



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

This Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral.

2.00pm Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation; 3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction and Mass with Archbishop Julian Porteous as main celebrant. Enq: Maree 6228 7108.



Two Alpha Courses Starting After Easter

The Parish Alpha Team will be running two new Alpha Courses starting after Easter.

The evening course will be held in the Cathedral Centre from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Mondays and will start on the 9th of April.

The morning course will be held in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre from 9:15 to 11:15 am on Wednesdays and will start on the 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 further 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.



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 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

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

Basking in the euphoria of the glorious resurrection of our Saviour, the Mother Church invites us today into the bottomless and endless Pool of the Mercy of God, an abyss beyond our comprehension. The liturgical celebrations that come up after the re-enactment of the glorious resurrection of Christ give us the richness and the splendour of the liturgical life of the church. The great feast day of today, Divine Mercy Sunday, leaves us with immense insight into God's love for mankind. We are encouraged to turn our gaze to Christ, and to experience and value his reassuring presence.

In my deep thought on the essence of existence, I have come to understand that life, in order to be worth living, must include constant renewal and restoration. The high point of the Liturgy of the Word today reassures us of this very fact. The Bible tells us that the disciples of Jesus were behind a closed door because of the fear of the Jews. In his glorious body he appeared and stood amongst them. He breathed on them to transform them into a conduit and dispensers of mercy saying: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' – (Jn 20:23).

That is simply a mandate for the effective and ongoing renewal, transformation and restoration in the Church. We can therefore say that devoid of the mercy of God, we are turned into earthenware and cannot be able to achieve any spiritual good. The story of the Prodigal Son is a good example – (Lk 15: 11-32). The moment he experienced the boundless and loving



mercy of his father his life was renewed and restored. A new page was turned in the son's life.

Jesus desires our total submission to his abyss of mercy. He patiently waits for our return. At the Tribunal of Mercy, the confessional room, he expects us to lay bare our sinful hearts to him and have the story of our life re-written. On this subject, Pope Francis in his Easter Message, 'Urbi et Orbi' in 2013 gave his timeless piece of advice saying: 'God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones.'

Encountering Jesus will fill us with the desire to make a difference in the world. May we value and treasure more profoundly the mystery of divine mercy and transform our daily lives through works of mercy directed towards our neighbours.

Fr Emmanuel Ibeke

The parish congratulates Laura and Simon Lane on the baptism of their daughter Evelyn Merryll during last weekend's Easter Vigil Mass.





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 Angrisano, 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

Back in stock—As secularism gains influence, and increasing numbers see religion as dull and backward, Robert Barron wants to illuminate how beautiful, intelligent, and relevant the Catholic faith is. \$39

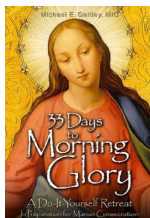


'Before I was on The X Factor Australia, before I performed for a pope ... I was an alienated, messed-up teenager.' **The story of Fr Rob Galea is a journey from desperation to hope.** Struggling under the weight of addiction and depression, Fr Rob was considering ending his life when redemption came through a phone call. 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**



A Journey to Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Dear parishioners, after Easter, the parish will offer a 33-day group retreat focused on personal consecration or entrustment to Jesus through Mary. St Louis de Montfort assures us that this consecration or entrustment, is the surest, easiest, and most perfect means to becoming a saint. St John Paul II said that this devotion was a decisive turning point in his life. The retreat will require attendance at a group session for 6 weeks from 5:45 to 7:15 pm on Friday evenings starting on Friday 13th April. Each participant must also get a copy of Fr Michael Gaitley's beautiful book *33 Days to Morning Glory* (available from www.bookdepository.com) to use every day on this extraordinary 33-day journey to Marian consecration **with four giants of Marian spirituality: St Louis de Montfort, St Maximilian Kolbe, St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Pope St John Paul II. It is essential that intending participants confirm their participation with Deacon Nick MacFarlane on 0418 242 010 prior to commencement.**



Now in the bookstall—a new range of Sacramental gifts, rosaries (including crystal, hematite and lapis), statues and mementos.



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-



ecided 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.**

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 parishioners,

Donations of biscuits, fresh or long life milk, plunger coffee and other kitchen items are gratefully accepted to cater for refreshments following our Masses.

With thanks.



"Teas, coffees... drinks, snacks anyone?"

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



Begetting Hobart...

A pair of baptisms on the same day in 1855 opens a small window into the under-documented world of single motherhood in colonial-era Hobart. The baptised were two girls, Ellen Ryan and Mary Cotter, neither of whom had their fathers recorded in the baptismal registers. Intriguingly, their mothers were Mary Ryan and Ellen Cotter respectively. This rather suggests the women named their children after each other.



Curious after noticing this possible connection, I cast a wider net. This soon opened a series of such correspondences, a profoundly illuminating historical experience. Ellen Cotter, for instance, turned up for another fatherless baptism in 1857 as a sponsor for a girl named Ellen Regan. This Ellen's mother, Johanna Regan, acted as sponsor for the baptism of Lousia Maguire in 1855, yet another fatherless girl. Lousia's mother, Isabella Maguire, was sponsor in 1851 for the similarly fatherless Jane Mulchay. There was clearly a network of single women in Hobart, supporting each other and their children in the Faith. Attending the baptisms of their children, they literally stood by each other.

As already seen, some of these single mothers seem to have named their daughters for their friends. The names of the boys are less immediately clear. Randolph Foundling was baptised in 1855, for instance, but as his father was not recorded it is not evident for whom he may have been named. His surname was not a euphemism, even though it was perhaps pointed. Randolph's mother, Susan Foundling, acted as sponsor for two more fatherless baptisms in Hobart in 1855 and 1856. Randolph's own baptismal sponsor was another of these well-networked single women of Hobart. This was Mary Flanagan, a single mother herself to a child baptised in 1854. Mary sponsored two other fatherless baptisms, those for Michael Currie in 1854 and Eliza Reardon in 1855. The latter of these was named for her own mother, Eliza Reardon, who had an older daughter Johanna, baptised in 1853. Johanna Reardon's sponsor was Margaret Shanguessy, yet another single mother whose own child Ann was baptised only a few days before Johanna. Ann Sanguessy seems likely to have been named for her sponsor, Ann McGovern. The list could go on, like a series of fatherless biblical begetting, recording the transmission of the Faith at the fringes of society in old Hobart.

Dr Nick Brodie

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.



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.

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>

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.

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.

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 (remember to 'like/follow us' to stay up to date!)



Rachel's Vineyard has helped many men and women to move on with hope. You are not alone, there is hope after an abortion experience. We can help, our next Rachel's Vineyard retreat for healing after abortion will be held in Hobart, on Aug 31st to Sept 2nd. To speak to someone please call Anne Sherston on the confidential phone 0478599241.

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



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 Cecilia Waters, Roy McVilly, Honora Ryan, Francis Fitzpatrick, Fr. Gerard Kelly, Julian Browning, Gerald Collins, Harold Thornhill, Marie Webster, Muriel Clark, Ellen McGlone, Edwin Matuszek, Mirko Franov, Kevin Andrews, Paul Falconer, Francis O'Neill, Stephen Gallagher, Veronica Burke, Sarah Cooper, Dietro Vivarelli, Cecil Carter, Brian Harradine **May they rest in peace.**



Images of Holy Week in our parish.....



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!



7/8	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6.00pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
Greeter		TBA	Maria Respondek	TBA
Lector	Eva Dunn Elizabeth Longo Peter Tierney	Colleen Stanford, Andrew Pinelli	Genevieve Atkins, Tad Matuszek	TBA, Johnnie Lennard.
EMOC		Sue Bailey, Norm Andrews	Michael Midson, Maria Saracino, Suzanne Santiago	TBA