

AE Cathedral Parish

July 28, 2019 YR C/1
17th 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-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: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Readings: Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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

Let us reflect briefly on the first part of the Lord's Prayer as it is presented to us as part of this Sunday's Gospel, that is :

"Our Father" to "On earth as it is in

heaven." In this part, God is at the centre; He is in the core. The sole focus is on God in this section. But at the same time

it stresses the two-fold relationship that the Lord has with us and we have with the Lord. The prayer begins as "Our Father."

The language that Jesus spoke is Aramaic, a regional dialect of Hebrew, the official language of Israel. The original Aramaic word that Jesus used was

"Abba" which means something like

"Daddy." The moment we address God as Abba, Daddy, we all begin to be equals

because we all share the same brotherhood and sisterhood before God. It erases all the man-made divisions. Once we address God as our common Father, it becomes a prayer that a rich man and a poor man being seated together can pray because it dissolves social distinction. Once we address God as "Our Father", it becomes a prayer that a Chinese, an African and anybody from any nationality can pray because it breaks all the racial, cultural and geographical barriers.

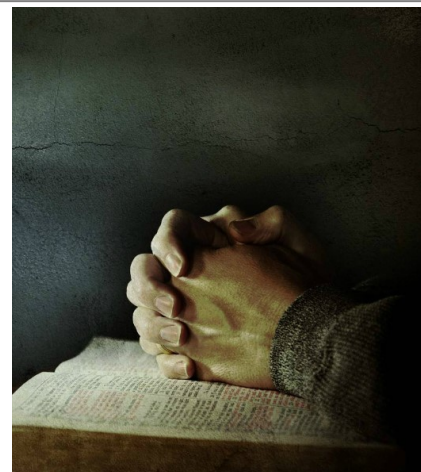
Very often we think the rest of the first part is a series of wishes. Actually in the original Aramaic language they are stronger than wishes. They are demands. So when we say "Hallowed be thy name..." we mean to say: "Father make

sure that your name be held holy'; 'make

sure your kingdom comes', and so forth. So it is a matter of boldly telling God to see to it that His desirable state of affairs comes about. It is a bold statement of faith which proclaims that not our human state of affairs, but God's state of affairs, are actioned. Thus this is a prayer of selflessness and it breaks our individual ego, our desire to be the centre of attention and attraction, and makes us all humble in the presence of the Lord.

When we say this prayer frequently, we tend to mumble and rattle through without reflecting on its words. So let us remember that this is the common prayer of our common sonship in God. Let us consciously mean what we pray; when we mean what we pray, we will be transformed to become what we pray.

Fr. Shammi Perera



It is with great joy that we are welcoming back our sacramental candidates and their families for the final component of their Christian Initiation. In another five weeks, these children will be celebrating First Communion. Please note the 1st September 10.30 Mass, and join the group for this very important event in their lives. We know that you have been praying for these children and their families. Thank you for your faithful support; it is much appreciated.

Sacramental Team



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.



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) this Sunday 28th July. 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

As of Sunday 28th July, the 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)



The Parish **welcomes Angela and Arthur Ritar** as newly appointed 10.30am Mass sacristans this weekend and we wish them God's blessings in their new volunteer ministry. **We thank Christine Appleton for her tireless dedication and attention to detail in her sacristan role** over many years across countless Masses, and also acknowledge her contribution and support in other volunteer ministries of the parish. We are grateful that Chris will continue supporting the parish in other ways and are blessed to have her in our community.

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. **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**



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**

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.

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.



Congratulations to Romilda Amorosa who has just been presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Cancer Council. This was in acknowledgment of her efforts in raising \$17,011 this year and \$280,411 overall.

Well done Romilda!!



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 **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, 31st July, 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.



Praying in a Crisis by Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

How do we lift our darkest, most depressed, most lonely moments up to God? How can we pray when we are most deeply alone, helpless, and our whole world seems to be collapsing?

We can learn from Jesus and how he prayed the night before his death in the Garden of Gethsemane, in his darkest hour: It was late at night; he had just had his last meal with his closest friends, and he had one hour to prepare to face his death. His humanity breaks through and Jesus finds himself prostrate on the ground, begging for escape. Here's how the Gospels describe it:

Jesus withdrew from his disciples, about a stone's throw away, and threw himself to the ground and prayed. "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, let your will be done, not mine." And he came back and found his disciples sleeping. So he withdrew again and in anguish prayed even more earnestly, and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood. When he rose from prayer he went to the disciples and found them sleeping for sheer grief. And he said to them, "Why are you asleep? Get up and pray not to be put to the test." And he prayed a third time, and an angel came and strengthened him, and he rose to face with strength what lay before him.

This prayer by Jesus in Gethsemane can serve as a model for how we can pray when we're in crisis. Looking at the prayer, we can highlight seven elements, each of which has something to teach us in terms of how to pray in our darkest times:

1. The prayer issues forth from his loneliness: The Gospels highlight this, both in terms of telling us that the prayer takes place in a garden (the archetypal place for love) and in that Jesus is "a stone's throw away" from his loved ones who cannot be present to what he is undergoing. In our deepest crises, we are always painfully alone, a stone's throw away from others. Deep prayer should issue from that place.
2. The prayer is one of great familiarity: He begins the prayer by calling his father "Abba", the most familiar term possible, the phrase that a young child would use sitting on his or her father's lap. In our darkest hours, we must be most familiar with God.
3. The prayer is one of complete honesty: Classically prayer is defined as "lifting mind and heart to God". Jesus does this

here, radically, in searing honesty. He asks God to take the suffering away, to give him escape. His humanity cringes before duty and he asks for escape. That's honest prayer, true prayer.

4. The prayer is one of utter helplessness: He falls to the ground, prostrate, with no illusions about his own strength. His prayer contains the petition that if God is to do this through him, God needs to provide the strength for it.

5. The prayer is one of openness, despite personal resistance: Even as he cringes before what he is being asked to undergo and asks for escape, he still gives God the radical permission to enter his freedom. His prayer opens him to God's will, if that is what's ultimately being asked of him.

6. The prayer is one of repetition: He repeats the prayer several times, each time more earnestly, sweating blood, not just once, but several times over.

7. The prayer is one of transformation: Eventually an angel (divine strength) comes and fortifies him and he gives himself over to what he is being asked to undergo on the basis of a new strength that comes from beyond him. But that strength can only flow into him after he has, through helplessness, let go of his own strength. It is only after the desert has done its work on us that we are open to let God's strength flow into us.

In his book, *Stride Towards Freedom*, Martin Luther King recounts how one night, after receiving a death threat, he panicked, gave into fear, and, not unlike Jesus in Gethsemane, literally collapsed to the floor in fear, loneliness, helplessness – and prayer. He confessed that his prayer that night was mostly a plea to God to let him find an honorable means of escape, but God asked something else of him. Here are his final words to God in that prayer:

"But now I am afraid. The people are looking to me for leadership, and if I stand before them without strength and courage, they too will falter. I am at the end of my powers. I have nothing left. I've come to the point where I can't face it alone." Then he adds: "At that moment I experienced the presence of the Divine as I had never experienced Him before." An angel found him.

When we pray honestly, whatever our pain, an angel of God will always find us.

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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

Matija Franor, Celia O'Connor, Minnie Connolly, Vel Griffith, Achille and Terese Genovesi, Antonio Luigi and Franco Sorgi, Alice Conlan, Thomas Goodsell, Anastasia Nolan, Bruce Pauly, Maria Dabrowski, Giovanni Mangione, Maryanne Butterworth, Horrie Miller, Jean Shelverton, Patrick Scanlon, Mary Wilkinson, Laura Thomas, Madge Butterworth, Harold Frankcombe, Hillary O'Neill, Neil Campbell, Giovina Fantini, Janice Dooley, Glen Broadribb, Father Philip Conolly, George Kelly, Mildred Haigh, Fr. John Wallis, Elizabeth Palermo



May they rest in peace.

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
Sun 9.45-10.15am : Children's Catechesis (8-11yrs in school terms)



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!** **Liz**



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

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.



27/28	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6.00pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
Greeter		TBA	Maria Respondek	TBA
Lector	Eva Dunn Elizabeth Longo Peter Tierney	Colleen Stanford, Lorraine Dooley	Mauro Saracino, Sr Monica Shelverton	Gabrielle Hutchinson, Andrew Hutchinson
EMOC		TBA	David Shelverton, Anna Reussien, Maria Saracino	TBA