

St Mary's Cathedral Parish

March 18 YR B/2 2018
5th 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



Stations of the Cross

Friday 23rd March at
7.30pm at Sacred
Heart Church.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Next Week's Readings: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47

Holy Week Events in our Parish (24th March-1st April)

Sat 24th March: Cathedral 6pm—**Palm Sunday Vigil**

Sun 25th March : Sacred Heart 8.30am—Palm Sunday

Cathedral 10.30am / 6pm—Palm Sunday

Tues 27th March : Cathedral 7.30pm—Mass of the Oils

Wed 28th March : Cathedral 7.30am; Sacred Heart Church—9am

Thurs 29th March : Cathedral 7.30pm—The Last Supper of the Lord

Fri 30th March : Sacred Heart Church—10.30am Stations of the Cross

Cathedral—3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Sat 31st March : Cathedral 7.30pm—Easter Vigil

Sun 1st April : Sacred Heart Church 8.30am—Easter Sunday

Cathedral 10.30am—Easter Sunday



The nucleus of the drama of our salvation is set before us once again. The Lenten period is coming to an end and Holy week is at hand. The clarion call to the re-enactment of the Paschal Mystery is gradually setting the stage.

In today's gospel reading, Jesus utters a famous line saying – 'Now the hour has come....' (Jn 20:23). The phrase calls for deeper reflection and has appeared in a few instances in the public ministry of Jesus. For example, in the first miracle of Jesus at Cana in Galilee, as the Evangelist records that Jesus said to his mother at her request to change water into wine – 'My hour has not yet come.' - (Jn 2: 4). He later kindly attended to the humble request. The satisfying explanation to this phrase is that Jesus was referring to the time of realisation and fulfilment in his public ministry.

Further, Jesus' urgent call to his Father in (vs.27) 'to save him from this hour' - seems a bit contradictory and portraying his unpreparedness to embrace the mission of salvation of humanity he was sent to accomplish. Well, this lays bare the humanity of Jesus at Gethsemane. He was well aware of his mission to save mankind on the cross to deliver us from the bondage of sins. His divine assurances, 'When I am lifted up from the earth,' he said, 'I shall draw all to myself,' (Jn 12: 32) gives us everlasting consolation.

Inviting us to his Paschal Mystery demands the phenomenon of 'stamping out' and 'stamping in' in our lives. The analogy of a kernel of Wheat, Palestinian ancient grains, comes into play. 'Unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies,' Jesus said, 'It remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.' (Jn 12: 24). The Apostle to the Gentles, St. Paul, treasures this analogy. Addressing the Corinthians on one occasion he says: 'What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.' (1 Cor 15:36). Jesus had to sow his precious life as a seed for a greater harvest. Quite fittingly, we are obliged to give something in a bid to acquire a perfect accomplishment. Dear friends, we simply need to 'stamp out' those vices that are not of God in order to 'stamp in' virtues leading to growth in Jesus. With this spiritual union, his laws will be planted in our hearts. He will be our God and we shall be his people.

Fr Emmanuel Ibeke



Dear parishioners,
The youth of Hobart have initiated an hour of grace and mercy each Wednesday evening from 6-7pm in the Cathedral, commencing March 28.

There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, silent and communal prayer and Reconciliation will be available following. All parishioners are welcome!



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.





Dear parishioners,
Fr Emmanuel and I would love to be able to use a hand held microphone to walk amongst the congregation and to be more engaging when students participate in the week day school Masses at Sacred Heart Church. Hence, I kindly request some kind parishioners to donate towards the purchase of a hand held microphone for this purpose, or even to run a fund-raiser. If you'd like to make a donation or organise an event, please see either priest directly or contact Liz in the office.

With thanks.

This weekend we welcome teachers, parents and students from the schools in our parish as they celebrate 10.30am Mass to launch Catholic Education Week.



Congratulations and welcome back to Alexander Rodrigues! Alex has been in Germany for 6 weeks attending a conducting course and those of you following him on Facebook would be enjoying his wonderful photos and infectious smile!



While Alex has been away he was awarded Finalist in the Tasmanian Young Achievers Award in the Coffee Club Arts and Fashion Award category for 2018. Alex we are proud to have you, albeit temporarily, in our Parish community!

Dear parents of Sacramental Program candidates,

We have a new large delivery to our book-stall 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.



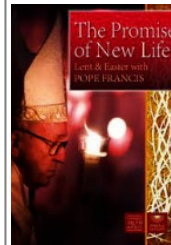
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Dear parishioners,
Donations of biscuits, fresh or long life milk, plunger coffee and other kitchen items are gratefully accepted to cater for refreshments following our Masses.

With thanks.

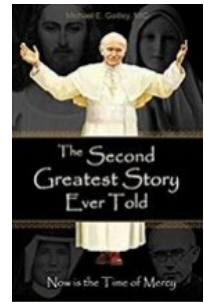


"Teas, coffees... drinks, snacks anyone?"



Lenten Reading—now in the bookstall.
The Promise of New Life by Pope Francis—reflections and weekly challenges during Lent. \$10

In this vastly popular talk, **Fr. Gaitley** describes the second greatest story ever told - a story that encompasses Divine Mercy, the life of St. Pope John Paul II, and the crucial role that Marian Consecration can play in your life. \$27

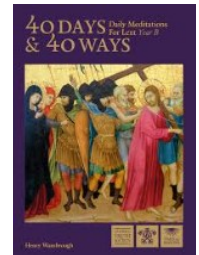


40 Days & 40 Ways—Daily Meditations for Year B by Henry Wansbrough (CTS) \$10

ROBERT BARRON
with JOHN L. ALLEN, Jr.
**TO LIGHT A FIRE
ON THE EARTH**
Proclaiming the Gospel in a Secular Age



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



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



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



Dear parishioners, please remember to bring along your palms or olive branches next Sunday for the Palm Sunday procession. There will however be some available on the day as always.

The Law of Karma by Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

Faith and instinct both give us a sense of what Hindus and Buddhists call the law of karma. Simply put, we have a gut-feeling that our actions, good and bad, have consequences that come back to either bless or haunt us. But is this true? Do we really have to way pay for everything we do?

Mary Jo Leddy, in her wonderful book on gratitude, claims that one of the great principles innate within reality itself is this: "The air you breathe into the universe is the air that it will breathe back and if your energy is right it will renew itself even as you give it away."

In essence, that's the law of karma, a mystery expressed in different ways in all the great religions of the world.

Jesus, for instance, puts it this way: "The measure you measure out is the measure you will be given." The air you breathe out is the air you will re-inhale.

If that's true, and it is, it explains a lot of things (though not necessarily to our liking). Why, perennially, are we caught up in situations of pettiness, jealousy, and non-forgiveness? Why are we inhaling so much bitter air? Perhaps it has to do with the air we're breathing out. What are we breathing out?

We'd like, of course, to think that we're breathing out the air of gratitude, generosity, forgiveness, honesty, blessing, self-effacement, joy, delight. We'd also like to believe that we are breathing out the air of concern for the poor, the suffering, the unattractive, the bothersome. And, we'd like to believe too that we're big-hearted people, breathing out understanding and reconciliation.

Would it were so. Too often we're blind to what's really going on inside us and are unconsciously breathing out the air of arrogance, self-interest, pettiness, jealousy, competition, fear, paranoia, dishonesty, interest in others only when it's convenient, and are emitting signals that others are a threat to us as we seek attention and popularity, and jostle with them for sexual, financial, and professional position.

We can learn something from watching toddlers play. There's a disarming, brutal honesty in them. They simply rip what they want from each others' hands and try to shout louder than the rest to gain attention. We do the same thing, except in more subtle and less honest ways. Beneath the surface of our everyday politeness and decorum, in ways we don't often have the courage to look at or acknowledge, we're still toddlers trying to snatch the toys from each other and trying to shout louder than others to get attention. The real air we're breathing out is fraught with self-interest, jealousy, competitiveness, pettiness, fear, and less than full honesty. In subtle, and not-so-

subtle, ways we're saying to each other:

"You're a rival – sexually, professionally, and in terms of popularity and attention." "Who do you think you are!" "I'm more important than you." "I'm brighter and more successful than you." "I'm better looking than you." "I've had more life-experience than you." "I'm sophisticated beyond your naïvete." "I'm the person here who's the most knowledgeable, everyone should be listening to me." "My sufferings are deeper and more important than yours." "I'm more interesting than others and my story is more important." "I hate you for your good looks and good luck, none of which you deserve." "I really don't like you, but I'll be nice to you until I find a way to free myself of this relationship that circumstance has dictated." We would never admit that we feel these things, but, too often, that's the air we're breathing out.

Is it any mystery then that our lives are full of competition, jealousy, bitterness, anger, accusation, and false judgement? Is it a mystery why so often, beneath a polite surface, there is so much thinly disguised competition, jealousy, and non-forgiveness around? We're breathing these things into the world, should we be surprised that we're re-inhaling them? The measure we're measuring out is the measure that we're receiving.

And Jesus takes this even further. He adds: "To those who have much, even more will be given; and from those who have little, even what they have will be taken away." That sounds so unfair, the innate cruelty of nature, the survival of the fittest applied to the gospels, Jesus as Darwin. Isn't Jesus' message supposed to be about the survival of the weakest? It is, but a certain law of karma still applies:

To the big of heart, who breathe out what's large and honest and full of blessing, the world will return a hundredfold in kind, honesty and blessing that swells the heart even more. Conversely to the miserly of heart and dishonest of spirit, the world will give back too in kind, pettiness and lies that shrink the heart still further.

That's the deep mystery at the centre of the universe: The air we breathe out into the world is the air we will re-inhale.



Collections Weekend 10/11 Feb 2018 : all 4 Masses—Loose plate : \$1522; Planned Giving : \$1224;

Open Day St Mary's College warmly welcomes prospective parents and students to Open Day on Thursday 22 March, 9.30am-12.30pm. Take a tour, speak with our students and staff and see what we get up to on a regular day at St Mary's College. Tours depart regularly from 9.30am. Register on the day at Reception at the lower Brisbane Street entrance. enrol@smc.tas.edu.au or 6108 2560.



Is God calling you to minister to the vulnerable and sick in our community? Calvary Hospitals are seeking Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to join our team of voluntary Parish Visitors. You would bring the sacrament after Mass on one Sunday a month to be distributed to Catholic patients currently in our hospitals. This would require a monthly commitment of around one hour. There are vacancies at both our Lenah Valley and St John's South Hobart campuses. No experience required, just a heart for those in need and a willingness to be trained and endorsed by your parish priest. Speak to your parish priest regarding your interest, or if you have any further questions, contact Sean Conroy, Pastoral Care Manager for Calvary Hobart on 6278 5232.

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



You are invited to the Legion of Mary Annual Acies Ceremony :
 Saturday March 24 : 2pm at St Paul's Church, Paice St, Bridge-
 water. A plate to share for afternoon tea would be appreciated.

Handel's Messiah

Farrall Centre—Friends' School, North Hobart. Easter
 Saturday—March 31, 2pm Door of Hope—South
 Launceston; Easter Monday—April 2, 2pm
 With 80 choristers from the Lincoln Singers, Southern
 Voices, Men in Black and guest singers.
 Soprano Helen Thomson (Hobart); Soprano Tamsyn Stock
 Stafford (Launceston); Mezzo-soprano Dr. Maree-Rose Jones,
 Tenor Christopher Bryg, Bass Michael Lampard, and the Boa Vista
 Strings orchestra; Tickets \$35 /\$30 conc. \$10 children 6-16 yrs.
 Hobart: Bellerive Newsagency, Lindisfarne Newsagency and
 www.trybooking.com/REOQ Launceston: Barratt's Music,
 George St, and www.trybooking.com/TVUF



**Dear parishioners, please don't forget we would love to print
 your reflections in the newsletter.** Also—a reminder that our
 website always has up to date information on upcoming events
 and that all old newsletters and homilies are under 'resources'
 and parish photos are under 'gallery'. If you follow us on Face-
 book you will receive your newsletter through the newsfeed each
 Friday. *With thanks.*

**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). Childrens' 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. **Please note all cate-
 chists have Working With Children approval.****



Kenosis Retreat: Kenosis mean self emptying and refers
 to God, putting his divinity aside to come amongst us as a
 human being. In this retreat we will explore who we are so
 as to accept ourselves and truly be in a position to empty
 ourselves for others." . Date: June 15th – 17th 2018, Pre-
 senter: Fr Ray Sanchez C.P. Maryknoll House of Prayer
 Blackman's Bay.



**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

**In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 2018 National Pil-
 grimage** The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the
 National Pilgrimage, commencing in Melbourne 23 Octo-
 ber, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in
 Sydney 3 November 2018. COST EX HOBART: \$3,355.00
 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, ad-
 mission fees and meals). SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$700.00
 For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon
 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email na-
 tional.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.

From Our Anniversary Book Michele Giura, Rosa Rello, Ernest McDonald, Mary News, Julian Donnelly, John Farring-
 ton, Clarke Henry, Mona Jones, Bernard Gillon, Margaret Connell, Mary Duggan, Bernard Shelverton, Giovanni Ma-
 rino, Francis Fox, Sr. Mary Philbin, Christina Kesson, Anna Szeles, Rose Radic, Fr. Edmund Roche, Thomas Brennan,
 Phyllis Cronley, Bronislawa Kozak, Ted Cosgrove, Eileen Firman, Margaret Oakford, Edward Dabrowski, Giuseppe
 Attuoni, Jill Coggan *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
Greeter			Romilda Amorosa	TBA
Lector	Vic Ferri Michael Brown Debbie Brown	Colleen Stanford, Andrew Pinelli	Student lectors—Catholic Education Week	Cathy Sullivan, Ron Ward
EMOC		Sue Bailey, Norm Andrews	Maria Saracino, David Shelverton, Angela Di Martino	TBA