

AE Cathedral Parish

August 4, 2019 YR C/1
18th Sunday in Ordinary



Weekly Mass Times

St Mary's Cathedral

Tue-Fri : 7.30am

Sat : 6pm Mass

Sun : 10.30am & 6.00pm Masses

Sacred Heart Church

Tue-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

Thank you to all who are currently contributing to the ministry of reading the Sacred Scripture at Masses in the parish.

We have a vision for this ministry to be a truly excellent proclamation of the Word of God. To this end, four training opportunities will be offered:

Sunday 8th Sept at 11:45am at the Cathedral (after 10:30am Mass);

Sunday 8th Sept at 7:10pm at the Cathedral (after 6pm Mass);

Wednesday 11th Sept at 9:30am at Sacred Heart Church (after 9am Mass);

Saturday 14th Sept at 7:10pm at the Cathedral (after 6pm Mass).

For those coming to one of the Cathedral training sessions, please gather in the left-hand transept after Mass. At Sacred Heart, please gather at the front on the lectern side.

Each session will be identical and will run for 45 minutes. You may choose to attend any session that suits you. N.B. The training is compulsory, even for expert readers who have the capacity to demonstrate the various aspects of good proclamation. **If you wish to continue in this ministry, you will need to attend one of these sessions and we hope it further assists you to enjoy this special opportunity to share the Lord's Word.**



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

Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Readings: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Next Week's Readings: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

Vanity Vanity, All Is Vanity – Or Is It?

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Preacher in our first reading today (Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23) points out how vain it is to strive for material possessions, when we all know that in the end we must leave them behind. Someone else, who has not laboured for them will inherit them. Theologians call them temporal goods – meaning that they are only for a time. This life is not like a game of Monopoly where whoever has the most property at the end wins.

In the Gospel today (Luke 12:13-21), Jesus says the same thing to two brothers who are arguing about how to share their inheritance. He tells them a parable about a farmer who has a bumper harvest and dreams that his great wealth will give him ease and pleasure in his old age. He thinks he will build bigger barns to store all his wealth, and he will be set for life. God says to him "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?"

Brothers and sisters, we live in a very materialistic age and most of what we read, listen to or see in the media is all about acquiring personal wealth. And how we are attached to our stuff – our houses and cars, our toys and our money! But we are deluded to think that more wealth, or more possessions will make us happy and secure.

Today the Lord is challenging us to think seriously about how we are investing our efforts, our time and our money. Are we focused mostly on the things of this world, or as St Paul advises us, are we "looking for the things that are in heaven where Christ is sitting at God's right hand" (Colossians 3:1ff). That is certainly where we should be storing up treasure

for ourselves – in heaven where inflation won't erode it and where it won't rust or wear out. We would do well to spend whatever resources we have on doing good – helping the poor and especially helping those who are far from Him to find Jesus. That is the treasure we should be amassing – good works done in the power of Jesus' Name, by His grace and for His glory.

Because in the end this world, and all the goods of this world, will pass away. The day will come when we will be face-to-face with Jesus our Lord and Saviour. And then the only thing that will matter is our relationship with Him. On that day we will need to render an account to Him of how we have responded to the amazing grace He has showered on us.

St Teresa of Avila had a favourite prayer. After her death it was found written on her bookmark:

Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you.

All things are passing. God only is changeless. Patience gains all things.

Whoever has God wants for nothing. God alone suffices.

Perhaps it should be our favourite prayer too.

Deacon Nick MacFarlane

**What's Important
in Life?**



Dear Eucharistic Ministers, When cleaning the Chalice, please ensure the whole Purifier is used rather than only using the same spot each time. Also, please turn the Chalice after each communicant. This should be done all year and most especially be mindful of it during the winter flu season. ***With thanks.***

The Sisters of St Joseph and the Josephite Associates invite you to a Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. It will be held at the Josephite Mission and History Centre, 67 Clare St, New Town on Thursday 8 August 2019 at 7 pm. Light supper to follow. RSVP: 6228 1628 by 5 August for catering purposes (business hours). All welcome.



The annual Mass honouring the Fatherhood of God will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday August 7th at 7pm. It will be preceded by a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer **starting at 6pm.** After the Mass there will be an opportunity to have prayer for healing. In 1932 in a Church-approved message, reminiscent of His dialogue with St. Catherine of Siena, God the Father revealed to Mother Eugenia Ravasio, His desire to be "known, loved and honoured" especially through a liturgical feast. Pope Francis has recently called on Christians to have a closer relationship to our Heavenly Father: "For a Christian to pray is simply to say 'Abba' to say 'Papa', to say 'Dad' to say 'Father' but with the trust of a child." The absence of fathers in today's society has created "the father wound" - now recognised as the most universal wound on earth. As a result, God the Father has become an inadvertent stumbling block in people's spiritual development. Pope Francis reminds us that, as His children, God our Father loves us: "It is good to think that our God does not need sacrifices to win His favour! He does not need anything, our God: In prayer He asks only that we keep open a channel of communication with Him, to discover always that we are His beloved children. And He loves us so much.....[to pray] it is enough to place ourselves under the gaze of God, to remember his Fatherly love." All are welcome to attend this special Mass as well as the Holy Hour. Enq: Maree 0362287108

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is a gathering of young people who come together to celebrate the joy and beauty of the Catholic faith in a setting that is vibrant and engaging. This year it will be held in Perth from December 8-10. **Recently, the Office of Youth Evangelisation had received a significant donation from the Knights of the Southern Cross to assist some young Tasmanians - who may be finding it difficult to raise funds - to attend the event. This in turn has inspired others to donate anonymously for the same cause. Thanks to this generosity, we are now able to help support a number of young people to attend the event.** I would, therefore, ask anyone who may be finding the cost of the Pilgrimage to be a barrier, to please contact me and I will gladly look to see how we can help. **If you are interested in attending the event, make sure to register below as seats are limited and are now starting to fill up!** <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/acyf-hobart-to-perth-pilgrimage-registration-62123542187> **If you have any questions regarding the above or the pilgrimage itself, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.**



God bless, Tomasz Juszczak, Director | Office of Youth Evangelisation

We're excited to begin "Inspiring Faith" a Children's Catechesis on Sunday mornings for children aged 8-11 years at the Cathedral Parish Centre (Level 1) continuing this Sunday 4th August. Children will explore the mysteries of the Trinity and Jesus Christ, and will come to understand the dignity and powers God bestows on each Christian. Children will discover how following the example of Christ develops a moral conscience and a sense of community in God's family, the Church, with Mary and the saints. Time: 9.45-10.15am during school terms. A great opportunity for your child to go deeper in his or her Catholic faith! **Register** with Jo MacFarlane 0407 876 913 or macfarlane3jo@gmail.com

Cost: \$25 for children's workbook

Parish children are invited to participate in the following:

Children 0 – 4 stay with parents;
Children 5 – 7 Children's Liturgy during Mass;
Children 8 – 11 Catechesis before Mass (as per above)



A Vocations Retreat is being planned for Saturday 5 October from 10 am until 3pm at the presbytery at Campbell Town. If you know of any young men who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood, could you please invite them to come along? The day will consist of input on vocation in the Church, a time for personal reflection and then time for communal prayer.

Fr Brian Nichols, Vocation Director

Our sacristy safe is finally unable to be repaired.

Since it is a heritage item it must stay in place so we are looking to place a new smaller safe inside it. If any kind parishioner would like to donate towards the cost of our new safe (it will be \$200) that would be greatly appreciated.



The **Verbum Domini Institute** is offering two bible studies: **An Introduction to the Old Testament Prophets:** This eight session bible study will guide you through the great prophetic literature of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Amos, and the other prophets. **When:** Wednesdays 10.30am-12.30pm 14th August, 11th & 25th Sept., 16th & 30th Oct., 13th Nov. **A Study of the Gospel of St. Matthew: Reading the Old Testament in the New.** 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 6.30- 8.30pm, 8th & 22nd August. **Cost:** \$20 per course for study guide. **Where:** Murphy Room, Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. **Register:** 6208-6236.



Working Too Hard – It Begins as Virtue and Ends as Escape By Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

There are dangers in overwork, not matter how good the work and no matter how noble the motivation for doing it. Spiritual guides, beginning with Jesus, have always warned of the dangers of becoming too taken-up in our work. Many are the spouses in a marriage, many are the children in a family, many are the friends, and many are churches, who wish that someone they love and need more attention from was less busy.

But it is hard not to be over-busy and consumed by work, particularly during our generative years when the duties of raising children, paying mortgages, and running our churches and civic organizations falls more squarely on our shoulders. If you are a sensitive person you will wrestle constantly with the pressure to not surrender yourself to too many demands. As Henri Nouwen once described this, our lives often seem like over-packed suitcases with too much in them. There is always one more task to do, one more phone call to make, one more person to see, one more bill to pay, one more thing to check on the internet, one more leaky faucet to tend to, one more demand from some church or social agency, and one more item that needs to be picked up from the store. The demands never end and we are always conscious of some task that we still need to do. Our days are too short for all that needs to be done.

And so we give ourselves over to our work. It begins in good will and innocence but it invariably transmutes into something else. Initially we give ourselves over to all these demands because this is what is asked of us, but as more and more time goes by that commitment becomes less and less altruistic and more self-serving.

First off, though we are generally blind to this, our work soon becomes an escape. We remain busy and preoccupied enough that we have an inbuilt excuse and rationalization so as not to have to deal with relationships be that within our own families, our churches, or with God. Being weighed-down constantly with work and duty is a burden but it is also the ultimate protection. We do not get to smell the flowers, but we do not have to deal either with the deeper things that lurk under the surface of our lives. We can avoid the unresolved issues in our relationships and our psyches. We have the perfect excuse! We are too busy. Idleness may well be the devil's workshop, but busyness is not always a virtue.

Nobody is ever
"too busy", if
they're interested,
they'll make
time.



Becoming Missionary Disciples The Evangelium Conference is aimed at engaging Catholics in evangelisation. It will be held for the first time in Tasmania from August 30-31 at St Bernard's Church in Claremont. Themed 'Becoming Missionary Disciples', the conference will feature speakers, workshops, times of prayer and outreach. The theme is taken from Pope Francis' call for Christians to be 'missionary disciples'. "Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are 'disciples' and 'missionaries', but rather that we are always 'missionary disciples'," the Pope said, in his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*. Aimed at parishioners, teachers and youth, as well as priests and religious, the conference will have a particular focus on enabling parishes to develop a missionary spirit. The conference's keynote speaker is evangelist, and co-founder and managing director of the Catholic ministry menALIVE, Robert Falzon. Purchase of a conference ticket includes access to keynote addresses and workshops, lunch & dinner, morning & afternoon tea, tea and coffee. Attendees can choose to attend one presentation from each workshop: **Workshop I** - •Ministry to Men (Robert Falzon/ Martin Stone) •The grace of adoration in evangelization (Immaculata Community) •Catechesis as mode of evangelization (Angela Ritar) •Giving your personal testimony (Palavra Viva) •Forming a parish youth group (Tomasz Juszczak) **Workshop II**—•Using the media to evangelise (Shalom World) •Experiencing God in devotions (Fr Guy Riolo) •Liturgy as source and summit of evangelization (Michael McKenna) •Ministry of Bishop Robert Barron (Martin Tobin) •Parish from Maintenance to Mission (Fr Shammi Perera) Commences Friday 30 Aug 7pm and concludes Saturday 31 August at 9.30pm. Tickets are \$65.00 each (inc. GST & booking fee). Available from www.eventbrite.com.au (search Evangelium) or by phone with Diana Batchelor 6210 8805.

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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 Charles Thornhill, Lily Davis, Thomas McGlone, Hedley Taylor, Gail Zantuck, Eletto Pangrazzi, Mario Ghedini, John Kelly, Gladys Fitzgerald, Christine Sproule, Damien Chatterton, Sr. Barbara Dugan, SSI, Antonio Marino, Rezkallah Korkmaz, Ina Nichols, Kathleen Saunders, Nora Doolan, Pasquale Giusti, Nicola Gentile, Charles Pocock, Christine Weeding, Frank Rieusset, Paul Thompson, Sr. Veronica Higgins, John Heffernan, David Pauly, William Jeffrey, Herbert Viney, William Mitson, June Abbott, Maria Zappone, Margaret Szechy, Elsie Aiken, Denis Pauly



May they rest in peace.

St. John's Catholic parish Outreach committee is holding a Spring High Tea again this year on Saturday 21 September from 2–4.30pm. in GYC, Glenorchy catering suite. Entry off Mill Lane. Enjoy cakes, scones and pastries. Listen to our guest speaker talk about life in Nepal. Cost \$20. Silent auction, lucky door etc. All proceeds go to supporting students at Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal. RSVP to phillipsfelecia@hotmail.com or mob. 0447 887 512 by 14 September

60th Anniversary of the arrival of Dominican Sisters in Tasmania.

Fr. John Wallis dreamt of a parish and school in Glenorchy. A school would need teachers and after many knock backs eventually the Dominicans agreed they would send sisters to Glenorchy. And so, in 1959, Sisters Mary Damian, Mary Celestine and Mary Clare arrived. Since that date other Dominican sisters have followed and many people, young and old, have been touched by the dedicated ministry of these remarkable women who served firstly in Glenorchy and later in other parts of Tasmania. On 15 September 2019, the 60th anniversary of their arrival will be celebrated with gratitude at Mass at 10am at St. John the Baptist, Glenorchy. We welcome you to join with us for morning tea following.

Dear Parish Centre users, frequently we are finding heaters left on, lights left burning and chairs not replaced as you found them. We have many groups using the Centre these days so the motto is 'leave it as you found it' please. This includes not leaving dirty cups on the sink, a mess on the floor and the kitchen untidy.

Thank you!



THE SACRAMENT OF THE PRESENT MOMENT is the theme for this year's annual gathering for Catholic Charismatic Renewal Tasmania at the Emmanuel Centre Launceston on the weekend of September 13th-15th. A warm invitation to all to come and be refreshed. Live-in or day registrations available. Closing date: 30th August. Enquiries: Christine Smith 0422 832 712/Lyn Driessen 0408 385 360

Saints of Italy Pilgrimage

Fr Brian Nichols will be leading a 13 day pilgrimage to Italy, departing 18 May 2020. Organised and run by Harvest Journeys, the tour will follow the paths of many of our saints and will take in Rome, Montecassino, Pietrelcina, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant'Angelo, Lanciaio, Loreto, Assisi, Siena and Florence. Contact the Sandy Bay parish office on 6224 1423 or email sandybay@aohtas.org.au for more information.

Reminder : Regular Weekly Events

Fri 4.30-5.30pm : Cathedral—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction; (NOTE NO ADORATION on Friday 9th August) **Sat 11am** : 2nd Floor Cathedral Centre—Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help; **Sun 9.45-10.15am** : Children's Catechesis (8-11yrs in school terms)



Date claimer: The John Wallis Memorial Lecture 2019 will be presented by an experienced educational leader, Deborah Kent. Deborah, the CEO and Principal of Jesuit College of Spirituality, Melbourne, will speak on "CONTINUING THE JOURNEY – charitable engagement with new frontiers" at Guilford Young College (Hobart) on Thursday 12 September, at 7pm. All interested people are invited to attend. further information: Eva Dunn 0417 734 503 or eva.dunn@gmail.com

The next Alpha in the Cathedral Centre starts Mon 9 Sept 7-9pm. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different aspect of Christian faith and is designed to create conversation. Everyone's welcome. Come and bring a friend for good food, a great talk and a chance to ask questions and share points of view in an open, friendly environment.

| 3/4 | SHC : 8.30am Sun | SMC : 6.00pm Sat | SMC : 10.30am Sun | SMC : 6pm Sun |
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| Greeter | | TBA | Romilda Amorosa | TBA |
| Lector | Adele Khoury Michael Brown Debbie Brown | Andrew Pinelli, Sr Monica Shelverton | Lucy McKenna, Brigid McKenna | TBA, Sr Monica Shelverton |
| EMOC | Jane McKeown & Peter Tierney | TBA | Michael Midson, Maria Saracino Angela Ritar | TBA |