

AE Cathedral Parish

May 20, 2018 YR B/2 2018

Pentecost Sunday



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: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23;

Next Week's Readings: Deut 4:32-24, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Marion Devotion - 6pm on Thurs 31st May in St Mary's Cathedral.



This weekend, on the Feast of Pentecost, our fifty-one young candidates will be confirmed in the faith by Archbishop Julian Porteous.

We give thanks to God for the gift these candidates and their families are to our parish. They have been faithful and prayerful participants in the preparation program from last October to the present day. Their most heartfelt gratitude goes out to the candidates' Prayer Partners who have accompanied them all the way with prayer. You have been most faithful. *Thank you.*

We know from our own experience, that the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is a very significant event in Christian life. Please keep up your prayers for our children and their families, until the highpoint of their initiation, their First Holy Eucharist, to be celebrated on the 3rd June at the 10.30am Mass.

There will be a party afterwards, to which all Prayer Partners are invited.

On behalf of the Sacramental Team, I would also like to thank all those parishioners who supported and helped us in a myriad of ways during the last nine months.

**Eva Dunn,
Sacramental Team
Leader**



Are Your Gifts Still Wrapped Up And Unused?

This Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, celebrates a historical event: the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the infant Church, 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead and 10 days after He ascended to His glory in Heaven. But more important, today we rejoice that ever since that first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit has been pouring out gifts and charisms on all Christians in every age to make them holy and to empower them to spread the Gospel. The trouble is that most of us have not known what great spiritual gifts we have been given.

When I was young, growing up in a Catholic environment, I was very aware of the moral rules we have to abide by, for instance, the Ten Commandments. It proved to be beyond my power to actually conform my life to these rules, and once I came across the Sermon on the Mount, I saw that Jesus proposed an even higher moral standard than that given to Moses. I was caught in a cycle of failure and guilt.

It wasn't till my early 20's that I realised that Jesus knows we can't meet His standards in our own strength and that is why He gives us His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, can make us holy if we but let Him into our lives and rely on His grace and power. In Baptism we receive the Holy Spirit. In Confirmation we receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. He gives us the seven gifts mentioned in Isaiah 11:1-3 (wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, piety, fortitude and fear of the Lord) as standard equipment to empower us to lead good lives. It is only by tapping into the power of the Holy Spirit that we can have victory over sin in our

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own lives. It is the gifts of the Holy Spirit that make the burden Jesus gives us not just bearable but light. It is by the Holy Spirit that our lives are fruitful with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22)

Moreover, the Holy Spirit pours out charisms – all sorts of spiritual gifts given to enable us to bring grace to others. St Paul lists many of them in 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 and Romans 12:6-8. The charisms range from the spectacular, like gifts of healings or miracles, to the seemingly mundane, like gifts of hospitality or Christian marriage (1 Cor. 7:7). They are given as the Holy Spirit wills, where and when they are needed. They come to us through the sacraments and sometimes even outside of the sacraments (e.g. Acts 10:44-48).

Nevertheless, we suffer as individuals and as a Church when we fail to expect much from the Holy Spirit. It's as though we were given a great pile of birthday presents but never unwrapped them or used them or enjoyed them. Today let us, like expectant children, ask the Holy Spirit for many gifts and when we get them, let us use them.

Deacon Nick MacFarlane

Dear Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion,

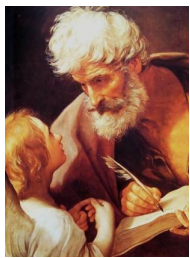
A few months ago we held some refresher training workshops for the above ministries. Unfortunately not everyone was able to attend and so we have therefore emailed most of you with a nice summary of the procedure for each ministry. For those not on email, please find a copy at the back of both Churches. Please sign the clipboard so that we know everyone has received a copy. Thank you for your ongoing ministry at the Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharist. Also, shortly it will be time for us to coordinate a new roster from July-December. If you would like to participate in either ministry (or indeed in any other ministry within our parish) please complete the form on page 3 and place on the collection plate, give to a sacristan or priest, or drop off at the Cathedral Office. **With thanks**



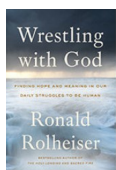
ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP: APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 23rd July 2018. Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

BIBLE STUDY on The Gospel of Matthew: Reading the Old Testament in the New: Ever read the Gospel and wondered what all those references to the Old Testament mean? This bible study will help you discover the riches of the Gospel of St. Matthew by



plumbing the depths of its Old Testament background. When: Thursdays 31 May, 14 & 28 June, 10am-12pm. Location: Murphy Room, Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. Cost: \$20 per course for study guide. Register: Dr Christine Wood, christine.wood@aohtas.org.au, or 6208-6236.



Coming soon to the bookstall—reserve your copy now....Wrestling with God: Finding Hope and Meaning in Our Daily Struggles to Be Human

As long-held beliefs on love, faith, and God are challenged by the aggregate of changes that have overhauled our world, many of us are left feeling confused and uncertain while old norms are challenged and redefined at breakneck speed. In Wrestling with God, Ronald Rolheiser offers a steady and inspiring voice to help us avow and understand our faith in a world where nothing seems solid or permanent.

New to the bookstall—Sacred Fire : A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity Who am I? Who loves me? Where do we go once the basic question in life becomes: How can I give my life away more purely, and more meaningfully? How do I live beyond my own heartaches, headaches, and obsessions so as to help make other peoples' lives more meaningful? The intent of this book is to try to address exactly those questions: How can we live less self-centered, more mature lives? What constitutes deep maturity and how do we reach that place? And, not unimportantly, what constitutes a more adult, Christian discipleship? What constitutes a truly mature following of Jesus?"



The annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament for the Feast of The Body & Blood of Christ.

Archbishop Julian Porteous continues a centuries-old Corpus Christi tradition in June, as he leads the annual Walk with Christ procession through Hobart. This event is open to Catholics of all ages, and it revives a rich Catholic tradition of public faith demonstration through procession and festival. The procession begins at St Joseph's Church (65 Harrington Street) at 1.15pm on Sunday 3 June. Continuing along Harrington Street, the procession arrives at St Mary's Cathedral for Benediction at 3.00pm. Participants who are unable to walk in the procession are invited to come to St Mary's Cathedral at 2.00pm to take part in the Adoration and concluding Benediction. Long-term car parking near the Cathedral is available at the Hobart City Council's Carpark in Melville Street. The carpark closes at 4.30pm. For more details contact Deacon Nick MacFarlane on 0418 242 010. We encourage you to invite your family and friends to join with us and witness the presence of Christ in Hobart. Watch the promotional video. Go to YouTube and search 'Walk with Christ Hobart 2018'



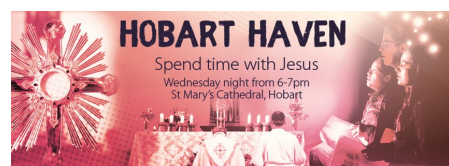
This year Romilda Amorosa celebrates 16 years of organising Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

Please join with her and Mario at 2 Fielding Drive, West Hobart on Thursday 24th May at 10am to raise money for the Cancer Council. Special guest MC's are John X and Colin Dean. Thanks Romilda!



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.

All young adults are invited to a new 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.



Pentecost Happened At A Meeting-by Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

If you're someone who's at all concerned about community, family, church, justice, education, culture, or civic issues, you will, no doubt, find yourself at a lot of meetings. A colleague of mine likes to quip: "When they write our history, they'll simply say, 'They met a lot!'"

Indeed we do. We meet a lot. There are an endless variety of issues that call for our participation in group discussion and community discernment: church issues, education issues, justice issues, moral issues, political issues, social issues, economic issues, and cultural issues. It's a bottomless well and all those meetings can seem like a huge waste of time and energy, a distraction to real work. Moreover, at a point, we can't help wondering too: "Are all these meetings changing anything? Would life be any different (other than more leisured and pleasant) if we stopped having all these meetings?" It's easy to grow tired, discouraged, and cynical about all the meetings we're asked to attend.

But we should keep something in mind: Pentecost happened at a meeting! One of the central events that shaped Christian history and history in general, happened not to an individual off praying alone or to a monk on a mountain-top or to a solitary Buddha meditating under a tree. None of these. Pentecost happened at meeting and it happened to a community, to a church congregation assembled for prayer, to a family of faith gathered to wait for God's guidance. Moreover it happened in a common room, a meeting room, in one of those humble, church- basement, type of rooms. It can be helpful to remember that. Our search for God should take us not just into private places of quiet and contemplation but, equally, into meeting rooms.



Where Christianity is different from most other world religions is partly on this very point. In Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Taoism, spirit and revelation break into the world very much through an individual, particularly an individual who is deeply immersed in private prayer. God speaks deeply to those who pray deeply.

Christian spirituality and Judaism have no argument with that. We agree. There's a privileged experience of God that can be had only in private, alone, in silence. To find God, to receive God's spirit, it's important that, at times, we pull away from the group, that we set off to the desert, to the chapel, to the lonely place, the quiet, to be alone with God. We see Jesus do exactly that. Mark's gospel tells us that when his ministry was most intense, when it was "too busy even to eat", Jesus pulled away, to be alone for awhile. There are times that call for withdrawal and silence. Meister Eckhart once wrote: "There is nothing in the world that resembles God as much as silence."

All good spirituality shares this view.

Last Thursday the youth of our parish joined with other young people from Southern parishes for the Tasmanian Catholic Youth Festival. We will publish more photos next week as the professional shots arrive. We hope they found the festival an enriching and empowering community youth event.



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The children in our Sacramental Programme learned the fundamentals of the role of an Altar Server last Saturday. Thanks to our experienced servers for coming along to lend a guiding hand and to St Virgil's College for the use of their premises!

St Virgil's College Junior School Open Day – Patrick St campus, Wednesday May 23 from 9.00 am to 5pm for guided tours. Come and experience Grade 3 to 6 students at work and play during an interactive tour of the College. Meet staff and students and learn about the exciting learning opportunities available to boys at St Virgil's College. To book an Open Day Tour time please email mmoate@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or to complete an online enrolment please visit the website www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au

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.

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From Our Anniversary Book Domenico Di Sipio, Pietro Vivarelli, Giovanna Giana, Ray Zantuck, James Manson, John Duggan, Ricardo Tamaio, Charles Lennon, Phyllis McCallum, Lynette Hughes, Bonaventure Proto, Arthur Shelverton, Noreen O'Grady, Ginetta Fantini, Kevin Haley, John Anderson, Doreen Howe, Brian O'Brien, Keith Swan, Ruby West, Graeme Atkins, Mary Lees, Bridget Stone, Rosina Scavone, Eileen Nolan, Harold Dean, Dick Steward, Bob Forsberg, Lucy Knott, Adrian Hawtree, Achille Sorella, George Griffith, Zena Munday



May they rest in peace.

10 January, 2021, will mark the centenary of the death of Eileen O'Connor, co-founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor. This is an opportunity to join the many 'Friends of Eileen' in the journey towards this significant milestone and support the cause for her Beatification.

Please visit the website to learn about:
 The life and spirituality of Eileen O'Connor, The history of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, The ongoing ministry of the Brown Nurses

www.ourladysnurses.org.au



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



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.**



Reminder : please return your Project Compassion boxes.



URGENT 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.**



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!



19/20	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6.00pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
Greeter		TBA	Maria Respondek	TBA
Lector	Athie Willemsen Geoff Burrill Marilou Saunders	Colleen Stanford, Andrew Pinelli	Noelle Harradine, Daisy Kateros	TBA, Cathy Sullivan
EMOC		Colleen Stanford, Andrew Pinelli or please review on night.	Anna Reussien, David Shelverton, Maria Saracino or as required	TBA