

AEC Cathedral Parish

Feb 24, 2019 YR C/1
7th 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

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: The Lord is kind and merciful. **Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia **Readings:** 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38 **Next Week's Readings:** Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

To be a committed missionary disciple of Jesus is quite a privilege, costly though, but not impossible. Today we hear again other 'hard words' of Jesus' sayings: 'Love your enemies...bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly' (Lk 6:28). No doubt, this is a bit difficult, but with tolerance and humility, one could live it out and receive blessings in disguise.

It is quite hard to accept back into your life one who ruined your dreams, one who worked against you in many ways, got on your nerves and the like. Quite difficult indeed, but we can still go beyond ourselves to forgive. That is what Jesus is demanding from us today. It is not easy though, but through supernatural amazing grace, we can achieve a positive outcome.

Interestingly, we forgive not for the sake of other people, but for ourselves, so that we can move on with life. By doing so, we free ourselves from undue pain and strengthen our relationship with our God. As St Faustina said: 'He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart.'

There is another strong point from the Lord in the gospel reading of today. He says: 'grant pardon, and you will be pardoned' (Lk 6:37). Simply put, if you forgive someone, you will be forgiven in turn. Your disposition towards others



influences people's reactions towards you. In Jesus' Prayer, the 'Our Father', we pray: 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.' For us to be forgiven, we have to forgive others first, lest we invoke vengeance as we pray the Lord's prayer. Forgiveness is not a one-way street, but rather a two-way street. David, in the first reading, shows us a typical instance of forgiveness from the heart. King Saul was jealous of David, and in the company of thousands of his men, was in search of David to deal with him. The scene was turned the other way round. Lo and behold, David and his men found Saul and his troops asleep in the camp. Instead of pinning him to the ground with his own spear, David decided not to raise his hand against the Lord's anointed. He knew what it means to forgive from the heart. God himself forgave David when he asked for forgiveness after committing adultery with Uriah's wife (2 Sam 11; Ps 51). May the good Lord activate in us the need to forgive and heal the wounds in our relationships. **Fr Emmanuel Ibeke**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,
If you, or any member of your family or friendship circle would like to be a part of the Sacramental Program, please contact:

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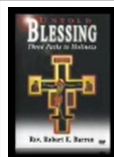
Each of the three sacraments is preceded by a four week preparation program.

Planned dates are as follows:

School Term 1 - First Reconciliation – 4th April 2019

School Term 2 - Confirmation – 2nd June 2019

School Term 3 - First Eucharist (Communion) – 1st September 2019
The Sacramental Team relies on you to extend invitations to those you know. Thank you.



Cathedral Parish Lenten Study Program commences this week.

Robert Barron's *Untold Blessing* paints a beautiful

and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

He lays out 3 intriguing paths to holiness: Finding the centre; Knowing you're a sinner; Realising life is not about you. *Untold Blessing* comprises 7 x 2 hour sessions on Mondays 25/2-8/4 at 7-9pm or Wednesdays 27/2-10/4 10am-noon in the Cathedral Centre. **Info from Deacon Nick on 0418242010**

Dear parishioners.....as announced recently, Fr Emmanuel sadly leaves us soon to return to his home country Nigeria, as he has concluded his 4 year contract in Australia. Our parish youth group will therefore be hosting a farewell for Fr Emmanuel following the 10.30am Mass on Sunday March 10. Please bring along a plate to share on the day and join us in thanking him for his time with us in our parish. In due time Fr Shammi will announce the new Assistant Parish Priest when he is informed by Archbishop Porteous. There is a collection box at the back of both Churches for the coming weeks if you'd like to contribute to a parting gift of thanks from the parish.

With thanks

Dear parishioners, our annual Marriage Mass Renewal Of Vows will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian at 10.30am this Sun 24th Feb.

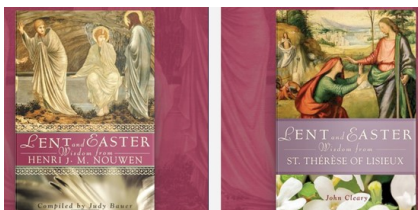


Dear parishioners, please continue to patronise our bookstall for books, gifts, cards and items of religious devotion. The small margin we make on the bookstall contributes to the upkeep and cleaning of the Parish Centre.

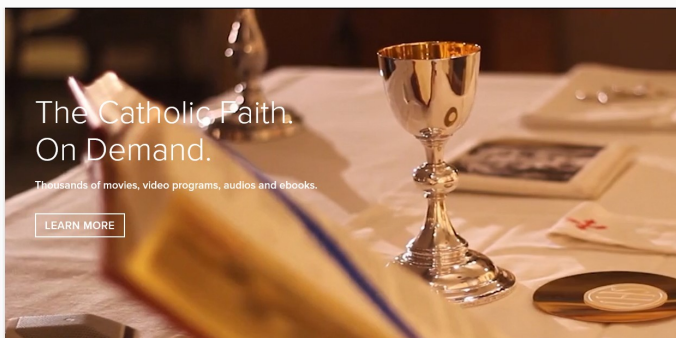
With thanks.

Coming soon:

**Lenten reflections by Henri Nouwen
and St Therese of Lixieux**



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Dear parishioners,

In the interests of furthering our evangelisation efforts to children, youth and other groups in our parish, we have identified a wonderful Netflix-like Video On Demand and digital content service that features audio, video, ebooks and feature-length films from some of the world's most credible Catholic sources, such as the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press. We would very much like to introduce this service from www.formed.org to our parish community and are hoping some kind and generous donors may be able to assist us in raising \$1000 for an annual subscription. If you can help us please contact either Fr Shammi or the Cathedral Office.

With thanks.

**Plenary Council 2020 Update www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au
2 Weeks to Go! (taken from the Catholic Leader)**

THE Holy Spirit has spoken in 40,000 ways during the Listening and Dialogue phase of the Plenary Council 2020, and analysis of the responses show patterns are emerging.

The Listening and Dialogue phase ends on Ash Wednesday, March 6.

National Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins said the community in Brisbane archdiocese responded with "great heart" to the first stage of the Plenary Council 2020. She said the diversity of the encounters and the diversity of the people provided a sense of the faith that was "holistic, diverse and filled with beauty, hurts, joys – but most of all love. In my experience, some of the topics which people in Brisbane have raised in their discussions include the experience of faith in the journey of life; the need for a change of culture at many levels; the role of lay women and men in leadership and governance of faith communities and Catholic organisations; the importance of life-long formation and learning for everyone; young people and the need for the Church to be active, engaged and relevant in contemporary society," Ms Turvey-Collins said.....
"In many Listening and Dialogue sessions people of different ages expressed the desire for the whole Church to engage in Australian society and speak and act with a unified voice and in response to national and global issues such as ecological change, social injustice and homelessness."

After the Listening and Dialogue phase comes the Listening and Discernment phase, which begins at Pentecost.

Plenary Council Comment Cards are found at the back of both Churches through until Ash Wednesday, next to a collection box for the cards. Please either write on the card and pop it into the box, or comment on the website, or take your card away to write and bring it back next weekend.



**Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Mass Times—
Wednesday 6th March**

7.30am—Mass at Cathedral

9.00am—Mass at Sacred Heart Church

9.00am—Liturgy at Cathedral for St Mary's College (public welcome)

10.45am—Mass at Cathedral for St Virgils College (public welcome)

12.30pm—Liturgy at Cathedral for GYC (public welcome)

7.00pm—Mass at Cathedral



An extended Catholic family from Adelaide and Perth are coming to Hobart (Mount Stuart) for their son's/brother's 36th birthday as he has bowel cancer and is not expected to survive long. He has a wife and two young girls. **If anyone can help billet them or recommend affordable accommodation during the period 1/4 to 4/4 please let Liz know.**



St Vincent de Paul Society
(TASMANIA) INC
good works

Vinnies Tasmania 2019 Bushfire Appeal

Vinnies Tasmania 2019 Bushfire Appeal was launched early in February.

At this stage, we are encouraging monetary donations towards this appeal. Monetary donations give us greater flexibility in meeting the direct needs of the people and businesses that have been directly affected by the recent devastating bushfires.

We appreciate the support of the community and the desire to assist at this difficult time. At this stage we have sufficient donated goods to satisfy the current needs. Donations can be made by using the envelopes provided at the back of both churches or visiting the Vinnies website www.vinnies.org.au/donate, phoning 13 18 12 or calling in to any Vinnies shop or Regional Office. For further information, please contact the St Vincent de Paul Society State Office on 63 330812.

Dear parishioners, Would you like to assist me this year in putting your name forward to be a Face of the Parish? Our column is meant to help us all get to know each other and to build community. The process is simple as I send you some thought starters. You are welcome to simply respond to the questions or to provide a few paragraphs and a simple photo. Please kindly volunteer to Liz in the Cathedral Office.



In Times Past ...

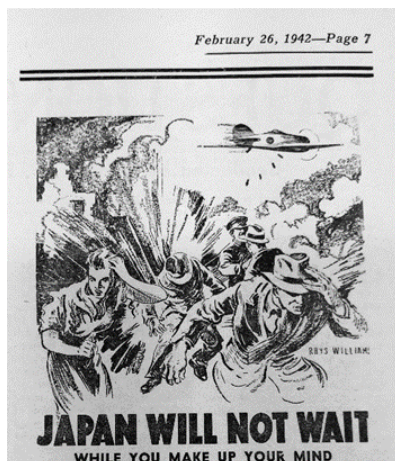
‘Long, long ago, in the days when fairies held sway, the wattle was not gold as it is to-day, but pure white.’ So began a strange story for Children in the pages of the Archdiocesan Standard in February 1943. There was a night-time ball, to which ‘the gnomes and pixies came in their best and brightest suits of gay autumn shades’ in company with fairies wearing dresses made of ‘flower petals, or soft spider web dyed in the colours of the rainbow.’ It was all very odd, and not an especially Catholic story.

Rather, this was a type of Europeanised ‘Dreamtime’-like story, of a sort familiar in the early twentieth century in Australia, and thankfully now out-of-fashion.

The story’s main action centred not on the ball, but on the fact that the mosquitos were not invited. Incensed by this rather anti-social slight, they swarmed the joint and a battle ensued. The ball’s invitees took refuge in the wattle tree and ‘hard pellets’ were soon flying out from its branches. ‘The wise old wattle tree had told the gnomes and elves and pixies to make catapults from her twigs and short stems, and to use the wattle balls for their pellets.’ The mosquitos were beaten off, and the Fairy Queen made the wattle’s flowers turn gold in recompense for this good service.

Most likely the Second World War made it seem like a good time to tell a tale of battle and reward. But the messaging was mixed. The attack was precipitated by an act of exclusion from a decidedly elite event: not exactly a core Gospel theme. And while the flying insects and flinging nuts could perhaps have alluded to Japanese air raids and anti-aircraft fire, making the war intelligible to children, perhaps another insect should have been chosen by the author because the Mosquito was a contemporary British twin-engine combat aircraft and thereby an ally.

Dr Nick Brodie



Faces of the Parish ~ Margaret & John Fox



We have lived in Lenah Valley for the past 60 years and attend Sacred Heart Church, 8.30am Mass. Our children are Peter, Tony, Gregory,

Patrick and Marea who attended IHMS and Savio/Dominic College. Margaret attended Campbell Street State School and Ogilvie High School and then worked as an Accounting machinist, and later worked for 17 years at the Bureau of Statistics, retiring at 60. John completed schooling at Sacred Heart and St Virgil’s College and then enrolled as a Technician-in-training with the Post Master General’s Dept. in 1951 and remained at PMG/Telecom/Telstra, retiring 40 years later in 1991. Margaret enjoys sewing, reading and x-words while John plays piano and organ, reads and does x-words. We were both very much involved in the parish when Immaculate Heart of Mary School was established in 1961. Myself as acolyte, and Margaret as special minister of communion, reader, sacristan and morning tea organiser. Margaret has been a member of the Calvary Hospital Auxiliary and we were Executive Directorate members of the Christian Family Movement, established by the late Archbishop Young; a movement where married couples met monthly for discussion and socialising. We were both inaugural members of the IHMS P & F Assoc. for the fledgling 2 room, 4 grade school. Fr. Allen was the last parish priest, retiring in 2000, so for the next 5 years, until the closure of the church, I was “ex-officio”, looking after the parish. We are members of the Salesian Co-Operators Movement, a lay organisation established by St. Don Bosco, to assist and pray for Salesian priests and brothers. In the Civic area, we have been blood donors, Meals-on-Wheels deliverers, Sandy Bay Athletics Club members, where Margaret has been Secretary, Finishing Judge at meets and Wind Gauge operator. I was an Athletics Australia official, attaining the position of Chief Starter in Tasmania, retiring after 20 years. I was a volunteer reader at Radio Print Handicapped, and served on the organising committee during that tenure, retiring after 20 years.

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!



Contact Us

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



Irish singer, David Parkes, will give a Sacred Concert on Tues 26th Feb at St Bernard's Claremont. Mass 6.30pm; Concert 7pm in the parish hall followed by supper David will give his testimony about his miraculous healing and John Canavan, Director of Divine Mercy Publications in Australia, will give his personal witness on how Divine Mercy changed his life. Entry free but a collection will be taken up to help with expenses.
 Maree Triffett 0429024621

Lectio Divina When: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month February - November 10.00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m. Where: Sacred Heart Chapel, Josephite Mission & History Centre, 67 Clare Street, New Town 7008. Lectio Divina, a Latin term, means "divine or sacred reading" and describes a way of reading the Scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us. The practice of Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures has been a fruitful source of growing in relationship with Christ for many centuries and in our own day is being rediscovered by many people. The Word of God is alive and active and will transform each of us if we open ourselves to receive what God wants to give us. **Enquiries: Josephite Mission and History Centre Email: josephite.mission@sosj.org.au Phone: 6228 1628**



Dear Sacred Heart readers,

Somehow an old roster made the rounds, so I have reprinted new ones and have emailed most of you but hard copies are at the back of Sacred Heart Church. Thank you.... Liz

Reminder : Regular Weekly Events

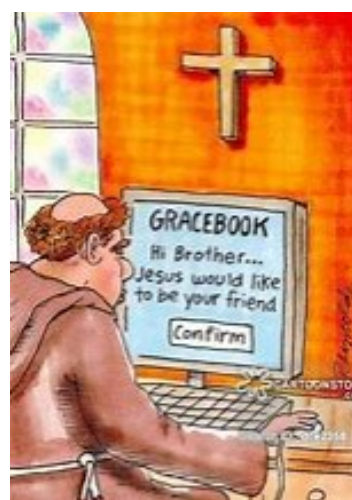
Fri 4.30-5.30pm : Cathedral—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction
Sat 11am : 2nd Floor Cathedral Centre—Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



From Our Anniversary Book Giuseppe Attuoni, Agnes Owen, Ada Mohr, Rachel Waters, John Howe, Katherine Peters, Dorris Innes, Jasmine Bentley, Donato De Cesare, John Hudson, Emma Landers, Edward Collis, Cecilia Lynch, Michele Paternoster, Giuseppina Di Re, Sabatino Monaco, Gesiotto, Toigo and Siravo Families, Angelina Di Domenico, Elsie Thornhill, Anne Daly, Olga Sowby, Donato Vacca, Rev. Fr. Vincent Allen, Marjorie Hayward, Ada Williams, Emilio Marchesich, Zelinda and Donato Vacca, John Anderson, Henry Smith, Brother E.D. Joyce, Ada Maple, Patrick Murnane, Raffaele Palermo, Alma Pullen, Evelyn Blissenden **May they rest in peace.**



The annual St Patrick's Pilgrimage walk from Richmond to Colebrook will be held on 16-17 March 2019. This overnight pilgrimage will offer a chance to journey, reflect, pray, sing, chat and spend some quality time with other pilgrims and with God. You are sure to enjoy both the serenity of the walk and the fellowship of the pilgrims journeying with you. The pilgrimage is open to young people between the ages of 16-35 and costs \$55 which covers lunch, breakfast and dinner meals. For more information or to register, visit eventbrite.com.au and search "St Patrick's Pilgrimage".



Over time we accumulate sunglasses, toys and various other items of lost property. Please ensure you contact the office to collect your items or after 2 months they need to be donated or disposed of. **With thanks.**

23/24	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 Eva Dunn	Lorraine Dooley, Colleen Stanford	Noelle Harradine, Julianna Smith	Tony Giacon, Ida Saracino
EMOC	TBA	Andrew Pinelli, Sue Bailey	Maria Saracino, David Shelverton	TBA