

AEC Cathedral Parish

May 13, 2018 YR B/2 2018
The Ascension of the Lord



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: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

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

**Marion Devotion - 6pm on Thurs 31st May in
St Mary's Cathedral.** Also please refer to page
2 for details of Marian Liturgy this Sunday.



' THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US.'

Pope Pius IX proclaimed the Immaculate Conception in 1854 as follows: "The Blessed Virgin Mary was from the first moment of conception by a singular grace and privilege of the Almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ saviour of the human race was preserved immune from all stain of original sin.."

The Ascension of Jesus Christ into Heaven could only have taken place because of Mary's willingness in accepting God the Father's plan for her. Jesus the Son of God descended from Heaven and took human flesh from the virgin womb of Mary. After the fall of Adam and Eve God willed that the whole world should be saved from sin and destruction. The world stood still as if it was waiting for Mary's response. Her response made in deep trust to the Angel Gabrielle was, 'Behold the hand-maid of the Lord, be it done unto me as you have said.' In that moment Mary became the human instrument through which the mysteries of our faith began to unfold. These mysteries of our faith include the humanity and Divinity of Jesus Christ, the Trinity, the Kingdom of God, our redemption from sin and the promise of eternal life; the suffering, death and resurrection and ascension of Jesus the Son of God; the fact that we meet Jesus Christ in all the grace filled sacraments which are made available to us and by which God pours out his love abundantly upon us. This mystery of God's love for each person calls us to holiness. We are to be-

come saints through our union with God and in communion with the saints here on earth as in Heaven. Through his Ascension into Heaven, Jesus is now united to his Father where he with Mary intercedes for us so that we might do our part in spreading the Good News of peace, joy, truth and justice. This is the pathway through which we are invited to follow Christ and so enter the realm of the Kingdom of God. Heaven is Mary's rightful home because by God's design the power of the Holy Spirit overshadowed her and Mary became the "Mother of God and the Mother of all the living.". She is the Mediatrix of all graces. From the Cross on Calvary Jesus gave us the precious gift of Mary as Mother. "Mother, behold your son, son behold your Mother. Jesus also has given us for all time his real presence in the Eucharist for our consolation. We are not alone in our mission to 'go out to the whole world and spread the Good News'. This was Jesus' commission to his beloved disciples and to us as he returned to his heavenly Father. We are to be " stewards of the Word of God." Let us rejoice and be glad as we wait upon the promise of the Lord. Let the Holy Spirit fill our hearts so that we can find new ways to fulfil our call to discipleship. 'Come Holy Spirit'.

Sr Monica Shelverton

By Pope Francis.....on society's need for mothers:

"Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centered individualism... It is they who testify to the beauty of life'. Certainly, 'a society without mothers would be dehumanized, for mothers are always, even in the worst of times, witnesses to tenderness, dedication and moral strength. Mothers often communicate the deepest meaning of religious practice in the first prayers and acts of devotion that their children learn... Without mothers, not only would there be no new faithful, but the faith itself would lose a good part of its simple and profound warmth... Dear mothers: thank you! Thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world'.



**Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of
our parish!**

Tas Catholic Youth Festival will bring a host of international and local speakers and performers to Tasmania for what is sure to be two days full of joy and celebration. The festival will include: plenary sessions, workshops, live music, discussion, expo stalls, prayer opportunities, night rallies, social justice initiatives, food/drink, and plenty more. **The TCYF will be held on Thursday 17 May (Hobart).** The event consists of a day session (9:30am-4:30pm) followed by a night rally (4:30pm-8pm). Youth from years 8-12 are invited to attend both the day and night sessions whilst young adults under the age of 35 are invited to attend the night rallies. Registration for the event is FREE for all attendees. **More info on the event, schedule, speakers/performers and registration can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.**



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 opposite and place on the collection plate, give to a sacristan or priest, or drop off at the Cathedral Office. **With thanks**

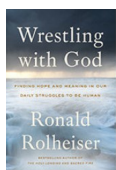


1st Anniversary of the Consecration of Tasmania to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart A Marian Liturgy and Rosary lead by His Grace Archbishop Julian Porteous will be held this Sunday 13th of May, at 3pm to 4pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart. Today over 160 parishes and Rosary groups around Australia will be joining together to pray the rosary for the future of our country. Everyone welcome.

Joan McKercher from the Cathedral 10.30am choir has kindly volunteered to collect spare (clean) blankets to take them out to the show-grounds to help the people with nowhere to stay. If you would please bring your spare blankets into the office during the course of next week, but definitely by Friday morning, Joan will collect them and distribute accordingly. She is happy for you to call her if necessary on 6244 2736.



With thanks to all and especially Joan.



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'

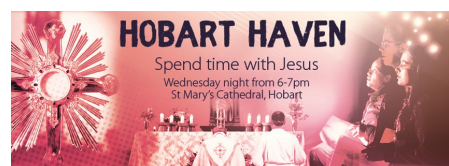


This year Romilda Amorosa celebrates 16 years of organising Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Please join with her and Mario at 2 Fielding Drive, West Hobart on Thursday 24th May at 10am to raise money for the Cancer Council. Special guest MC's are John X and Colin Dean. Thanks Romilda!



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 that will be 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.



In Times Past...

Church history, like the rest of history, is often oversimplified in hindsight. Historians contrast periods of stasis with moments of rupture to better understand continuity and change. The effect is often to exaggerate shifts, and complex issues quickly get reduced to catchphrases. But history rarely works in a stop-start way. Wars, plagues, floods, and even Church Councils, all have their periods of cultural gestation and social digestion, and Hobart's Catholic story is no different.

Archbishop Simonds of Hobart neatly illustrated the seamless progression of Catholic history and thought in an address he gave to his priests in 1939, which was subsequently printed in *The Australasia Catholic Record* in 1940. In this talk, decades before the Second Vatican Council, he conveys a theology of the priesthood that is contested, not settled. He noted that 'we are confronted with two divergent views of the priesthood', essentially individualist and communal. He certainly favoured the latter, saying that 'opposed to the individualist view of the priestly office, there is an organic and a more dynamic conception of our office, which seems to me to be much more in harmony with the doctrine of Christ's Mystical Body'. Evidencing this, he offered some liturgical history: 'There once existed in the Church a venerable discipline by which the bishop and his clergy were accustomed to concelebrate the sacred mysteries at a common altar, each assisting according to the powers of his order.' In this historical allusion to the deep history of the Church, the Tasmanian Archbishop prefigured some of the 'changes' that eventually followed.

Understandably, given its context, Archbishop Simonds was interested in the Diocesan clergy. But while trying to promote a collegial view of the clergy, he also had to rebut what he – borrowing from a theologian - characterised as a tendency towards 'sacramental individualism'. He pointed out that: 'There are some who, I think, wish to place all the emphasis upon the sacrificial aspect of Christ's priestly office, and thus reduce the essence of the Christian priesthood to the powers of consecrating the Most Blessed Eucharist, and administering the other sacraments'. While recognising the importance of the sacramental life of the church, Archbishop Simonds saw this exclusive emphasis on sacramental functionalism as a diminished experience of priestly service – focused on the Eucharistic ritual without the wider Eucharistic mystery; obsessed with atonement while neglecting pastoral service. He encouraged his priests to focus less on personal asceticism and more on apostolic charity. In some respects, he could be seen as well ahead of his time – except that he wasn't. He was, rather, a good proof of the complexities of his time.

Dr Nick Brodie



Reminiscences from a parishioner about the history of Sacred Heart Parish, New Town.

I came to Sacred Heart in the early sixties. Our Parish priest was Dean Vincent Green. As we grew up, our boys were altar servers, together with the Zeitzens, Chisholms, Dooleys and many more. We were involved in the choir and as extraordinary ministers of communion and in many other pastoral ministries. As a parish, we had our family movement with Fr Peter Nicholls. We started the R.C.I.A. and the results were fantastic. Our parishioners were involved in Cursillo, a wonderful movement and through it we interacted with other Catholics all over Hobart, Richmond and in many other southern parishes.

Due to pastoral reasons, when San Carlo Borromeo Church in North Hobart was deconsecrated, we welcomed some members of the Italian Community into our parish. We are grateful for their help and support.

We were an active parish: international dinners hosted by different nationalities in the parish; Sacred Heart celebrations with concerts; afternoons with oldies sometimes with the help from the school, were only some of them. Parishioners always filled the Parish Centre and we enjoyed all the activities.

Similarly, due to pastoral reasons when it was decided that the Immaculate Heart parish be amalgamated with the Sacred Heart parish and the Immaculate Heart Church be deconsecrated, we welcomed those parishioners with great joy and are grateful for their contributions since then.

I am writing this because I am very proud of all that Sacred Heart Parish means to me.

Athie Willemsen

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

Reminder : please return your Project Compassion boxes. Our collection to date is \$4022.75.

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.

TCYF cont'd.... <https://hobart.catholic.org.au/content/tasmanian-catholic-youth-festival-1> We are also searching for volunteers to help out during the festival so if you would like to assist in any way, please email youth@aohtas.org.au If you could please forward this email to your youth/young adult contacts, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and I look forward to seeing many of you at the festival! Tomasz Juszczak, Director | Office of Youth Evangelisation, Archdiocese of Hobart, 62086038, youth@aohtas.org.au

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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.ourladynurses.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



Rachel's Vineyard has helped many men and women to move on with hope. You are not alone, there is hope after an abortion experience. We can help, our next Rachel's Vineyard retreat for healing after abortion will be held in Hobart, on Aug 31st to Sept 2nd. To speak to someone please call Anne Sherston on the confidential phone 0478599241.

From Our Anniversary Book Tullia Beresnicki, Annie Fahey, Mary Wood, Agnes Smallbone, Rosa Di Virgilio, Augusto Degasper, Myrtyl Slade, Domenic Colavecchio, Anthony Peters, Aline Foley, Vera Fahey, Fr. Francis Kent, Odilia Mackey, Maree Shea, Filomena Raglione, Edward Shelverton, Thomas Littlejohn, Diana Bannerman, William Davie, Francesca Capasso, Gladys Vince, Frances Littlejohn, Molly Dowd, Agostino Leon, Elizabeth Green, Kevin Shelverton, Irene Robertson, Alicia Tamaio, Alfred Waters, Elsie Wright, Julia Carroll, Norman Mazengarb, Coral Davis, Columba Warren, George Gardiner, Nicola D'Alfonso, David Kearney



May they rest in peace.

Upcoming Events at Maryknoll May 2018 - A series of talks by Fr Chris Hope May 14th, 21st & 28th 10-12 noon "Peter and the Others" Four talks on the disciples and followers of Jesus. All Welcome. For further information, please contact Sr Margaret Henderson RSM on 0418 366 923. Maryknoll Retreat and Conference Centre 15 Home Avenue Blackmans Bay

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.

With thanks.



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.**



- ◇ The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend the tragedy.
- ◇ The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- ◇ Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please use the back door.



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!



12/13	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6.00pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
Greeter		TBA	Romilda Amorosa	TBA
Lector	Vic Ferri Michael Brown Debbie Brown	Andrew Pinelli, Lorraine Dooley	Peter Chedid, Marcus Laycock	Tony Giacon, Marla Giacon
EMOC		Norm Andrews, Sue Bailey	Angela Ritar, Suzanne Santiago, Michael Midson (TBC on day)	TBA