# 239 Cathedral Parish Apr 21, 2019 YR C/1 EASTER SUNDAY OF the RESURRECTION OF the LORD

## Weekly Mass Times St Mary's Cathedral

Tue/Wed/Fri: 7.30am Thu: ANZAC Day 9am Sat: 6pm Mass

Sun: 10.30am & 6.00pm Masses

Sacred Heart Church
Tue/Wed: 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 ; Cathedral: Sat 5-5.30pm

Together with Archbishop Julian Porteous, the parish priest, and Fr Norberto Ochoa, the priest in residence, I extend my sincere thanks to parishioners who generously contributed time and resources in the celebration of the Paschal Mystery during this Holy Week. I would like to offer a token of appreciation to a few individuals in particular. Deacon Nick McFarlane; Sr Monica Shelverton, the Parish Pastoral Associate; Chris Appleton, Ros Giudici, Maureen Chisholm and Anna Osuchowski, our beloved sacristans, for their commitment and tireless dedication; Steven Smith, seminarian; Ben Mackey, Director of Music and Jo-Anne Kemp, Assistant Director, and all our long standing wonderful choir members from both Sacred Heart and the Cathedral, including Cathy Murrowood and her Sunday evening choir; Michael McKenna, MC to the Archbishop; senior and junior Altar Servers for Cathedral/SHC; Liz Horne, Cathedral Office Manager; Chris Wroblewski, for his dedication in the preparation of our booklets; Audrey Storey and Ros Giudici for our lovely flowers and all the wonderful volunteers—especially Colleen Stanford, Stan Murrowood, Anne Shirley, Michael and Aniela Marshall, Gillie Payne, Cathy Fantini, Louise Parr, Suzanne Santiago; the Toohey family who keep our grounds in order; Chris Appleton and her wonderful Cathedral cleaning team; greeters, lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and our loyal parish money counting team. Fr Shammi Perera, **Cathedral Administrator** 

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. **Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

**Readings**: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 **Next Week's Readings**: Acts 5:12-16; Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Dear brothers and sisters, is it already Easter again? When the events of life unfold according to the calendar we tend to carry on with the routine affairs of life, and then the events found in the liturgical calendar risk becoming mechanical and perfunctory. Consequently, the danger of this approach can engulf our liturgical celebrations of the Holy Week and its meaningful impact on our lives.



When we are tempted by such a framework of mind, I would like to highlight the importance of the central axis of the Paschal Mystery, the kernel of all we believe, as something totally integrated in our day to day life circumstances.

On Good Friday, just like Mary the beloved mother of Jesus and John His faithful disciple who stood at the foot of the cross, we too stand there. We experience situations in which unexpected terminal illness threatens our inner peace, we undergo financial stress, grapple with broken relationships, experience violence and homelessness, unfair treatment in the work place, the disability of a family member, endure grief due to a loss of a family member or a close friend, or a child of yours suffers depression or addiction. We may feel quite helpless and vulnerable as a friend and a parent, feel the pain of divorce or separation, find ourselves the victim of racism or some other form of vilification or have feelings of disappointment due to being let down by someone that you trusted.

Don't we stand at the foot of the cross like Mary and John at such moments of our lives? Like Mary and John, we too can't understand fully what is going on and we too experience extreme pain, hurt and suffering standing there. But like Mary and John we too are asked never to leave the place, and like Mary and John we too are expected to never cease gazing at the One who is crucified. Because we know in our hearts, the One who is crucified is our only Hope, our only solution to all our life's sighs and woes. When we stand at the foot of the cross like Mary and John we feel and we experience that the crucified Christ is in total communion with us and in solidarity with us, as He has experienced what we are undergoing in the most personal and intense way possible.

It is only when being partakers of the death of Christ and being present at the foot of the cross, that we experience the power of His Resurrection. St Paul often reminds us of this reality: "Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him...The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God" (Romans 6:8 and 10). It is through the cross we come to realise that Christ never abandons us in the darkest moments of our lives. It is in that place we come to the stark realisation that God is present in the most shameful and hurtful chapter of our life story. If we begin to understand the Paschal Mystery in this context, every week of our lives would become a Holy Week. If we begin to understand the Paschal Mystery in this way, standing at the foot of the cross, as it happened for Mary and John, would also become for us the most powerful place to be, because it is the same crucified Christ who comes to us as the Risen One on Easter Sunday. Alleluia!!! I wish you all a joy-filled blessed Easter! *Fr Shammi Perera, Administrator* 

Please note the Cathedral office will be closed Friday April 19 to Tuesday April 23 inclusive, and again on Thursday April 25. ANZAC Day Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral at 9am on Thursday April 25.



Divine Mercy Sunday on 28th April will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral: 2.00pm Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation, Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3.00pm Benediction; 3.15pm Mass with Archbishop Julian Porteous as main celebrant. Enq: Maree 6228 7108.

Jesus revealed to St. Faustina why Divine Mercy Sunday is so special: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy.

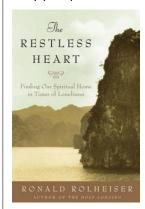
Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, # 699).

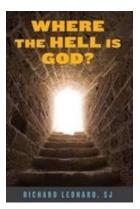


Catholic bishops' federal election statement. The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at www.catholic.org.au

#### Cathedral Bookstall....

A reminder to visitors and parishioners that we have Sacramental gifts as well as bibles, Missals, contemporary and classic writing, religious cards, rosaries and gifts in our bookstall. Please help contribute to the upkeep of our Parish Centre by your purchase from our bookstall. With thanks.





Fr Chris Hope 2019 Presentation "Unless a grain of wheat fall into the earth and dies...." 10am - 12noon Monday 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th May The content will be about The Passion Story which is the first part of the Gospel narrative to be formed. We will examine the accounts of the last days of Jesus in the Gospels, noting their similarities and differences and how they came to be incorporated into the texts we have today. The talks run over 4 weeks and will take place at Maryknoll Retreat Centre, 15 Home Ave Blackmans Bay. For more information please contact Sr Margaret Henderson RSM on 0418 366 923. A donation of \$10 per session is recommended



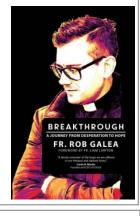
Fr Rob Galea is an assistant priest from the Sandhurst Diocese and is a world-renowned Catholic musician and speaker. He has a real passion for young people and is incredibly gifted in this ministry.

The GRACEFEST nights are open to all young people under 35 and will include times for music, a talk, prayer, food and fellowship. GRACEFEST will be held at the following times and locations: Wednesday 8 May 5:30pm to 8pm: Emmanuel Centre, Launceston (123 Abbott St Newstead)

Thursday 9 May 5:30pm to 8pm: St Mary's College, Hobart (entry from Brisbane St)

Registration for both events is FREE and needs to be completed online. To register and for more information, visit the website below:

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/gracefest-with-fr-rob-galea-tickets-59416014900 Fr Rob's acclaimed book Breakthrough is available from our Cathedral Bookstall.





# Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

 ${f tas}$  Thank you for supporting us this year as we showcase the many ways we work around the AUSTRALIA world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Caritas is working with communities

providing hope for a just and fair world for all generations, backgrounds, cultures and communities, who are part of one human family. You are empowering communities to break free from the cycle of poverty whilst ensuring they are the architects of their own development. Lives change when we all give 100%. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2019 Lenten appeal. www.caritas.org.au/ projectcompassion #projectcompassion 1800 024 413



## In Times Past...

I had the honour to look all over the great Notre Dame Cathedral, a sight I shall never forget.' So wrote Walter Hammond, a Tasmanian Catholic soldier in a letter to his parents in 1916. 'We had only four hours in Paris and could not see much,' Walter added, highlighting just how important the Cathedral was within his brief Parisian itinerary. The great French Cathedral was similarly significant for other Tasmanian soldiers. One of the gifts that Vincent Green of Sorell received from his older brother, who was in France in 1917, was 'a medal of the great Cathedral, Notre Dame', for instance.

All of these Tasmanians were lucky to see Notre Dame because in the early months of the war, in October 1914, a German air raid bombed Paris and set part of the roof of Notre Dame alight. Fortunately, that fire was quickly contained and Notre Dame survived both the first and second world wars.

Between the wars, treasures of Notre Dame proved inspirational for the Archdiocese of Hobart. When a robbery damaged the old monstrance in St Mary's Cathedral, it provided an opportunity 'to get somewhat away from the standard or trade type', those mass-produced items of religious utility decorating many churches with items of limited artistic originality. Struggling to develop a good design, however, the plan of making something locally was nearly abandoned in favour of getting 'a copy of one belonging to the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris'. But then, just when it seemed Hobart was about to get a sort of facsimile monstrance, locals Alan Walker and Harold Sargison stepped in with an original design. In the end, this plan was approved and manufactured locally using diamonds and gems donated by local Catholics. The monstrance was and still is applauded for its beauty. The consensus was that 'it is doubly pleasing to think that this work was done in Tasmania by Tasmanians.' And surely that spirit of artistic innovation and local craftsmanship is a better reflection of the artistic French spirit than any derivative gothic copy would ever be.

Dr Nick Brodie



#### **DIVINE RENOVATION AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL**

In developed countries in the past 50 years, society's attitudes have gradually eroded faith in Jesus Christ while church congregations have been ageing and shrinking.

To attempt to remedy this situation in our parish, the Cathedral Mission Team has adopted the Divine Renovation approach, first developed by Fr James Mallon and his team in Halifax (Canada) and later expounded in his book of the same name. Over a number of years, his parish in Halifax made a successful transition from maintenance of the status quo to a model of mission – taking the good news of Jesus Christ to the unchurched. Our journey towards Divine Renovation began almost three years ago with a small group, which we named the Mission Team, reading and studying this phenomenon together with the parish administrator, Fr Shammi Perera. Various team members attended workshops in Australia and two members even journeyed to a Divine Renovation conference in Canada. The group has been meeting and praying together weekly for those three years asking the Lord to help our parish to turn around from maintenance to mission. We aim to be an invitational church, with the Alpha Course as a prime ingredient in this process.

Apart from becoming an Invitational Church and running Alpha Courses, our game plan includes Ministry, Discipleship Groups, Worship, Connect Groups and Alpha Team. Some of these elements are already in train, others will appear as we grow towards Renovation in the Lord.

#### ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL MISSION STATEMENT:

St Mary's Cathedral Parish – a lively faith-filled community forming disciples, who, through a daily living relationship with Christ, go out to transform the world. We commit to welcome, to worship, to grow, to serve, to connect and to give.

#### Deacon Nick MacFarlane.

For enquiries regarding the next Alpha program please contact Deacon Nick on 0418 242 010

Further information can also be found at: https://australia.alpha.org/



#### 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!



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From Our Anniversary Book William Corby, Monsignor Bernard Rogers, Maria Lewicki, Bortolo Gesiotto, Jessie Viney, Dulcie Rollins, Alexander Robertson, John Phillips, Austin Locke, Patrycja Wilanowska, Mary Gillon, David Fahey, Teresa Broszczyk, Anna D'Ettore, Ellen Oakford, Alfred Harrold, Louis Jelss, Courtney Campbell, John Howe, Rocco Caccavo, Florence Williams, Mary Morgan, John Maple, Sergio Giudici, Carmello Disipo, Peter Dodson, Giuseppe Mione

May they rest in peace.

Reminder: Regular Weekly Events

Wed 6-7pm (not 24/4): Cathedral—Hobart Haven (youth plus all welcome); 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

The end of the Listening and Dialogue phase of the Plenary Council last month in some ways marked a public "pause" in the



process, allowing the people of God to focus on preparing for and celebrating the great feast and season of Easter. During this period, significant work is taking place to review and analyse the submissions and lay the groundwork for the second phase: Listening and Discernment. As outlined previously, the National Centre for Pastoral Research is conducting qualitative and quantitative analysis of the submissions received and, using best-practice research methods, will identify key themes. The Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, the Plenary Council Executive Committee and the Facilitation Team will then work with the National Centre for Pastoral Research to finalise the National Themes for Discernment. Follow

the updates at http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/



Peter Tierney

The moment was bittersweet when the bunny realised Easter was not about him......

A 58 year old Catholic female from Cleveland Qld is looking for a room to rent for 3-5wks from 26th April. Please email her at sallyannedean@yahoo.com.au or phone or text to 0403381724. Sally is moving to Hobart and just needs time to find her feet. Sally has a police check and a Working with Children clearance.

The Sacred Heart College Old Scholars Association are holding their Annual Reunion on Sunday 5th May at the Riverfront Motel, Rosetta. A two course luncheon at 1pm. Cost \$17.00. Bookings to Kathryn Darvell on 62283975 by 29th April.

Please remember to return your Project Compassion boxes from Holy Thursday onwards. Thank you.

"Summer in the Forest" 6pm Wed 22 May at State Cinema, North Hobart L'Arche Beni-Abbes, Hobart, is excited to announce the screening of "Summer in the Forest", a film about L'Arche and Jean Vanier followed by a special "Q&A" session about L'Arche. A short film "On my Own?" that was made in Hobart will also be screened. Jean Vanier founded L'Arche in France in 1964 and there are now communities in 38 countries, where people with and without intellectual disabilities share their lives together. The Hobart community started in 1982 in the (then) New Town Parish. Tickets are \$26 each and MUST be prebooked through <u>www.summerintheforest.com.au</u> Any enquiries regarding the film or ticketing arrangements can be directed to John Coleman on 0401 489 728. Tickets are not available at the cinema.

Please note there is now a nappy disposal unit in the disabled toilet in the Cathedral Centre. Please do not dispose of nappies in any other manner in our toilets as it has been causing hygiene issues. Thank you.



Please ensure your children are supervised during morning tea and other events in the Cathedral Centre. We recently had a close call with children playing with the lift and have had a few



expensive breakages of equipment courtesy of some curious little fingers. Thank you.

20/21 SHC: 8.30am Sun SMC: 6.00pm Sat SMC: 10.30am Sun SMC: 6pm Sun Greeter Maria Respondek Lector Eva Dunn Special roster as advised Special roster as advised NO MASS **Geoff Burrill** Elizabeth Longo **EMOC** Jane McKeown & TBA Michael Midson, Angela Ritar, Maria Saracino