



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 - 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: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. **Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!
Readings: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 **Next Week's Readings:** Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Are We Getting Ready or Are We Just Waiting?

This Sunday the Church begins a new year with the Season of Advent. So for the next 4 weeks, while the world around us is already celebrating what they like to call 'the festive season' we are preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ or in Latin 'adventus Christi'. Of course we are getting ready to celebrate the coming of the Son of God into the world as the infant Jesus at Christmas, but this week our Mass readings call us to think about the other coming of Christ - the 'Day of Christ', when the Master of all the Universe will come again, at the end of the world.

That is the 'reason for the season'. Jesus Christ, our Saviour, came to conquer sin and death and bring us with Him into the place where the total victory He has already won will be universally evident. American Catholic Biblical Scholar, Dr Marcellino D'Ambrosio, writes that "this second coming of Christ, like the first, involves a birth. Only this time, it will be the birth of new heavens and a new earth" (2 Peter 3:13; Romans 8:19-23; CCC 1042). Birth is always preceded by labour and travail. In fact, birth is a sort of crisis that puts everyone involved to the test. The labour pains to bring one baby to birth are intense enough. Imagine the labour pains prior to the birth of a whole new creation" (<https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/advent-the-reason-for-the-season/>).

So in our Gospel this week, Jesus warns us that it will be tough and may be frightening – strange signs in the heavens and

nations in agony on earth and people "dying of fear" before they see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Lk 21:28). How we cope depends on one thing only – how we trust in Our Lord Jesus Christ. Those who love Him and long for His coming will rejoice with heads high because they will realise that their liberation is near at hand, while those who have put their trust in other things will be very worried. Jesus tells us that we should watch ourselves lest our "hearts be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life." He says "stay awake, praying at all times for strength ... to stand with confidence before the Son of



Man" (Lk 21:34-36).

Brothers and sisters, are we just waiting, or are we getting ourselves ready for the coming of Christ? Every single one of us will, one day, look into the Sacred Face of Jesus in a moment of truth. Will we confidently cling to our trust in Him? Probably it depends on how we have tried to trust Him through our lives. Let us ask Our Lady to pray for us, so we can have the faith and strength to trust Jesus every day and in every circumstance and most especially when we are leaving this world and entering eternity.

Holy Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Deacon Nick MacFarlane

3rd: St Francis Xavier, priest
7th: St Ambrose, bishop, doctor
8th: Immaculate conception of Blessed Virgin Mary



The Cathedral Parish invites all families, parishioners and Alpha participants to an end of year BBQ to celebrate the 2018 Alpha Program. This Sunday

2nd December 2018—11.30am onwards @ The Cathedral Centre. We will also have sports and games for the children!

Come, Celebrate and Enjoy!

Planned Giving Renewal

Over the last few weeks, we have as a Parish reflected on the renewal of our Planned Giving program, by which Parishioners can pledge to support the Parish by making a regular financial donation.

As the renewal process draws to a close, we ask Parishioners to consider committing to a regular donation. Donations can be made by EFT, credit card, envelope or via the loose plate collection.

Should you be willing to make a regular donation by EFT or credit card, please contact the Parish office for further details. If you have an existing regular donation in place and would like to continue, you do not need to do anything.

The Parish Finance and Maintenance Committee would like to thank all Parishioners for their consideration during this important renewal process.

Feb-July 2019 Reader and Extraordinary Minister of Communion rosters are available at the back of both Churches this weekend and for the next few weekends. If you have supplied me with an email address I will email you—so please leave the printed copies for those without email. Please note that early next year I will provide all readers with a copy of their readings from 'Break Open the Word' to assist you in your preparation. BOTW gives a commentary designed to provide background to the text and assistance on how to read it, along with a pronunciation guide.



CAROLS ON THE HILL - 15 Dec 2018

GYC Oval Barrack St, Hobart Calling all Christmas lovers!! Do you love singing about Christmas?



Carols on the Hill 2018 is an Archdiocese of Hobart outdoor carol event, and we are putting together an event choir especially for the night. We are looking for people in our parish communities to be involved. There will be 2 more rehearsals leading up to the day. These will be 6-7:30 pm, Dec 5, 14. Music and rehearsal CD's will be available prior rehearsals.

To express interest and for further info on rehearsal location etc, contact ella.tobin@aohtas.org.au or 0468 601 517



The Australian Catholic Students Association extends a warm invitation to an end of year votive Mass in Honour of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom for students in Tasmania.

ACSA is the national organisation for Catholic tertiary students, committed to witnessing the Gospel message of hope. The Mass begins 6pm - Wed, 5th Dec. in the Cathedral. Mass is followed by supper, drinks and the opportunity to socialise and celebrate with other Catholics in Tasmania. Archbishop Julian will be celebrating the Mass on this occasion. To assist with this event please share this information with those you think may be interested in attending, particularly students. Please RSVP via jemille.west@students.mq.edu.au

The Safe Communities Framework is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Hobart to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse and neglect. The Framework requires the involvement of everyone in the Catholic Church within the Archdiocese. The Objectives are to create a shared culture of safety for children and vulnerable adults and to:

- Establish systems and processes that provide a safe environment for all in our care
- Implement safe strategies and practices to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm
- Report, monitor and respond to disclosures or concerns of abuse through Tasmania.

Our parish is in the process of completing a register of all clergy, religious, staff and volunteers which requires the notation of police checks and obtaining a Working with Vulnerable People registration. Over the course of the next few weeks our office may contact some of our most recent volunteers, along with people whose registrations have expired to update our records. *Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.*

Are you new to our parish?

We welcome you to St Mary's Cathedral Parish!

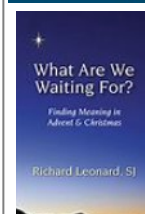
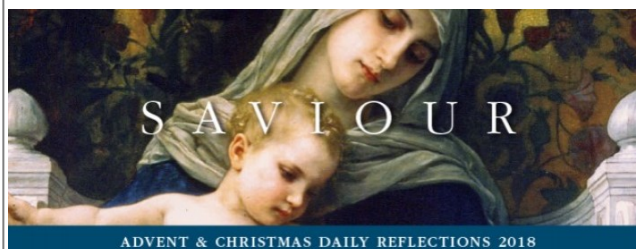
To help you become involved in our parish life and any of the various ministries of the parish, please return this slip to the Cathedral Office or place it on the collection plate at any Mass.

We will then be in touch.....with thanks.

Name
Email
Phone
Address

Limited copies of Advent reflections are now available in our bookstall.

Savior—\$7 (Archdiocese of Wollongong)



What Are We Waiting For? \$20

Finding Meaning in Advent & Christmas—by Richard Leonard, SJ

Catholic Truth Society and Cathedral Christmas cards are now in stock.

A limited supply of 2019 Columban calendars are now in stock in our bookstall—available 9am-3pm M-F and following 10.30am Mass Sunday. Cost : \$10



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Please give generously to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

As an example, \$59 provides a set of clothes, shoes and a small gift for a child, while \$88 ensures a family of four has a meal on Christmas Day. Envelopes are provided throughout the Church and more information is available at www.vinnies.org.au/page/Christmas-appeal-2018



Advent Talks: Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ:

Over two sessions, Fr Michael Tate will have a look at the mother of Jesus Christ as portrayed in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. Each Gospel writer contributes a different perspective, e.g.

there is no Infancy Narrative in the Gospels according to St Mark and St John. We will get the flavour of the contribution from each evangelist as we approach Christmas.

Wednesday, 5th December

Wednesday, 12th December

7pm at St Francis Xavier Hall, Anglesea Street, South Hobart

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!



A message from Archbishop Julian Porteous....

This week the Tasmanian House of Assembly has passed the Justice and Related Legislation (Marriage Amendments) Bill 2018 that will have profound effects on our society and many, at this time, unknown consequences. The changes that were passed are deeply troubling and opposed to the human good and wellbeing of the Tasmanian society.

The bill removes the terms 'mother, father, wife and husband' from a number of Tasmanian laws. Other states have not taken this approach so it is not required to comply with Federal Marriage Law changes. These words have significant meaning and their removal represents a small part of a broader process in which the fundamental difference between men and women is being eroded.

The bill also allows individuals to self-identify as the opposite sex or as a non-binary gender with no more than a statutory declaration. This change denies the fundamental differences between women and men. Consequently organisations offering women only facilities (eg toilets, change rooms) or services (domestic violence shelters, crisis rape centres) will lose any protection from the force of the Anti-Discrimination Act if they choose to refuse the right of entry to these facilities or services to a person who is an anatomical male who identifies as having a female gender. This legal change also constitutes a fundamental threat to single-sex schooling, medical care, sports competitions, welfare services and religious facilities. The changes to the way sex is listed on birth certificates is also extremely troubling and dangerous. A Birth Certificate is meant to be what it says, a record of the birth of a child. It should record the key details of their birth, sex, name, mother and father, and place of birth. It is an historic record. It is meant to be a birth certificate not a 'how I identify certificate'.

This amended legislation also constitutes a radical threat to freedom of speech with regard to effectively forcing individuals, due to changes in the Anti-Discrimination Act, to use the preferred pronoun of those who have made a change to their registered sex. It would use the force of law to make people respect a false view of one's identity. This is a great threat to freedom of speech.

The amended bill removed a provision from the Government's original bill that was intended to provide extra protection from possible discrimination complaints for ministers of religion who refuse to solemnise same-sex marriages. This constitutes a serious threat to religious freedom in Tasmania.

The nature of these laws as passed are a radical act of social engineering which most thinking Tasmanians would reject. These legal changes go against our basic biological reality. The House of Assembly has passed legislation that flies in the face of evident human reality. This legislation is opposed to basic and inescapable biological facts about the human person.

It is important that Catholics and people of goodwill write to their member of the Legislative Council to outline their concerns about this legislation.

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Faces of the Parish Brigid McKenna

Which suburb do you live in Tranmere

Which is your main Mass you attend? 10.30, Sunday Cathedral

How long have you lived in Hobart? All my life, apart from 10 years in Melbourne and Sydney during the 2000's.

Names of your immediate family members:

Michael, Lucy (10), Clement (9) and Gabriela (7).

Your family background, place of origin, occupation: I grew up in Berriedale and I'm a proud past student of Holy Rosary and Sacred Heart College. My parents still live in my childhood home and attend the parish I grew up in, St Bernard's, Claremont.

I studied medicine at the University of Tasmania and worked as a doctor both here and in Melbourne, before discovering a passion for medical ethics. This led me on a somewhat unexpected career path, studying and working in bioethics with Archbishop Fisher, and eventually teaching ethics at the University of Notre Dame, School of Medicine.

I met Michael in Sydney, but from the moment we married we hoped to move back to Tasmania. Thankfully, not long after our second child was born, Michael found work with BaptCare Family Services and we moved to Hobart. Gabi was born 9 months later!

For a few years I combined caring for the children at home, with some on-line teaching, tutoring at the medical school and later, working a couple of mornings a week for the Archdiocese. Now that the children are all at school, I have taken on a part time position at the School of Medicine, where I teach ethics, professionalism and clinical skills to 1st, 2nd and 3rd year medical students. I love my job!

Your hobbies: I enjoy helping the children participate in school and after-school activities – musical theatre, netball, choir, basketball, cricket...there is always something happening. I've always loved bushwalking, and now that the children are getting older, I'm looking forward to helping them explore the Tassie wilderness. I have big plans for the summer holidays, but need to enkindle some enthusiasm at home!

Any ministries/charities you serve or are involved in:

I read at 1030 Mass with Lucy, and enjoy occasionally helping out with Children's Ministry.

Any other information you are happy to share about yourself:

I always loved visiting the Cathedral as a child, but my extended family also has a very close connection to Sacred Heart Church. Michael and I were married at Sacred Heart, as were my parents, and grandparents, as well as siblings and cousins.



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



From Our Anniversary Book

Domenico and Antonietta Mastrisciano, Giovanni Gallo, Anthony Batich, Isabel Harwood, Mervyn Miller, Adolf Kuchnicki, George Watt, Nora Murphy, Edward Nolan, Corrie Jones, Tony Hogan, Robert Corradetti, Catherine Kinsella, Neil Harrington, Frank Laughlin, Victor Westbrook

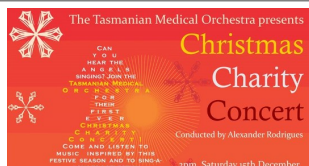


May they rest in peace.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26th to May 31st 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftoaceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griefftoaceaus.org

New Testament Greek Course: Dr David Daintree of the Christopher Dawson Centre, in association with the Verbum Domini Institute, will offer an intensive course in the koine Greek of the New Testament. Where: Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. When: 21–25 Jan., 9am–3pm daily. Cost: \$100 plus textbook (pensioner concession available). Registrations and information: Dr David Daintree on 0480879494, or dcdain@gmail.com

Go and see our very own Alex Rodrigues conducting the Tasmanian Medical Orchestra in their first charity concert at St George's Anglican Church, Battery Point on Saturday December 15 at 2pm.



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



Christmas/New Year Mass times 2018/19

Saturday 22nd Dec

8am : Sacred Heart Church
 6pm : St Mary's Cathedral

Sunday 23rd Dec

8.30am : Sacred Heart Church
 10.30am : St Mary's Cathedral
 6pm : St Mary's Cathedral

Monday 24th Dec

Christmas Eve
 6pm : St Mary's Cathedral
 (Family Vigil Mass)
 8pm : Sacred Heart Church
 (Family Mass)

Midnight Mass with Service of Carols beginning 11.15pm St Mary's Cathedral

Tuesday 25th Dec

Christmas Day
 8.30am : Sacred Heart Church
 10.30am : St Mary's Cathedral
 Please note there is NO evening Mass on Christmas Day

Wednesday 26th Dec

St Stephen, first martyr
 9am : Sacred Heart Church

Thursday 27th Dec

St John, apostle, evangelist
 9am : Sacred Heart Church

Friday 28th Dec

The Holy Innocents, martyrs
 9am : Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 29th Dec

Octave of the Nativity
 8am : Sacred Heart Church
 6pm : Vigil St Mary's Cathedral

Sunday 30th Dec

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8.30am : Sacred Heart Church
 10.30am : St Mary's Cathedral
 6pm : St Mary's Cathedral

Tuesday 1st Jan

Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 10am : Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday 2nd Jan

Christmas Time
 7.30am : St Mary's Cathedral
 9am : Sacred Heart Church

Thursday 3rd Jan

Christmas Time
 7.30am : St Mary's Cathedral
 9am : Sacred Heart Church

Friday 4th Jan

Christmas Time
 7.30am : St Mary's Cathedral
 9am : Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 5th Jan

Christmas Time
 8am : Sacred Heart Church
 6pm : Vigil St Mary's Cathedral

Sunday 6th Jan

The Epiphany of the Lord
 8.30am : Sacred Heart Church
 10.30am : St Mary's Cathedral
 6pm : St Mary's Cathedral



Reconciliation :

St Mary's Cathedral : 5pm Saturdays
 Sacred Heart Church : following 8am Mass Saturdays

We are still actively seeking volunteers to clean the Cathedral Centre every few weeks. It takes about 2 hours (would be less with more people!) It falls to the same few so would be nice to support them! Please see Liz.



Date Claimer: Womens' Breakfast Sat. Dec. 15th 8.30am–10.00am Christ the Priest Church Kingston. More details to follow.

1/2	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6.00pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
Greeter		TBA	Maria Respondek	TBA
Lector	Vic Ferri Michael Brown Debbie Brown	Andrew Pinelli, Sr Monica Shelverton	Noelle Harradine, Nick Brodie	Johnnie Lennard, Sr Monica Shelverton
EMOC	TBA	Sue Bailey, Colleen Stanford	Angela Ritar, Suzanne Santiago, Michael Midson	TBA