

St Mary's Cathedral Parish

Nov 4, 2018 YR B/2 2018
31st 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/Wed/Thu : 9am

Sat : 8.00am Mass

Sun : 8.30am Mass

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

Sacrament of Penance (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: I love you Lord, my strength. **Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia! **Readings:** Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34 **Next Week's Readings:** I Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

This Sunday during the 10.30am Mass, Georgia Medhurst and her son Leo will be baptised. Please join together in prayer for God's blessings for them and welcome them to our Parish Community!



On Sat. 10th Nov., our Choir Director—Ben Mackey, will perform an organ recital at 7.30pm in the Cathedral. Entry is on a 'pay what you can' basis, with donations from the evening contributing towards the music ministry of our Parish.



It Would Have Been Enough

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the teacher of the Law something he already knows well – that the greatest commandment of the Jewish Law is this; "Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength." This is the bedrock of the faith of Israel. There is but one God and we must love God with all we have – heart



and soul and mind and strength. But why must we love God. Surely it would be enough to serve Him, to obey Him and to observe His commandments. No! At the heart of the Mosaic Law is the love of God. There is a

beautiful Jewish prayer called the 'Dayenu' ('it would have been enough') which explains it. It is said during the celebration of Passover, every year and it is in the form of a litany. The host recalls the wonders of God one by one and the family all respond with "it would have been enough" it goes like this: Had He brought us out of Egypt, and not executed judgement against the Egyptians, *it would have been enough.* Had He executed judgement against the Egyptians, and not divided the sea for us, *it would have been enough.* Had He divided the sea for us, and not drowned our oppressors in it, *it would have been enough.* Had He drowned our oppressors in it, and not helped us forty years in the desert, *it would have been enough.* Had He fed us manna, and not brought us to Mount Sinai, *it*

would have been enough.

Had He brought us to Mount Sinai, and not given us the Law, *it would have been enough.*

Had He given us the Law, and not brought us to into the Promised Land, *it would have been enough.*

Had He brought us into the Promised Land, and not given us the Temple, *it would have been enough.*

And we who believe in Jesus Christ can continue this litany with even greater marvels of God's love for us:

Had he given us the Temple, and not sent us His Son, the Messiah, *it would have been enough.*

Had He sent us His Son, and not given Him up to die for our sins on the cross, *it would have been enough.*

Had He given up His Son to die for our sins on the cross, and not raised Him from the dead, *it would have been enough.*

Had He raised Him from the dead and not sent His Holy Spirit, *it would have been enough.*

But it doesn't end there. Yes there is one thing more:

Had He sent His Holy Spirit, and not left us His Real Presence in the Eucharist, *it would have been enough.*

When Jesus appeared to St Margaret Mary and showed her his Sacred Heart burning for love of us, He said to her "Toi du m'as aimé-moi." "Love Me! – at least you." The love of God for us poured out for us demands that we respond in love – that we too love the Lord with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength. **Deacon Nick MacFarlane**

Planned Giving Renewal Last Sunday 28 October the Cathedral Finance and Maintenance Committee launched the Parish's Planned Giving Renewal. Over the coming weeks we ask parishioners to reflect and consider making a regular donation to the Parish if they are able to do so, in order to ensure the ongoing financial viability of the Parish. The Committee would like to thank those who currently make a regular financial contribution to the Parish. Your support is very much appreciated and we hope that you will be able to continue to donate. The Committee acknowledges that many parishioners contribute in other ways, through lay ministries, volunteer work and via the collection plate. Should you be willing to make a regular donation, or increase your existing regular donation please contact the Parish office. The preferred method of donation is by EFT and the Parish office can provide further information as required. If you have an existing regular donation in place and would like to continue, you do not need to do anything.

Congratulations to the following students from St Mary's College for receiving the Blessed Sacrament for the first time this weekend during the 6pm Vigil Mass. Sarah Thomas, Gracie Pelham, Amber King, Sam King, Lea Jenkins, Grace Willis, Henry Willis, Leni Vagg, Charlotte Poulson and Ruby Lane. We remember them and their families in our prayers at this joyful time.

CAROLS ON THE HILL - 15 Dec 2018 -

GYC Oval Barrack St, Hobart Calling all Christmas lovers!! Do you love singing about Christmas? Carols on the Hill 2018 is an Archdiocese of Hobart outdoor carol event, and we are putting together an event choir especially for the night. We are looking for people in our parish communities to be involved. There will be 3 rehearsals leading up to the day at 6-7:30 pm Nov 30, Dec 5, 14. Music and rehearsal CD's will be available prior rehearsals. To express interest and for further info : ella.tobin@aohtas.org.au or 0468 601 517



Archbishop Julian will celebrate 8.30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 2nd December.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26th to May 31st 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

This year to assist the office, please ensure you submit your 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.**



The San Carlo Assoc invites you to celebrate the 480th anniversary in honour of San Carlo Borromeo. Sat 10th Nov—6.30 for 7pm : Australian Italian Club North Hobart. There will be a 4 course meal with Italian music and singing to follow. To book please contact Liberatore Allocca on 0409 975 410.

At 11 am each Saturday the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place on the 2nd floor of the Cathedral Centre. Come and pray for our Cathedral parish, the world and our own individual needs. Bring a friend and may Mary intercede for us as we answer her call to prayer. Sr Monica - 0467028839 or 62431460.

Way to St James Pilgrimage : 11th-12th January 2018

Inspired by the famous Spanish El Camino of St James this two-day pilgrim walk will take you through the scenic and peaceful Huon Valley to a celebration at the Spanish mission styled Church of St James, nestled in the heart of Cygnet. For more information, please see the website at www.waytostjames.com.au



Female Housemate Wanted to share a 2 bedroom apartment in a great location in Sandy Bay from around mid Jan. Would suit a uni student/young professional. If interested or know anyone, please contact Kim Hodgson on 0415 111 828 for further details. (Kim works for Archdiocese of Hobart)

Everybody's experience of faith and the Church is unique and it is important that the Plenary Council hear these responses from as many people as possible if we are to, as the Church, discern what God is asking of the disciples of our time.



Don't satisfy yourself that somebody else will present your discernment. Though we may fear our own humbling inadequacies and knowledge of the Faith, we must be courageous and step up and be heard because the eloquent, the engaged and the informed don't have ALL the answers, if indeed they ever did. Listen to what the Spirit is saying to you and choose to share it! The key output of your Listening and Dialogue Encounter, in whatever form it takes, should not be merely that you participated but rather visit the Plenary website to complete the 10 minute questionnaire. You can make your submission anonymously or you can provide your details. If you would like to submit a more detailed response, you are invited to upload files at the end of the submission. Speak boldly and with passion, listen with an open and humble heart. Make your submissions online until Ash Wednesday 2019 via www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au. **Michael McKenna, Plenary 2020 Executive Secretary for the Archdiocese of Hobart** Note: The Cathedral Parish is also in the process of arranging gatherings and group submissions which will be announced in due course for those who prefer not to, or who cannot access the internet.

The Missionary Sisters of Service are celebrating! Now in their 75th year, the first of their official anniversary events will be held on Bruny Island on Sun 25 Nov when a permanent memorial to their "beginnings" will be blessed and dedicated at St Brendan's Church, Alonnah. All interested people are invited to attend any events on that day: light lunch (12:30 pm), the blessing and dedication (2:30 pm), Mass (3 pm) and afternoon tea (4 pm). A bus (\$20pp payable in cash on the day) will leave St Aloysius Catholic College car park, Huntingfield, at 9:30 am sharp and return about 6-6:15 pm. Further information and rsvp for catering 9 November, Sr Lorraine Groves MSS lorraineagrovesmss@gmail.com, 6245 3737 or 0409 172 741.

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.

Would you like to meet our clergy and staff?

Just let us know and we'll arrange a visit!



Praying for the Dead

by Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

Recently I received a letter from a woman asking me to explain the Christian teaching about praying for the dead. Her son had been killed in an accident and she had been dissuaded from attending any special prayers for him. Her question: **Does it make sense to pray for the dead?** The Christian answer is unequivocal, yes! It makes sense to pray for the dead and our Christian faith asks us to do so, both in liturgy and in private.

Why? What possible good can it do? To remind God to be merciful? God needs no reminders. To ask God to see a good heart beneath all the struggles of a human life? God doesn't need a lesson from us on understanding. God is already perfect understanding, perfect love, and perfect forgiveness. As a cynic might ask it, why pray for the dead? If the person is already in heaven, he or she doesn't need prayers; if he or she is in hell, our prayers won't be of any help!"

So why pray for the dead?

For the same reason we pray for anything. We need to pray. It does us good. Objections to praying for the dead might, with equal logic, be raised against all prayers of petition. God already knows everything and there is no need to remind God of anything. Yet, God has asked us to pray and to pray in petition because prayer is meant to change us, not God. Thus, the first reason we pray for the dead is because that prayer helps us, the living. Prayer for the dead is meant to console the living. Closely tied to this is a second reason: We pray for our dead loved ones to help heal our relationship to them. When someone close to us dies, it is natural, always, to feel a certain amount of guilt, not just because that person died and we go on living, but because, being human, we have had a less-than-perfect relationship with him or her. There is unfinished business between us. In praying for that person, among other things, we help wash clean those things that remain painful between us.

This takes us to the heart of the matter. We pray for the dead because we believe in the communion

of saints, an essential Christian doctrine that asks us to believe that a vital flow of life continues to exist between ourselves and our loved ones, even beyond death. Love, presence, and communication reach through death.

We pray for the dead to remain in communication with them. Just as we can hold someone's hand as he or she is dying, and this can be an immense comfort to both of us, so too we can hold another's hand beyond death. Indeed, since death washes many things clean, in our prayers for our loved ones who have died, often more so than our conversations with them when they were alive, the connection is purer, the forgiveness is deeper, the perspective is wider, and the distance between us is less. Communication with our loved ones after death is privileged, undercutting much of what kept us apart in this life.

Praying for the dead, our faith assures us, not only consoles us, but also offers real strength and encouragement to the loved one who has died. How? In the same way as loving presence to each other offers strength and consolation here in his life. Picture, for example, a young child learning to swim. The child's mother cannot learn for the child, but if she is present and offering encouragement from the edge of the pool, the child's struggle and learning become easier. Things are more easily borne, if they can be shared. This is true even for a person's adjustment to the life of heaven.

By praying for the dead, we share with them the pain of adjusting to a new life. From my own experience of having loved ones die, as well as from what others have shared with me, I have found that usually, after a time, we sense that our deceased loved ones no longer need us to pray for them. Now they just want us to connect with them. Prayer for the dead does that and even though our prayers might still to be formulated as if we are praying for them we are now simply connecting with them and what was formerly a cold, cutting absence now becomes a warm, comforting presence.

Faces of the Parish

Sister Monica Shelverton was born in 1940, the third of ten children of Arthur and Jean, and her siblings were Kevin, Maureen, Joan, Denis, Marita, Gregory, David, Arthur and Anne.



She was educated by the Presentation Sisters at St. Columba's school, Hobart.

Her formation for Religious Life began in Launceston on the 8th February 1956. This formation continued in Melbourne until 1960 when Sister Monica made her First Profession in St. Mary's Cathedral, Hobart on the 15th of March. Eight years later Sister Monica made her Final Profession on the 18th March 1965. Sister Monica is a trained certified Infant and Primary School teacher.

Renewal causes after Vatican II included twelve months at Assumption College, Melbourne and three months at Teschmakers New Zealand. From 1982 - 1988 Sister Monica joined the Presentation Mission in Papua New Guinea supporting the on-going education of young women.

On return from PNG Sister Monica accepted the role as Pastoral Associate to the parish of King Island then in 2002 was commissioned as Pastoral Associate to some of the parishes of the Eastern Shore of Hobart. Since June 2016 Sister Monica has been the Pastoral Associate to St. Mary's Cathedral parish, Hobart.

Sr Monica says she has not had any 'baptism of fire' as such during her life, however in visiting a Minister on King Island she once had a very nasty accident in a paddock and had an all-over 'baptism of cow dung' she would not like to repeat—apparently an occupational hazard in the religious profession on King Island!

Sr Monica's hobbies are 'people and gardens' and her motto is 'Through Him, With him, in Him, for Him, because of Him.'

Meli Melo Christmas Concert

The concert will feature something for everybody – soloists, the Heart and Soul Choir, Alphorn quartet, French horns and Christmas carols. 2.30pm. on Sat 1 Dec in St. John's, Bowden Street, Glenorchy. Entry by donation and includes refreshments. Proceeds of concert support students at Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal. Enquiries Jo 0419 510 014

We are still actively seeking volunteers to clean the Cathedral Centre every few weeks. It takes about 2 hours (would be less with more people!) It falls to the same few so would be nice to support them! Please see Liz.

Contact Us

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



All young adults are invited to a weekly event 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.

From Our Anniversary Book Rachele & Antonio Carnevale, Nicola Basso, Mollie Counsel, Therese Kretchmar, Gladys Bantick, Donald Nevin, Muriel Kilmartin, Ruth Hurd, Apolina Coma, Mario Zanchetta, Craig Joseph McKeown, Sr. Francis Xavier Murphy, Geoffrey Waters, Jean Bradshaw, Mary Hickey, Derek Stone, Edmund Bollen, Dorothy Richardson, Antonio Carnevale, Les Flannigan, Luigi Pattaro, Francis Smallhorn, Maude McMullen, Fr. Joseph Medwin, Molliee Sherston, Roderick William Cooper, Linda Direen, Dulcie Richardson, Mavis Mazengarb, Kathleen Sarfalvy, Mark Tuckett, John & Mary Hanniffy, William Nolan, Brian Bresnehan, Max Coghlan

May they rest in peace.



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 **(please note due to All Souls' Day there is NO Holy Hour this Friday 2nd November).**



World Youth Day Support The Archdiocese has organised a pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2019 Panama which is open to all young adults from the Archdiocese. The pilgrimage itself is aimed specifically at forming

young adults in becoming true disciples of Christ and Christian leaders within the Catholic community in Tasmania. The pilgrimage will involve an extensive pre and post-pilgrimage program, the goal of which is to form the young people in the Catholic faith, prayer, justice and service, leadership, relationship with God and others, evangelisation, and pastoral care. At this stage, we have a number of young adults with real leadership potential who have expressed their interest in attending the pilgrimage, however, have found that the cost of the pilgrimage is a barrier. We would like to make an appeal to anyone who might be able to offer financial assistance for these young people to attend WYD. If you are able to help in this way or would like to offer an anonymous donation, please email youth@aohtas.org.au or call Tomasz on 0400 045 368 to discuss how you could do this. I thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity. **Tomasz Juszczak**



Dear parishioners ... I am planning on preparing the new rosters for Feb -July 2019 by late November. Please let me know by 15th November if you need to make any changes to your roster, otherwise I will include you as usual. All new readers and extraordinary ministers of communion are welcome! Please use the contact form on page 2 and simply either put it on the collection plate, hand to a priest or bring to the Cathedral office.

With thanks.....Liz



A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Two boys were walking home from church after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your dad."

Catholic Theological College

2019 Study Tour: 'Footsteps of Faith': Encountering the Christian Tradition.

19 Sept– 15 Oct 2019; Ireland England, and Italy; Tour Leaders: Rev. Dr Max Vodola, Dr Frances Baker rsm, and Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper omi AM. Details on College website at www.ctc.edu.au/studytours Information Sessions: Wed. 24 Oct. 4-6pm; Sat. 24 Nov. 11– 1pm; RSVP: Jenny Delahunt T: 9412 3314 E: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au



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Greeter		TBA	Romilda Amorosa	TBA
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