts against it and tried to destroy the child.

Why the difference? What makes some see the resurrection while others do not? What lets some understand the mystery and embrace it, while others are left in indifference or hatred? Hugo of St. Victor used to say: Love is the eye! When we look at anything through the eyes of love, we see correctly, understand, and properly appropriate its mystery. The reverse is also true. When we look at anything through eyes that are jaded, cynical, jealous, or bitter, we will not see correctly, will not understand, and will not properly appropriate its mystery. We see this in how the Gospel of John describes the events of Easter Sunday. Jesus has risen, but, first of all, only the person who is driven by love, Mary Magdala, goes out in search of him. The others remain as they are, locked inside their own worlds. But love seeks out its beloved and Mary Magdala goes out, spices in hand, wanting at least to embalm his dead body.

She finds his grave empty and runs back to Peter and the beloved disciple and tells them the tomb is empty. The two race off together, towards the tomb, but the disciple whom Jesus loved out-runs Peter and gets to the tomb first, but he doesn't enter, he waits for Peter (authority) to go in first.

Peter enters the empty tomb, sees the linens that had covered the body of Jesus, but does not understand. Then the beloved disciple, love, enters. He sees and he does understand. Love grasps the mystery. Love is the eye. It is what lets us see and understand the resurrection.

That is why, after the resurrection, some saw Jesus but others did not. Some understood the resurrection while others did not. Those with the eyes of love saw and understood. Those without the eyes of love either didn't see anything or were perplexed or upset by what they did see.

There are lots of ways to be blind. I remember an Easter Sunday some years ago when I was a young graduate student in San Francisco. Easter Sunday was late that year and it was



a spectacularly beautiful spring day. But on that particular day I was mostly blind to what was around me. I was young, homesick, alone on Easter Sunday, and nursing a huge heartache. That coloured everything I was seeing and feeling. It was Easter Sunday, in spring, in high sunshine, but, for what I was seeing, it might as well have been midnight, on Good Friday, in the dead of winter.

Lonely and nursing a heartache, I took a walk to calm my restlessness. At the entrance of a park, I saw a blind beggar holding a sign that read: It's spring and I'm blind! The irony wasn't lost on me. I was blind that day, more blind than that beggar, seeing neither spring nor the resurrection. What I was seeing were only those things that reflected what was going on inside my own heart.

Christ is risen, though we might not see him! We don't always notice spring. The miraculous doesn't force itself on us. It's there, there to be seen, but whether we see or not, and what precisely we do see, depends mainly upon what's going on inside our own hearts.

Couples for Christ Australia are holding their 30th Anniversary National Conference on 27-29th April, the Albert Hall, 47 Tamar St, Launceston. Couples for Christ Australia seeks to strengthen Catholic families, and to evangelise. They offer formation programs to help men and women mature in their Christian faith and to develop Christian family life. Speakers include Archbishop Porteous, Fr Seraph Balmadres and Alexander Obiorah, and members of CFC Australia from the mainland. All are welcome! Registrations and information: <https://sites.google.com/view/cfca-national-conference/home>

All young adults are invited to a new weekly event that will be held in St Mary's Cathedral called Hobart Haven.

This event is a chance for young people to get away from the noise and rush of daily life and simply spend some time with Jesus. Hobart Haven will run every Wednesday from 6-7pm at St Mary's cathedral and will include: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, time for silent prayer, hymns, scripture reflection, chance for Confession and Benediction.



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Are you new to our parish?

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.

Upcoming Events at Maryknoll May 2018 - A series of talks by Fr

Chris Hope May 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th 10-12 noon "Peter and the Others" Four talks on the disciples and followers of Jesus. All Welcome. For further information, please contact Sr Margaret Henderson RSM on 0418 366 923. Maryknoll Retreat and Conference Centre 15 Home Avenue Blackmans Bay

From Our Anniversary Book

Amelio Cattaruzza, Arthur Gillam, William Proposch, Kathleen Cox, Margaret Cowen, George Cengia, Alipio Maccallini, Mary Smith, Brendan Cook, William Hartnett, Lily Rose, Christopher Richardson, Caroline Banks, Rosemary Monk, Sheila Mills, Annie McDermott, Eileen Cowie, Rhueben McCallum, Michele Chew, Abigail Carter, Anthony Chisholm, Brian Quigley, Fr. Peter Murphy, George Ward, Sr. Philomena Mary Healy, Ken Lowrie, Mary Johnston, Carmel England, Charles Flynn, Harry Clarke, Victor Miller, Amy McLure, William Corby, Monsignor Bernard Rogers, Maria Lewicki, Bortolo Gesiotto **May they rest in peace.**



Friday's Eucharistic Holy Hour—
Spending time with Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament is always time
well spent. Each Friday, there is Ad-

oration of the Blessed Sacrament from 4.30-5.30pm in the Cathedral. Join us for some singing, some time for silent prayer, some communal prayer (from the Prayer of the Church) and Benediction. All welcome. Queries, call Deacon Nick MacFarlane 0418 242

THE HYMNS

HOW THEY ARE CHOSEN EVERY WEEK



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14/15	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6.00pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
Greeter		TBA	Romilda Amorosa	TBA
Lector	Vic Ferri Michael Brown Debbie Brown	Lorraine Dooley, Colleen Stanford	Peter Chedid, Teresa Smith	Roanne Perera, Grace Foley
EMOC		Sue Bailey, Norm Andrews	Angela Di Martino, Suzanne Santiago, Angela Ritar	TBA