

# St Mary's Cathedral Parish

18th February YR B/2 2018  
1st Sunday of Lent



## Weekly Mass Times

### St Mary's Cathedral

Tue-Fri : 7.30am Mass

Sat : 6pm Mass

Sun : 10.30am & 6.00pm Masses

### Sacred Heart Church

Tue/Wed/Thu : 9am Mass

Sat : 8.00am Mass

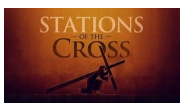
Sun : 8.30am Mass

Lawrenny Court Cnr Arthur and Hill Sts,  
West Hobart Fri 10.30am Mass

### Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)

Sacred Heart Church : Sat following  
8.00am Mass

St Mary's Cathedral: Sat 5-5.30pm



**St Mary's Cathedral –**  
Friday 7.30pm Mar 2  
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**Sacred Heart Church –** Friday 7.30pm  
Feb 23 & March 9

**A dramatized Stations of the Cross** (to music) will be presented by the youth of the Parish on Friday 23rd March at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Readings:** Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**Next Week's Readings:** Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

**Dear parishioners, our annual Marriage Mass Renewal Of Vows will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous at 10.30am this Sunday.** Catholic married couples will receive a special acknowledgement from Archbishop Julian.



**An invitation to a spiritual race of 40 days is set before us once again. A great forum for pensive and contemplative reflection of my spiritual journey.** 'It is an ideal time' says Pope Francis '... to allow hearts to beat once more in tune with the vibrant heart of Jesus.' Traditionally, the Church in her wisdom unfolds for us the path to follow every first Sunday of this Holy Season by inviting us into the desert to share in the experience of Jesus.

The Synoptic Writers considered the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness a good point to share. One of the very striking points that I wish to point out in their accounts is that 'the Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.' Naturally, one should pause for a while on that. To fulfil his redemptive mission the Spirit led him into the wilderness but it was the Devil who tempted him. The Father was aware that the Devil knew that Jesus was fasting and was vulnerable, thus considered it an opportune time to tempt him.

We are invited to share in the desert experience of Jesus. It is quite a hard, nay, difficult experience. The unpredictable ecology of the desert poses a great challenge. The human body can endure heat far better than cold. Notwithstanding, the burning heat of the desert is beyond comparison. Biologists tell us that two-thirds of the human body is composed of water. Hence, the continual and drastic shortage of water leads to dizziness, malfunctioning of the bodily systems including the brain and the power of thought. From all possible analysis, the triumph of Jesus over Satan considering all these challenges is an indication that Jesus is God's son. However, our 40 day spiritual race is not going to be free from challenges. Wherever you are simply becomes your desert experience. The Devil is quite aware that through the mysteries of this holy season our hearts are purified and renewed. Therefore, a continual relationship with God through prayer, fasting and works of charity would keep us firm in the knowledge of Christ. In line with this, today's Collect says: '...that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by conduct pursue this effect.'

A caveat from Pope Francis during his Ash Wednesday Mass at the Basilica of St. Sabina wraps up this reflection. He encourages us on 3 actions that should characterise our Lent: Pause, See and Return – 'Pause from this compulsion to a fast-paced life that scatters, divides and ultimately destroys time with family, with friends.... See and contemplate the real face of Christ crucified out of love for everyone.... Return without fear, for this is a favourable time to come home, to the home of my Father and your Father....'

**FR. EMMANUEL IBEKE**

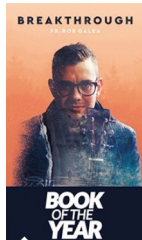


**Parishioners are warmly invited to a retreat conducted by Fr. Michael Payyapilly VC, in St Mary's Cathedral from Monday 19th Feb to Thursday 22nd Feb inclusive.**

The retreat will commence at 7pm each night and includes an enlightening talk based on scripture and concludes with Adoration. Fr Michael will also preach at each of the weekend parish Masses prior to the retreat. Fr Michael is a Vincentian priest who was ordained in 2006. His first appointment was as Assistant Director of the Divine Retreat Centre, Kerala, the largest Catholic retreat centre in the world. Fr Michael then transferred to Sydney in 2013 to establish a Divine Retreat Centre in the Diocese of Broken Bay. The centre was established in Somersby where 500 people attend one day retreats and around 80-100 attend weekend residential retreats. Fr Michael is now presently serving as Director of Tabor Divine Retreat Centre in Mumbai India. Retreat Theme: Loved by HIM Love forms the basis of all healthy relationships. It is blissfully uplifting. But seeing love through the eyes of Jesus, helps us look at the world, in the blissful way that He sees us. To understand the essence of love we have to search for it in God only then can we find it in the other. We will never be afraid to love when we are rooted in the love of Christ. "Above all love each other deeply" (1 Peter 4:8)

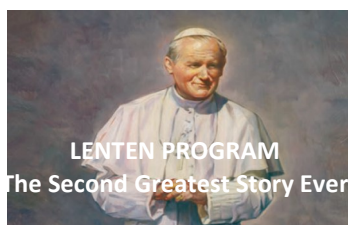


**Parish Reconciliation will be held at 7pm on Thursday March 15 at the Cathedral.**



**'Before I was on The X Factor Australia, before I performed for a pope ... I was an alienated, messed-up teenager.'** The story of Fr Rob Galea is a journey from desperation to hope. Struggling under the weight of addiction and depression, Fr Rob was considering ending his life when redemption came through a phone call. Knowing that he needed help, Fr Rob fought his demons to forge a relationship with Jesus Christ and has never looked back. Breakthrough asks you to find your way through adversity to the better life that awaits you. It's a powerful story about recovery, redemption and faith, and is told by one of the most charismatic priests of our time. **Limited copies in our bookstall—\$27**

**Dear Parishioners, you are warmly invited to attend our Parish Lenten Program.** The power and drama of Fr. Michael Gaitley's best-selling book *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told* are captured in an amazing visual presentation that will challenge and enthrall you. In 5 fast-paced and lively sessions, Fr. Gaitley connects people and events in history to a unifying vision of the splendour of God's merciful love. From the epic story of Poland's national suffering, to the events of Fatima, the revelations of St. Faustina, the heroic efforts of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the life of St. John Paul II, the panorama of God's love and mercy is fully revealed as a transformative reality.



Cathedral Centre 1st Floor- Starts Thurs 22nd Feb. or Mon. 26th Feb. (for 5 weeks) Thurs mornings 10-12:00pm or Mon 7-9pm For further info please call Deacon Nick MacFarlane on 0418 242 010.

#### Dear youth of the parish,

The deadline is upon us for students Year 9+ to perform in the 2018 Passion Play on Friday March 23 at 7pm in St Mary's Cathedral. All roles are non-speaking/role playing, in a dramatization of the Stations of the Cross against a dramatic musical backdrop. No previous acting experience necessary, but maturity and willingness to be directed is necessary.



**Please allow for rehearsals as follows: Wednesdays Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21 and Thursday March 22 in the Cathedral.** Please send your contact details to [cathedral@aohtas.org.au](mailto:cathedral@aohtas.org.au) asap or complete the form at the back of both Churches. The students who participated last year thoroughly enjoyed themselves as well as having the privilege to participate in an event of spiritual significance to the Hobart community. Enquiries 6234 4463.

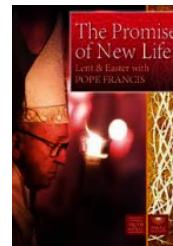
**"Call the people together, summon the community, assemble the elders, gather the children" Joel 2:16** We are gathering once more in order to prepare our sacramental candidates for Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. This Sunday, they will be welcomed back into the program. Our hope is that the families will experience the warmth of the community's friendship and know that they all have a vital place in our parish life. We promise our candidates that we will pray for them, teach them and show Christ's care for them. Our prayer is that this time of preparation will be a source of spiritual renewal for the whole family. We wish everyone involved in the program, joy and peace.

**The Sacramental Team**

#### Lenten Reading—now in the bookstall.

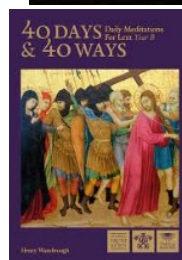
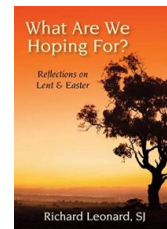
**What Are We Hoping For? : Reflections on Lent and Easter** by Richard Leonard SJ. \$25

**The Promise of New Life by Pope Francis**—reflections and weekly challenges during Lent. \$10



#### 40 Days & 40 Ways—

Daily Meditations for Year B by Henry Wansbrough (CTS) \$10



**The Cathedral Parish extends an invitation to people interested in volunteering to take the young children of the parish for liturgy (during the readings and homily) at 10.30am**

**Mass and 6pm Mass on Sunday evening.** On a rostered basis it would mean you need only do it every few weeks. (The Parish will pay for your Working With Children government card). Children's Liturgy continues this week during both Sunday Masses at the Cathedral. If you would like your child to attend Children's Liturgy during either Mass, please encourage them to join the other children as they process out before the First Reading.

**Dear parishioners, the Italian community wish to extend an invitation to all parishioners to join in this year with the San Carlo procession which will leave from the Cathedral following 10.30am Mass on Sunday March 11.** The walk concludes at the Italian Club North Hobart, with fine food and wine and is always a lovely event.



**Year of Youth Pilgrimage to St Patrick's, Colebrook** On the weekend of 3-4 March, Archbishop Porteous is leading a Year of Youth Pilgrimage from St John's Richmond to St Patrick's Colebrook. The pilgrimage involves camping overnight and is open to all young people up to the age of 35. Youth U18 will require a guardian for the duration of the pilgrimage. For more info contact Tomasz at [youth@aohtas.org.au](mailto:youth@aohtas.org.au) or on 6208 6038

#### Dear youth of the parish!

You are invited to join the St Mary's Cathedral Parish Youth Group (for 15-30 year olds) when it continues this Sunday. Simply join us in the Cathedral Centre for lunch at 12.30pm or feel free to contact Moana 0476 030 535 or Samuel 0420 545 424 for more details. We look forward to seeing you there!



### What makes for a practicing Christian? By Fr Ron Rolheiser

**OMI** There's a national phone-in show on radio in Canada that I try to catch whenever I can. Recently its topic for discussion was: Why do so few people go to church today? The question triggered a spirited response. Some called in and said that the churches were emptying because they were too progressive, too sold-out to the culture, too devoid of old, timeless truth. These calls would invariably be followed by others that suggested exactly the opposite, namely, that the churches are emptying because they are too slow to change, too caught up in old traditions that no longer make sense.

And so it went on, caller after caller, until one man phoned in and suggested that the real issue was not whether the church was too progressive or regressive. Rather, in his view, less and less people were going to church because "basically people treat their churches exactly the way they treat their own families; they want them around, but they don't go home to visit them all that much!" The comment reminded me of Reginald Bibby, the Canadian sociologist of religion, who likes to quip: "People aren't leaving their churches, they just aren't going to them – and that is a difference that needs to be understood."

Indeed it does. There is a difference between leaving a family and just not showing up regularly for its celebrations. This distinction in fact needs to shape the way we answer a number of important questions: Who belongs to the church? What makes for a practising Christian? When is someone's relationship to the church mortally terminated? What does it mean to be outside the church? As well, this distinction impacts on the question as to who is entitled to receive the rites of baptism, eucharist, confirmation, marriage, and Christian burial.

People are treating their churches just like they treat their families. Isn't that as it should be? Theologically the church is family – it's not like family, it is family. A good ecclesiology then has to look to family life to properly understand itself (the reverse of course is also true). Now if we place the questions we just posed within the context of family life, we have there, I believe, the best perspective within which to answer them. Thus, inside of our families: Who is in and who is out? When does someone cease being a "practicing" member of a family? Does someone cease to be a member of a family because he or she doesn't come home much any more? Do we refuse to give a wedding for a son or daughter just because he or she, caught up in youth and self-interest, hasn't come home the last couple of years for Easter and Christmas? Not exactly abstract questions!

Many of us have children and siblings who for various reasons, at this stage of their lives, largely use the family for their own needs and convenience. They want the family around, but on their terms. They want the family for valued contact at key moments (weddings, births of children, funerals, anniversaries, birthdays, and so on) but they don't want a relationship to it that is really committed and regular. A lot of families are like that. They understand this, accept it, swallow hard sometimes, and remain a family despite it. In any extended family, it's natural that, while everyone is a member of the family, there will be different levels of participation. Some will give more, others will take more. Some, by virtue of maturity, will carry most of the burden – they will arrange the dinners, pay for them, keep inviting the others, do most of the work, and take on the task of trying to preserve the family bond and ethos. Others, because of youthful restlessness, immaturity, self-interest, confusion, peer-pressure, laziness, anger, whatever, will carry less, take the family for granted, and buy in largely on their own terms. That describes most families and is also a pretty accurate description of most churches. There are different levels of participation and maturity, but there is only one church and that church, like any family, survives precisely because some members are willing to carry more of the burden than others. Those others, however, except for more exceptional circumstances, do not cease being members of the family. They ride on the grace of the others, literally. It's how family works; how grace works; how church works.



Church must be understood as family: Certain things can put you out of the family, true. However, in most families, simple immaturity, hurt, confusion, distraction, laziness, youthful sexual restlessness, and self-preoccupation – the reasons why most people who do not go to church stay away – do not mortally sever your connection. You remain a family member. You don't cease being "a practising member" of the family because for a time you aren't home very much. Families understand this. Ecclesial family, church, I believe, needs to be just as understanding.

**Parenting Course – Wednesday mornings Feb 28 to Mar 28** The Cathedral Parish Alpha Team is presenting The Parenting Children Course (for those parenting 0 to 10-year-olds).

The aim of The Parenting Children Course is to equip parents and carers of children aged from 0 to 10 years of age, as well as parents-to-be, with long-term strategies and practical tools to build a healthy family life. This course has proved very helpful to parents over many years and in many different countries. Over five interactive sessions (2 hours each), parents and carers learn how to invest in their children's future, model the values they want to pass on, set healthy boundaries and keep love at the centre of their family life.

Where: Sacred Heart Parish Centre 1 Cross Street, New Town.

When: Wednesday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15 from Wed 28 Feb to Wed 28 Mar. For further info contact Deacon Nick MacFarlane on 0418 242 010.





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**The next Old Virgilians Association luncheon** will be held at the Austins Ferry campus commencing at 12.00pm on Tuesday, 27th February, 2018. A two course meal with drinks provided (\$30). All Old Virgilians and friends invited. Please notify attendance to SVC office 6249 6555 or email: adminsvc@stvirgils.tas.edu.au  
 Peter Imlach, Secretary.

**The World Day of Prayer** is to be held Fri. 2nd March - 11am at Hobart City Church of Christ 8 Goulburn St. The focus and all offerings are centred on literacy and sex trafficking of children over the next three years. Please consider going and supporting this worthy cause!

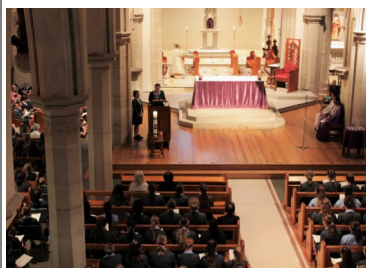
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**Collections Weekend 10/11 Feb 2018** : all 4 Masses—Loose plate : \$972; Planned Giving : \$1325;

**Friday's Eucharistic Holy Hour—Spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is always time well spent.**  
 Each Friday, there is Adoration 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 242 010



**Fr Fadhel will celebrate Mass for the Arabic Community at 10.30am on Saturday 3rd March in the Cathedral.** All parishioners are welcome!



**St Mary's College attended a beautiful Liturgy in the Cathedral on Ash Wednesday.**

Sadly due to the weather some of our other parish schools had to cancel last minute, however our enterprising priests, deacons and acolyte packed up their bags and provided an 'ashes 2 U' service to the schools on short notice—so all was well!



**From Our Anniversary Book** Anita and Ottavio Toffoli, Ernest Blazeley, Gertrude Dowd, Arthur Lacey, John Nolan, Walter Smallbone, Helena Donnelly, Amelia O'Brien, Edward Robinson, Kristine Reeve, Patricia Andrews, Josef Majcher, John Duggan, Wallace Fulton, Thomas O'Connor, Christina Davis, James Waters, Leonard Hill, Maxwell Rainbird, William Gregor, Dorothy Wilson, John Mitson, Peter Graham, Giuseppe Attuoni, Agnes Owen, Ada Mohr **May they rest in peace.**



**Dear Lectors please note!** We have had to repair our lectern microphone numerous times as it is being pulled on very hard. You should not need to adjust it as it's very sensitive but you may, if really necessary, simply **tilt** the very **end** of it up or down. **Please do not pull on it.** Thank you!



17/18	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
<b>Greeter</b>			Romilda Amorosa	Anna Flora Zanella
<b>Lector</b>	Vic Ferri Michael Brown Debbie Brown	Andrew Pinelli, Lorraine Dooley	Anna Reussien, Peter Chedid	Sr Monica Shelverton, Roanne Perera
<b>EMOC</b>		Norm Andrews, Sue Bailey	Suzanne Santiago, Angela Di Martino, TBA	TBA on night