



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: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Readings: Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Next Week's Readings: Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Marion Devotion - 6pm on Thurs 31st May in St Mary's Cathedral.



This Sunday evening we welcome parents, teachers and students of Immaculate Heart of Mary school to our Mass.

A Jesuit Theologian Fr John Foley once said: "The fledgling Church discovered the Trinity not by studying theology books but by experiencing it in their flesh and blood."

How do we understand the Trinity? We don't! God, by definition, is ineffable, beyond conceptualization, beyond imagination, beyond human language. The Christian belief and mystery of a Trinitarian God has a rich reality. The Trinitarian God is intimately closer to us as an experience rather than a dogma. The Trinitarian God is the indwelling presence in each one of us who continually creates, saves, and sustains us and all of creation. So what one finds in the Holy Trinity is this continuous flow of life-giving love and energy. This energy among the Trinitarian God seeks communion with one another. This life-giving love seeks to be of mutual service to another and this flow of love seeks to share mutually with one another.

This reality tells us a remarkable truth about the Trinity. The Trinitarian God lives in such harmony in spite of diversity. As in the Holy Trinity, to be a person means to respect the diversity of life. The main reason for today's wars and problems of the world and even disunity and dissention among our communities is that people can't tolerate diversity and can't respect different beliefs and viewpoints. If we are persons created in the image and likeness of God we need to tolerate differences, different cultures and different views. St. Augustine said, "Jesus came to tell us that in God there is the lover, the beloved and the love. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father and the Spirit is the love that exists between them." This love relationship among the Trinitarian God is so powerful; God entered the realm of man in Jesus.

So this relationship that exists among the three Persons: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit invites us to reflect on the cost of relationship. Any relationship in the world involves a cost. This cost is one of knowing and loving, of being known and being loved; the deeper the cost the deeper the relationship; the deeper the cost the deeper the love. This cost of relationship was graphically exhibited by our Mother Mary in her relationship

to Christ. She gave up her dreams of her youth and her personal agendas for life and gave up her whole life for the love of her son, Jesus, even to the extent of risking her life as it was punishable by death to conceive a child out of wedlock.

The love that exists between God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit teaches us something important about our own relationships. Love among the Holy Trinity is equivalent to responsibility and commitment. In a society where we see a few couples celebrating wedding anniversaries of married life after 40, 50 and 60 years together is certainly a witness to the responsible Trinitarian love that they have lived. Similarly to see some priests and nuns celebrating 25, 40 and 50 years in priestly life and religious profession is a reflection of the same Trinitarian commitment to responsible loving service. Today's society in which we live lacks responsibility in their relationships. Most relationships we find today are of a shallow and superficial nature. No one wants to make a commitment and take responsibility. In such toxic culture of irresponsible and superficial love, we are called to live and proclaim responsible and committed faithful love of the Holy Trinity with ever greater eagerness and force. Let's reflect on the following words of Karl Rahner:

"In the name of
the Father who gave us His only child,
and of the Son
who gives us Himself,
revealing eternal Love for us,
and of the Holy Spirit.
our constant companion now and always
We can only stand in awe-struck silence
before such love that is beyond boldest expectation, beyond
all telling."

Fr. Shammi Perera



Please see page 3 of our newsletter for all the details on the annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament for the Feast of The Body & Blood of Christ on June 3.

Please note there is no Holy Hour on Friday 1st June due to the Ordination to the Diaconate of Michael Smith. All parishioners are welcome to join us at 7pm in St Mary's Cathedral to celebrate this joyous occasion.



The Holy See recently approved the decision of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to hold a Plenary Council for the Catholic Church in Australia in 2020. Archbishop Cos-

tello of Perth has been appointed as the President of the Plenary Council.

Much has already been said about this Plenary Council within the Catholic media in Australia. It will be an important event in the history of the Church in Australia. In order for the Church to get the best outcome from this Plenary Council it is important that Catholics understand exactly what a plenary council involves and how they might make a contribution.

What is a plenary council?

A plenary council is “a gathering of representatives from all the particular churches within a territory of a single episcopal conference”, and according to Canon 439, it is “celebrated whenever it seems necessary or useful to the conference of bishops, with the approval of the Holy See”.

It is convoked by the national bishops’ conference, with the approval of the Holy See, when the bishops of a particular country believe it would be useful for the good of Catholic faith in that country. The conference of bishops ultimately determines the agenda and questions to be treated.

The actual Plenary Council sessions will involve a wide range of members of the Church. It is envisaged that some 300 delegates will participate in the first session of the Plenary Council to be held in Adelaide in October 2020. All diocesan and auxiliary bishops must be invited. Others to be invited will include Vicars General, Rectors of seminaries, Deans of Theology and representatives of religious orders and the lay faithful. There will also be observers present, for example, representatives of various other Christian churches.

Canon law gives bishops a deliberative vote. All others who participate will have what is referred to as a consultative vote. This means they can vote on the matters under consideration to assist the discernment of the bishops, but not on the final question of whether particular initiatives are adopted by the Council.

What is the purpose of the Plenary Council?

The purpose of a Plenary Council is “to decide what seems to be opportune for the increase of the faith, the organization of common pastoral action, and the regulation of morals and of the common ecclesiastical discipline which is to be observed, promoted and protected”. (Canon 445) In other words, the purpose of the Plenary Council 2020 is to address the question of how the Church might better advance of the Catholic faith in Australia.

Preparation for the Council

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has decided to establish a Bishops’ Commission to oversee the preparations for the Council. To assist the commission in this work it has appointed an executive committee, made up primarily of lay women and men, one of whom is a Tasmanian (Dr Brigid McKenna).

Preparation for the Plenary Council will begin this year through a process of “listening” which will commence on Pen-

tecost Sunday and run until Pentecost 2019. The Bishops’ Commission has appointed a national Facilitation Team to assist them in overseeing this process.

Each diocese has been asked to establish a Diocesan Working Group to assist the bishop in preparing for the Council, in particular this listening process. The findings of this national listening process will be collated and provide a basis for discussion the bishops will have about the agenda of the Plenary Council.

Archbishop Julian will shortly announce the members of the Diocesan Working Group. Once this working group has had the opportunity to advise the Archbishop about the listening process an announcement will follow outlining how this process will be conducted in the Archdiocese.

Pope Francis sends blessings as Plenary Council process begins Plenary Council 2020

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<http://mediablog.catholic.org.au/pope-francis-sends-blessings-plenary-council-process-begins/>

Pope Francis has sent his support and blessings to the Catholic Church in Australia as it commences a three-year process to consider its future through the Plenary Council 2020.

The Church in Australia, on the feast of Pentecost, yesterday marked the official launch of the Plenary Council, which will culminate in gatherings in 2020 and 2021 to consider the Church’s governance, laws and practice. In a special message for the Catholic community in Australia, Pope Francis said that he hoped “through patient dialogue and faith-filled discernment, the conciliar journey will confirm the Catholics in Australia in a spirit of fraternal unity and missionary discipleship”. That, the Holy Father said, would enable them to be “a leaven of holiness, justice and reconciliation in today’s rapidly changing society”.

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“The Pope’s prayer for us reminds us of our great need for the wisdom, harmony and openness to God’s will, which are the gift of the Holy Spirit, without which the Plenary Council will not bear the appropriate fruit which we pray will renew the face of the Church in Australia.”

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Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins said the new website launched yesterday will help all people participate in conversations with friends and family, large groups and small, to consider the Plenary Council’s central question: **“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”**

Said Ms Turvey-Collins: “The Plenary Council will, like no other event in the Church’s history in Australia, allow all Catholics to shape a discussion about the future of our Church. The website now has material to support the important discussions that will take place across the country and I encourage people to head to the website and consider how they will participate in this historic moment.”

Archbishop Costelloe said he hopes the Pope’s message, on top of the strong local interest, “will encourage all Catholics to take part with enthusiasm, and great hope, in the journey of the Plenary Council upon which we are now embarking”.

Visit the Plenary Council website at:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

In Times Past ...

In autumn 1891, in Hobart's St Joseph's Church, a Mission commenced. Conducted by a Passionist Priest, its opening was described in some detail in the Catholic Standard for May of that year. It began with a procession into the church, which 'entered by the western door, headed by the Rev. Father Hennebry carrying the Mission cross, acolytes with lighted candles being in attendance, and followed by Fathers Kelsh and Grant, and the Very Rev. Missioner, who intoned the Benedictus as the procession moved up the right aisle. The Veni Creator having been chanted, the cross was placed in its socket on a raised dais beside the Missioner, who invited all present to join in the recitation of the Rosary, and at its conclusion the order of the exercises was explained by the Missioner, who delivered an earnest and practical appeal to all to attend the mission, and not to be deterred by any obstacle. Three demons he knew would do their worst against the success of the mission; the demons of intemperance, impurity, and indifference. The large congregation listened with wrapt attention to the Missioner, and Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament ended the impressive service.'



The program was full, and included morning and evening prayer services, Mass for children, several hours of Confession during the day, and the whole thing ran for a fortnight. The Missioner reportedly went 'bareheaded and barefooted', which likely made an impression on the people of Hobart during that time of the year when the weather was cooling, although no further commentary to that effect made the papers.

Certainly, there was a certain buzz in the air, or at least so the papers tried to suggest. It proved, in fact, to be a bit of a Mission season. Following the St Joseph's Mission a sort of spin-off 'special Mission for children was opened in St. Mary's Cathedral' that May. One of its services also opened with a notable procession, 'which entered the main door of the Cathedral, Father Gilleran carrying the large mission crucifix and attended by the altar boys, bearing torches, who were followed by the Passionist Fathers and the other clergy'. It too ended with a sermon and Benediction. Other missions were also held at this time in New Town and Glenorchy, although their processions did not attract quite the same journalistic attention. Each mission may have been a similar size to that which went before, but the reports definitely got smaller.

Dr Nick Brodie

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.

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'



The Sacramental Team wishes to thank all involved in the wonderful celebration of Confirmation on the 20th May.

This Sunday, at the 6.00pm Mass three more candidates will be confirmed by Fr Shammi: Luke Chorley, Edward Hallett and Emma Johnson. May the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit be with them always!

Next week is the final week for **Project Compassion** collection—please remember your box. Our total is now \$4089.60 excluding EFTPOS.

Dear parishioners, if you ordered Pope Francis' new apostolic exhortation please drop by the Cathedral Office to collect your copy or the bookstall is open following 10.30am Masses generally. **Thank you.**

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.

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From Rafal Kozlowski—Catholic Mission

I am writing to express my deep gratitude to the Cathedral Parish for your response to the last Mission Sunday appeal. This appeal has substantially changed the lives of people in the Bujuni Parish. Thanks for a newly-purchased ambulance the parish clinic team is able to reach out to people who otherwise would not receive any help. Moreover, a new maternity ward has been built which hugely improves the clinic's capacity to support pregnant women. Furthermore, the clinic has received state-of-the-art equipment including an ultrasound machine and incubator which have greatly improved the quality of medical care. The appeal has raised in total nearly \$2 million dollars, enabling the provision of similar support to other Catholic communities in Uganda and beyond.

Kind regards

Rafal Kozlowski—Diocesan Director Hobart



BIBLE STUDY on The Gospel of Matthew: Reading the Old Testament in the New: Ever read the Gospel and wondered what all those references to the Old Testament mean? 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 31 May, 14 & 28 June, 10am-12pm. Location: Murphy Room, Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. Cost: \$20 per course for study guide. Register: Dr Christine Wood, christine.wood@aohtas.org.au, or 6208-6236.



From Our Anniversary Book Ida Davis, Thelma Forsyth, Filomena and Rocco Mangione, Elizio Bini, Mary Cox, Aileen Cracknell, Mary Downey, Alexander Ashby, Celistino Callegari, Judith Eaton, Kevin Harrington, Philip Di Nardo, Clytie Chaplain, Joan Keenan, Amerigo Martelli, Peter Siauciunas, Eileen Kelly, Leonard Stanford, Pauline Osborne, Joan Pearce, Felicetta Di Monda, James O'Connor, Mollie Darcey, John Davis, Katherine Hyde, Thora McKillop, Margaret Brown, Maria Mackey, Malcolm Wilson, Phyllis Flanagan, Vincent Vecchione, Betty Spencer, Sr. Marietta Hollis LCM, Leslie Woods, Ellen Quigley, Corrie Laskey, Caterina Mainella, Eva Warren, Maxwell Williamson, Rosetta Candon



May they rest in peace.

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP: APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 23rd July 2018. Details and application:

<http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

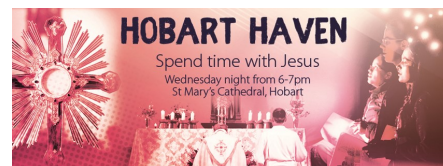
Friday's Eucharistic Holy Hour—Spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is always time well spent.

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 (note : Not on Fri 1/6)



All young adults are invited to a new weekly event 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.



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!



26/27	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6.00pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
Greeter		TBA	Romilda Amorosa	TBA
Lector	Fred Tojino Amchana Charko Merin Charko	Lorraine Dooley, Colleen Stanford	Nick Brodie, Tad Matuszek	TBA, Grace Foley
EMOC		Sue Bailey, Norm Andrews	Maria Saracino, Michael Midson or as required	TBA