

# AE Cathedral Parish

4th February YR B/2 2018  
5th Sunday of Ordinary Time



## Weekly Mass Times

### St Mary's Cathedral

Tue-Fri : 7.30am Mass

Sat : 6pm Mass

Sun : 10.30am & 6.00pm Masses

### Sacred Heart Church

Tue/Wed/Thu : 9am Mass

Sat : 8.00am Mass

Sun : 8.30am Mass

Lawrenny Court Cnr Arthur and Hill Sts,

West Hobart Fri 10.30am Mass

### **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:**

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

### **.Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

### **Readings:**

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**Dear parishioners, our annual Marriage Mass Renewal Of Vows will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous at 10.30am on Sunday 18th February.**

Couples celebrating Catholic Marriage milestones are invited to RSVP to the Office- of Life, Marriage and Family by emailing [ben.smith@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au) or on 6208 6036. Catholic married couples will receive a special acknowledgement from Archbishop Julian on the day.



## **Give The First Fruits of the Day to the LORD**

Many years ago, I stayed with my family in Rome in a sort of boarding house run by Catholic laypeople. Thierry and Isobel, the couple who were in charge of the running of the place, came from Belgium where things were done in a pretty organized way, and they were continually exasperated by the slack and lackadaisical ways of the Romans with whom they had to deal every day. They said without an hour praying each morning before they started on the business of the day, they would never have survived. This lovely couple had discovered a great secret: if you want to serve the Lord, you must spend time with Him every day, first.

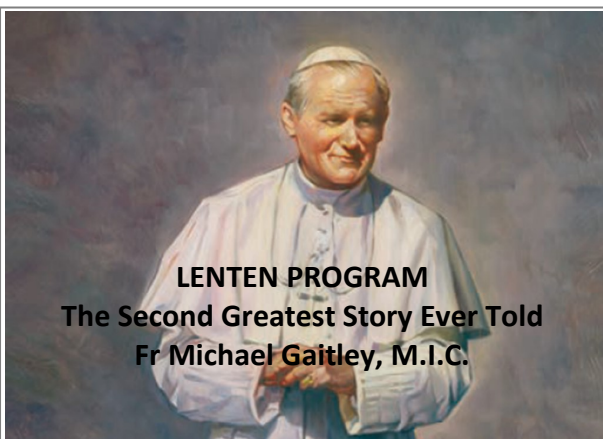
St Teresa of Kolkata, who was called with her sisters, the Missionaries of Charity, to an even more heroic life of self-giving to bring the love of Jesus to the poor and destitute of that great Indian city, knew the same thing. She said that she and her sisters could never have done the work that they did if they had not spent an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament before they went out into the slums to bring the loving mercy of God to the broken and the dying.

There is an old Latin saying "Nemo dat quod non habet" – no one can give what he doesn't have – or in Fr Stan Fortuna's memorable translation: "You can't give what you aint got"

In our Gospel today (Mark 1:29-39), we see that what is true for us was also true for Jesus. Like Mother Teresa who served Him so well, Jesus ministered with great power. He brought healing and transformation to many of the people He encountered. The Gospels are full of His merciful healing of the sick and freeing of those bound by sin and evil spirits. But where did this amazing power for good come from? It came from His habit of prayer. "The Father and I are one" (John 10:30) He said – He knew it because He spent a lot of time on this relationship.

So, even though He had a very long evening healing the sick at Peter's house, He got up early in the morning and went to where He could be alone, to pray to His Father, before He started on the next day of His public ministry.

If we would serve the Lord, dear Brothers and Sisters, we would do well to follow His lead, and spend time every day developing our relationship with Him. In fact, time spent praying is vital for us even to survive, let alone thrive, as disciples of Jesus in the world in which we live. St Francis de Sales, in his wonderful little book *The Introduction to the Devout Life* suggests that we should make prayer in the morning a priority. Why not give the very first minutes of your day to the Lord in some form of prayer – fifteen or thirty minutes, first thing every day, will make a great difference to the grace and love with which we then face the day with all its joys and challenges, with its successes and its struggles. **Deacon Nick MacFarlane**



## **LENTEN PROGRAM**

**The Second Greatest Story Ever Told**

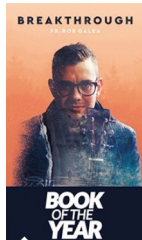
**Fr Michael Gaitley, M.I.C.**

**Dear Parishioners, you are warmly invited to attend our Parish Lenten Program.**

The power and drama of Fr. Michael Gaitley's best-selling book *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told* are captured in an amazing visual presentation that will challenge and enthrall you. In 5 fast-paced and lively sessions, Fr. Gaitley connects people and events in history to a unifying vision of the splendour of God's merciful love. From the epic story of Poland's national suffering, to the events of Fatima, the revelations of St. Faustina, the heroic efforts of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the life of St. John Paul II, the panorama of God's love and mercy is fully revealed as a transformative reality.

Cathedral Centre 1st Floor- Starts Thurs 22nd Feb. or Mon. 26th Feb. (for 5 weeks) Thurs mornings 10-12:00pm or Mon 7-9pm

For further info please call Deacon Nick MacFarlane on 0418 242 010.



**'Before I was on The X Factor Australia, before I performed for a pope ... I was an alienated, messed-up teenager.'**

The story of Fr Rob Galea is a journey from desperation to hope. Struggling under the weight of addiction and depression, Fr Rob was considering ending his life when redemption came through a phone call. Knowing that he needed help, Fr Rob fought his demons to forge a relationship with Jesus Christ and has never looked back. Breakthrough asks you to find your way through adversity to the better life that awaits you. It's a powerful story about recovery, redemption and faith, and is told by one of the most charismatic priests of our time. **Limited copies in our bookstall—\$27**

**Now available in the Cathedral bookstall :** What Are We Hoping For? : Reflections on Lent and Easter by Richard Leonard SJ.



**A Journey Through Scripture:** come and enjoy a survey of the bible from the Catholic perspective. Starting with the narratives of creation and Noah's ark, this bible study will trace the history of salvation as it unfolds in a series of covenants that God makes with his chosen people. The course covers the pivotal events and characters of the Old Testament leading up to their fulfilment in Jesus and his Church. When: Mondays 5 & 19 Feb., 5 Mar., 2-4pm.



Where: Simmonds Room, Diocesan Centre, New Town. Cost: \$20 for study guide. Register: Dr Christine Wood, christine.wood@aohtas.org.au, or 6208-6236.



**Holy Queen, The Mother of God in the Word of God:** this exciting bible study on the role of Mary in salvation history introduces you to the Old Testament background to the role of Mary in Jesus' work of salvation. The study looks at how Mary is depicted as the new Eve, the new Ark of the Covenant, and the new Queen Mother of the Kingdom of God. The central Catholic doctrines of Mary will also be discussed. When: Wednesdays 7 & 21 Feb., 7 Mar., 10am-12pm. Where: Simmonds Room, Diocesan

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**Dear youth of the parish, The deadline is upon us for students Year 9+ to perform in the 2018 Passion Play on Friday March 23 at 6pm in St Mary's Cathedral.** All roles are non-speaking/role playing, in a dramatization of the Stations of the Cross against a dramatic musical

backdrop. No previous acting experience necessary, but maturity and willingness to be directed is necessary. Rehearsal timetable to follow but please allow for approximately 7 rehearsals in Feb/March 2018 on Wednesday afternoons in the Cathedral. Please send your contact details to cathedral@aohtas.org.au asap or complete the form at the back of both Churches. The students who participated last year thoroughly enjoyed themselves as well as having the privilege to participate in an event of spiritual significance to the Hobart community. **Enquiries 6234 4463.**

"The great preacher who makes the scriptures readable."  
—POPE FRANCIS  
**ROBERT BARRON**  
with JOHN J. ALLEN  
**TO LIGHT A FIRE ON THE EARTH**  
Proclaiming the Gospel in a Secular Age



**As secularism gains influence, and increasing numbers see religion as dull and backward, Robert Barron wants to illuminate how beautiful, intelligent, and relevant the Catholic faith is.**

Touching on everything from Jesus to prayer, science, movies, atheism, the spiritual life, the fate of Church in modern times, beauty, art, and social media, Barron reveals why the Church matters today and how Catholics can intelligently engage a skeptical world.

Dear parishioners, please note Adoration and Benediction continues each Friday 4.30-5.30pm.  
**With thanks**



**Open Rehearsal : Dear parishioners....have you ever thought about joining the Cathedral choir?** Would you like to come and see what it's like? St Mary's Choir members warmly invite you to join them at an Open Rehearsal...come along and see what happens! Thursday February 15th—Level 2 St Mary's Cathedral Centre 6.30 - 8pm. Further information: Kaye 0412440364



**Ash Wednesday : February 14—Masses & Liturgies**

7.30am—Mass at **Cathedral**

9.00am—Mass at **Sacred Heart Church**

9.00am—Liturgy at **Cathedral** for St Mary's College (public welcome though limited space)

10.45am—Liturgy at **Cathedral** for St Virgils College (public welcome)

12.30pm—Liturgy at **Cathedral** for GYC (public welcome)

7.00pm—Mass at **Cathedral**



## **New Year's Resolutions Testify To Faith by Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI**

If you are like I am then you most likely act out a certain cycle every year. Each Jan. 1, you make New Year's resolutions, keep them for a while, and then, eventually, sometimes by Jan. 2, break them and fall back into old habits.

If you are like I am then you also have a certain sense of why this is going on . . . even as you are seemingly powerless to change things. Old habits, especially bad ones, are hard to break.

Aristotle said that habit is second nature, it replaces instinct. Augustine, who knew more than most about the difficulty in breaking old habits, once put it this way: "I longed to give myself wholly to you, Lord, but I was bound by my own will, as by a chain. Because my will was perverse it changed to lust, and lust yielded to become habit, and habit not resisted became necessity. These were like links hanging one on to another—which is why I have called it a chain—and their bondage held me bound hand and foot."

In a former time, before we had psychological words such as obsession, dysfunction and neurosis, this was called being possessed by a demon. There was more wisdom and accuracy in that than our age sees fit to acknowledge. In our bad habits we are indeed possessed!

Given all of that, it is no big wonder that we so easily break new resolutions. The wonder is that we continue to make them, knowing our own histories. Why do we? Why do we continue to want to make new resolutions when we know that, barring miracles, we will not, in the end, succeed in keeping them?

Robert Frost says that there is something inside of us that hates a wall, that wants it down. That is also true for the wall of bad habit and the part that wants it down is the best part of us. Stated positively, there is something inside us that hates our own moral fat, that refuses death, even in this sense. There is something inside of us that is driven to the higher, that refuses to settle for second best, that wants to sing the new song that the psalmist speaks of, that believes in the possibility of resurrection. There is something inside of us that needs to keep on keeping on.

Thus it is a sign of health that we keep making new resolutions, despite a life-long history of failure. Why? Because in striving to renew ourselves in the face of our own falling we are making an important act of faith:

First of all, in making new resolutions we are saying: "I believe in a God who continues to love me, even when I can't live up to it." Every time I pick myself off the floor after a fall and begin again with some hope in my heart looking for a new start, I am saying the creed in a way that is considerably more radical, in terms of expressing actual belief in God, than is my too-easy Sunday recital of it. To make a new resolution is to believe in God. But it is more. To make new resolutions is to express faith in the God of the resurrection. To try for new life, for a fresh start, precisely when bad habit has kept me so long in a certain helplessness, is to say: "I believe in the resurrection and the life!" Why do I say this?

Martin Luther once put it this way: "Just as God in the beginning of creation made the world out of nothing, so his manner of working continues unchanged." For anything to really change, including our capacity to live beyond our own wounds and selfishness, God still had to defy the impossible.

Our inner world, akin to the physical world, is, to all outward appearance and to our own feeling of it, a closed system, determined entirely by history, by cause and effect. Within it, certain things are possible and certain things are impossible. What has been will continue to be.

There is, it seems, and so says Qoheleth, nothing new under the sun. The case for the impossible is pretty strong, especially when the judge knows the history of failed resolutions.

That is where faith and the resurrection enter in. As the angel Gabriel tells Mary: "For with God nothing is impossible." Somewhere, deep inside of us, in that place where we want to make New Year's resolutions, we still carry that faith. In that place we still say the creed and still believe in the resurrection. Because of that belief, because of new year's resolutions, God can still make something out of nothing!



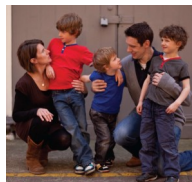
### **Parenting Course – Wednesday mornings Feb 28 to Mar 28**

The Cathedral Parish Alpha Team is presenting The Parenting Children Course (for those parenting 0 to 10-year-olds).

The aim of The Parenting Children Course is to equip parents and carers of children aged from 0 to 10 years of age, as well as parents-to-be, with long-term strategies and practical tools to build a healthy family life. This course has proved very helpful to parents over many years and in many different countries. Over five interactive sessions (2 hours each), parents and carers learn how to invest in their children's future, model the values they want to pass on, set healthy boundaries and keep love at the centre of their family life.

Where: Sacred Heart Parish Centre 1 Cross Street, New Town.

When: Wednesday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15 from Wed 28 Feb to Wed 28 Mar. For further info contact Deacon Nick MacFarlane on 0418 242 010.



### **Fr. Michael Payyapilly VC, will be conducting a retreat in the Cathedral Parish from Monday 19th Feb to Thursday 22nd Feb inclusive.**

The retreat will commence at 7pm each night with Praise & Worship, followed by a talk and concluding with Adoration. Fr Michael is a Vincentian priest who was ordained in 2006. His first appointment was as Assistant Director of the Divine Retreat Centre, Kerala, the largest Catholic retreat centre in the world. Fr Michael then transferred to Sydney in 2013 to establish a Divine Retreat Centre in the Diocese of Broken Bay. The centre was established in Somersby where 500 people attend one day retreats and around 80-100 attend weekend residential retreats. Fr Michael is now presently serving as Director of Tabor Divine Retreat Centre in Mumbai India.

Retreat Theme: Loved by HIM Love forms the basis of all healthy relationships. It is blissfully uplifting. But seeing love through the eyes of Jesus, helps us look at the world, in the blissful way that He sees us. To understand the essence of love we have to search for it in God only then can we find it in the other. We will never be afraid to love when we are rooted in the love of Christ.

"Above all love each other deeply" (1 Peter 4:8)





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**You are invited to a MEN'S BREAKFAST!** Come and hear Tomasz Juszcak discuss "Youth Coming Home to the Church". Join us at St Francis Xavier Hall, corner Anglesea and Adelaide Sts, South Hobart, (underneath St Francis Xavier's Church, parking off Anglesea St) at 8:00 am on Saturday 17th February. Come and enjoy some singing, inspiration, fellowship, and breakfast. It is a weekend, and the main activities will be over by 9:30 am. A small donation will help to defray costs. Please bring a friend. To assist catering, please RSVP: by email them—cstones@gmail.com or Duncan MacFarlane 0400 095 807 or Martin Stone 6223 8132

**Organist Thomas Heywood is in concert at St John's Church New Town on 25/2 at 2.30pm.** More details at [www.concertorgan.com](http://www.concertorgan.com) (brochure back of Cathedral)

**Collections Weekend 27/28 Jan 2018 :** all 4 Masses—Loose plate : \$777; Planned Giving : \$946;

**Kenosis Retreat:** Kenosis mean self emptying and refers to God, putting his divinity aside to come amongst us as a human being. In this retreat we will explore who we are so as to accept ourselves and truly be in a position to empty ourselves for others." . Date: June 15th – 18th 2018, Presenter: Fr Ray Sanchez C.P. Venue: Maryknoll House of Prayer Blackman's Bay. For further information please call Anne on 0407704539 or email [journallingretreat@inet.net.au](mailto:journallingretreat@inet.net.au)

**Dear parishioners—are you able to contribute by joining our 10.30am tea roster once a month?** You need only setup prior to Mass (5 mins), coordinate the tea/coffee prep and then coordinate the quick clean following. Please let Liz know if you are keen. **Thank you!**



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**The Cathedral Parish extends an invitation to people interested in volunteering to take the young children of the parish for liturgy (during the readings and homily) at 10.30am Mass. On a rostered basis it would mean you need only do it every few weeks. (The Parish will pay for your Working With Children government card). Childrens' Liturgy continues from Sunday 11th Feb during the 10.30am Mass at the Cathedral.**

## From Our Anniversary Book

Luigi Fraraccio, Antonietta and Domenico Matrisciano, William Johnston, Terence Lynch, Catherine McInnes, Teodino Ottavi, Mary Harnett, Phillip Albanus, Br. Norman Lipman, David McHugo, John Johnston, Emily Haley, Robert Langdale, Olinta Pachioli, Archpriest Phillip Hennebry, Anne Shelverton, Percy Smith, Elizabeth Tehan, Senka Dzelalija, Mary Scott, Frank Burke, Patrick Waters, Eileen Miller, Joan Shirley, Antonio Scavone, Rosa Palermo, Felicatonio Di Saia, John Conlan, Mildred Coulson, Ina Compton, Elsie Thornhill, Agueda Tojino **May they rest in peace.**



Please see a catechist at the back of the Cathedral prior to commencement of Mass if you'd like your child to attend. Please note all catechists have Working With Children approval. Sunday evening 6pm Childrens' Liturgy continues as normal from next weekend also.



Dear parishioners...just a reminder that **new rosters for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion commencing Feb 10/11 commence next week.** The rosters have been at the back of the Churches Dec/Jan but please contact Liz if you still require one. Thank you for participating in this ministry. If you'd like to join our roster post July please let Liz know.

10/11	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
<b>Greeter</b>			TBA	Anna Flora Zanella
<b>Lector</b>	Eva Dunn  Elizabeth Longo  Peter Tierney	Colleen Stanford, Lorraine Dooley	Nick Brodie, Mary Hodgson	Tony Giacon, Marla Giacon
<b>EMOC</b>		Andrew Pinelli, Colleen Stanford	David Shelverton, Anna Reussien, Maria Saracino	TBA on night