

# AE Cathedral Parish

May 19, 2019 YR C/1  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



## 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:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. **Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**Readings:** Acts 14:21-27; Apoc 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35 **Next Week's Readings :** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

## "See, I make all things new."

During the 'art of preaching' lessons I learned that the purpose of a sermon is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. Clever words, but I don't think that it is my job to decide who deserves to be considered afflicted. However, I'm fairly sure we all need words of comfort and consolation from time to time. Let alone a homily, I think this is exactly what happens when we read novels or an exciting story. We interact one on one with the characters and events; identify with some persons and dislike others; we allow it to affect us, inspire us and leave a lasting imprint on us. I think it is very much true with the Bible, the greatest love story, the most fascinating romantic novel ever written; a story of a God who fell in love unconditionally with the entire human family.

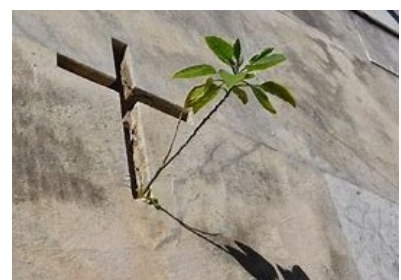
Today in the second reading we come to the end of that greatest story. Like in a short story or a novel, when we come to the end, it is normally tending towards a climax, a culmination. The book of revelation, the last book of the Bible, tells through the vision of John, that he saw a new heaven and a new earth and there Christ seated on the throne says "See, I make all things new." The book of Genesis begins with creation, with the creation of heaven and earth and now in the Book of Revelation, it ends with the renewal of creation. God's creation is good because the Book of Genesis says that God saw that what he created was good. The purpose of creating such a good and beautiful world is not to show off, or to dominate, but to manifest his goodness and to share it.

Then we know as the story unfolds that human beings who were meant to be faithful stewards of creation, instead became dominating lords of creation. In this, man turns the Garden of Eden into a desert. We see an extension; a re-enactment of what happened in the Garden of Eden in the rest of the Old Testa-

ment. There we encounter all the combinations and permutations of human sin laid out: arrogance, jealousy, murder, deceit and obsessive craving for power and wealth. What did all this do? It wrecked and destroyed God's good and beautiful creation. But God doesn't give up there. He sends a rescue operation. What did faithful Yahweh need? He needed a faithful Israel, faithful humanity. So in Jesus God finally meets the faithful Israel, faithful human beings. In many ways the Gospel of John is a recapitulation of the book of Genesis, a Gospel of re-creation of fallen mankind. For example in the account of the resurrection in John, Jesus is buried in a new tomb. Where is it situated? We are told it is in a garden. When Mary Magdalene sees the risen Christ she thinks he is the gardener. None of that is accidental. The Garden represents the new Eden. Jesus is the gardener of the new Eden. Just as Yahweh walks through the Garden with Adam and Eve and the new Gardener, the Risen Christ, walks through his renewed creation, his restored mankind, which is each one of us.

Lay before the risen Christ areas of your life in which you desire newness from God; place before him your most vulnerable part, the most unworthy part of your being with which you struggle day and night. God can take a person and completely re-create him or her. Ask him to re-create the new son or the new daughter that God wants you to be. Implore his spirit to infuse new vigour into you, the resurrection of Christ, and to take off the dead particles of sin.

**Rev. Fr. Shammi Nilantha Perera**

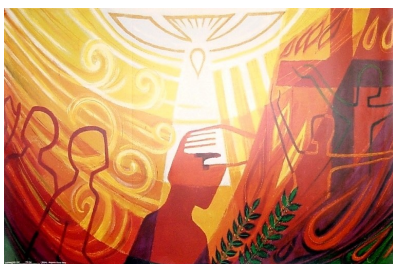


Dear Friends,

**Our thirty six sacramental candidates and their families are looking forward to Confirmation, to be celebrated on the feast of Pentecost, 9th June 2019.** Their photos with their names are up in both our Churches. We need and rely on your prayers, but with four Masses each weekend, it has become very difficult to assign a Prayer Partner to each candidate. We ask you therefore, to pray for the whole group, or choose just one young person you would like to make your very own candidate. It might be someone already known to you, or a face that catches your attention. They are all wonderful young people, with families dedicated to their Catholic formation.

Please pray for us!

Eva Dunn (Sacramental Team)



**Please support Sacred Heart College Geeveston in their fund-raising efforts by purchasing a \$4 bag of Huon Valley apples over the next few weeks.** The students whose families were affected by the bushfires need our help to be able to attend their Grade 6 Canberra trip. Apples are available from the back of the Cathedral following Masses. **With thanks.**





**Bible Study: Genesis to Jesus - An Overview of the Bible.** The Verbum Domini Institute is offering a survey of the bible from the Catholic perspective. Starting with the narratives of creation and Noah's ark, we 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: Wednesdays 6.30- 8.30pm, 29th May, 12th & 26th June. Cost: \$20 for study guide. Where: Murphy Room, Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. Register: 6208-6236.

**CatholicCare Tasmania's Multicultural Service Program is looking to employ an Educator for the Leading the Way initiative.** This position is for one day a week under a 12 month casual contract (0.2 FTE). Leading the Way aims to improve educational outcomes for students from Refugee and Migrant backgrounds who are in Grade 9 and 10 at local Government Schools.

**What are we looking for?** An Educator with qualifications or solid experience in the following areas: teaching; training and assessment; school curriculum tutoring; or community education. Experience in teaching or working with youth from CALD backgrounds is desirable. Knowledge of the Australian Curriculum for Grade 9 & 10 students is desirable.

**Responsibilities include:** Facilitate weekly after-school tutoring sessions with a group of up to 15 students including the development and monitoring of individual learning plans. Provide guidance and instruction to volunteer tutors to best assist the students. Engage with parents through information and education sessions. Liaise with teachers at local schools about the program and individual student progress where required. Work in collaboration with the Program Facilitator to achieve program outcomes as stipulated by the funding body including reporting and recording accurate data.

Applications close 5pm 24th May.

Enquiries about the position may be made to Sarah Turner on 6278 1660.

**menALIVE Men's Breakfast** Come and enjoy some inspiration, fellowship, and breakfast at 8:00 am next Saturday (25th May) at St Francis Xavier Hall, corner Anglesea and Adelaide Sts, South Hobart (underneath the church). Martin Tobin (Director of Catholic Identity and Evangelisation) will be speaking on "Called to Be a Man, to Be a Saint". Contact Martin Stone on 6223 8132.

**The Guilford Young College, 'Just Act Group', is holding a fundraiser concert on Thurs June 6 from 6.30-8.30pm at the Glenorchy Campus don Bosco Theatre.** The 'Concert for Cambodia' is raising funds to donate to Salesian schools and programs in Cambodia. 15 students will visit Cambodia with the Cagliero Project's Immersion Trip team to learn about the daily lives of the Cambodian youth and to work with them. Tickets are \$5 per person via trybooking.com of GYC campus offices or website. Please consider attending to help out.

### **WALK WITH CHRIST – Hobart City, Sunday 23rd June 1:15 to 3:00 pm.**

Celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ by walking with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through the city of Hobart.

Be at St Joseph's Church (Harrington St) by 1.15 pm, and walk with us to St Mary's Cathedral for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction concluding at 3:00. There will be a 'cuppa' afterwards. If you can't do the walk come to the Cathedral at 2:00 for prayer and Adoration.

Experience our rich Catholic heritage in solidarity with Catholics all over the world and through the ages, by bearing public witness to our Lord and Saviour.

*Can't join us in person? Prayer intentions written in the 'Book of Life' in your parish will be taken in the procession and presented at the Cathedral.*



### **Our very own local Tasmanian, Sam Clear, will screen his documentary in Hobart for one night only on Friday 31 May 2019.**

Sam has inspired thousands sharing stories and insights from his 15,600km walk around the world for Christian unity. His documentary, The Road to Adolfo, focuses on his return to Venezuela and Panama in search of Adolfo, a man who showed him extraordinary kindness during his stay in a town that was hostile to outsiders.

To view the first five minutes of documentary, check out Sam's website: [www.walk4one.com](http://www.walk4one.com)

Details for the screening

Venue: Guilford Young College theatre, Glenorchy campus

Date: Friday, 31 May 2019

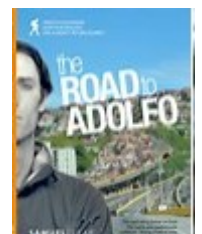
Time: 7pm

Cost: \$15 per person or \$50 per family with all proceeds going toward the walk4one ministry, helping Sam to complete a video series he is creating here in Tasmania for EWTN.

Sam will be available for Q&A at the conclusion of the film.

To book you can email [office@walk4one.com](mailto:office@walk4one.com) or simply purchase at the door. A flyer for the event is attached so feel free to spread the word to any friends.

Come along and be inspired by what will be an awesome night!





## Listening to Christ's Heartbeat by Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

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In John's account of the Last Supper, he has a disciple, whom he describes as "the one whom Jesus loved", reclining on the breast of Jesus. Obviously this connotes a deep intimacy, but it's also meant to convey something else. If you lean your ear on someone's chest you are able to hear that person's heartbeat and that sound eventually begins to gently reverberate throughout your own body.

So this is the image, the image of perfect discipleship for John: We are "the one whom Jesus loves" and we need to have our heads on Jesus' breast so as to hear his heartbeat and, from there, look out at the world. Being attuned to Christ's heartbeat and reclining in solace and intimacy on his breast will give us both the vision and the sustenance we need to live our lives as we should.

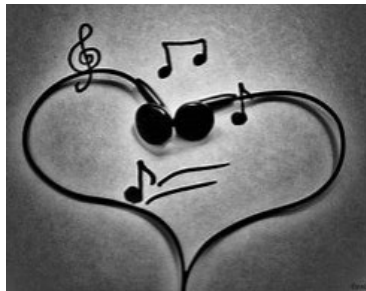
As we know, "the one whom Jesus loved" in John (historically this might have been John himself) is meant to refer to every one of us. Each of us is to be the "beloved disciple", the one who reclines on Jesus' breast in special intimacy. For John, this constitutes the very heart of discipleship and dwarfs everything else (charism, church office, even prophecy) in terms of what's important. Indeed, at the Last Supper, Peter (the pope, the leader of the church) cannot even talk to Jesus directly, but must ask his question through the "beloved disciple". That's John's way of saying that intimacy with Jesus is more important than any charism or leadership role.

And that's our call, to have the kind of intimacy with Christ that has us reclining on his breast, hearing his heartbeat, and looking out at the world from that perspective. But how do we do that practically?

To recline on Jesus' breast is not the image William Blake so brilliantly describes in his poem, *Infant Sorrow*, where fear and hurt suggest it's best "to sulk upon my mother's breast." In this case, our eyes are turned inward, or are closed, and what we are seeking is only comfort. John's image says something more.

His is an image of the intimacy of lovers, where the bond of intimacy offers deep comfort but also attunes one heart to the other in such a way that energy and strength flow out, first from the one who is doing the consoling and then from the one who is drawing that consolation.

The image works this way: We are to put our heads on Christ's breast, feel that intimacy, hear his heartbeat, be filled with the comfort of that, and then let the energy and strength we feel there flow out, through us, into the world. And that is meant to fill us with the vision and sustenance we need to live as we should.



## Faces of the Parish ~ Kanishka Biyanwila

**Which suburb do you live?** Hobart

**Which is your main Mass you attend?**

Literally every mass!

**How long have you lived in Hobart?**

Just about three weeks.

**Names of your immediate family members:**

Nimal (Father), Nalani (Mother) & Nilini (Sister)

**Your family background, place of origin, occupation:**

I grew up in Dankotuwa, Sri Lanka and I arrived here in Hobart a few weeks ago as a candidate for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Hobart. I finished my primary and secondary education at St. Peter's, Negombo and St. Benedict's, Colombo respectively. Before joining the Archdiocese, I was a Sylvestro Benedictine. During my days at the monastery, I completed some years of priestly formation. In 2016, I began working in an English medium school and continued my post-graduate studies. I spent most of my time with my mum and dad and also made sure to travel around the country whenever I got some free time. Now, I am here to resume my formative years as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Hobart. I will be staying in Hobart for some time and in July, I am hoping to move to Melbourne to begin my studies at Corpus Christi College.

**Your hobbies:** Hiking, photography, music/singing, bird watching

**Any ministries/charities you serve or are involved in:** At the moment I am involved in the Alpha program for parents of the students attending holy communion and confirmation classes.

**Any other information you are happy to mention:** Finally, I would like to request you to pray for me and for all your future priests.



## 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.

**Would you like to meet our clergy and staff?**

Just let us know and we'll arrange a visit!



Presbytery 99 Barrack St, Hobart 7000  
 Administrator Fr Shammi Perera  
 Priest in Residence Fr Norberto Ochoa  
 Deacon Nick MacFarlane  
 Pastoral Associate Sr Monica Shelverton PBVM  
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**From Our Anniversary Book** Coral Davis, Columba Warren, George Gardiner, Nicola D'Alfonso, David Kearney, Domenico Di Sipio, Pietro Vivarelli, Giovanna Giana, Ray Zantuck, James Manson, John Duggan, Ricardo Tamaio, Charles Lennon, Phyllis McCallum, Lynette Hughes, Bonaventure Proto, Arthur Shelverton, Noreen O'Grady, Ginetta Fantini, Kevin Haley, John Anderson, Doreen Howe, Brian O'Brien, Keith Swan, Ruby West, Graeme Atkins, Mary Lees, Bridget Stone, Rosina Scavone, Eileen Nolan, Harold Dean, Dick Steward, Bob Forsberg, Lucy Knott, Adrian Hawtree, Achille Sorella, George Griffith, Zena Munday  
**May they rest in peace.**



### Reminder : Regular Weekly Events

**Wed 6-7pm** : Cathedral—Hobart Haven (youth plus all welcome); **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



Dear parishioners, please take note of the no parking signs and refrain from parking anywhere near the walls of the Cathedral or towards the steps of the Cathedral on the Harrington Street side. Please also do not block the driveway leading around to St Mary's College as it restricts movement of the priests. **Thank you!**



**CWL Tas invite you to celebrate Mass on Mercy Memorial Day** (the day set aside to remember those babies lost to abortion.) Mass will be held on the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Friday 24th May at 11.30am—St John's Church Richmond. After Mass a short ceremony, with readings will be held in the church and then there will be a shared lunch.

**Please ensure your children are supervised during morning tea and other events in the Cathedral Centre.** We recently had a close call with children playing with the lift and have had a few expensive breakages of equipment courtesy of some curious little fingers. **Thank you.**

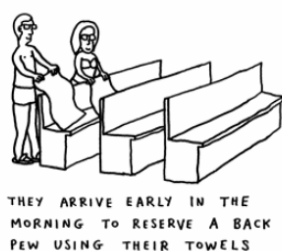


Please note there is now a nappy disposal unit in the disabled toilet in the Cathedral Centre. Please do not dispose of nappies in any other manner in our toilets as it has been causing hygiene issues. **Thank you.**



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### IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

#### 25TH ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019. The Cost is \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp. For a brochure, application form or further information please email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj on 02 8912 4818.

18/19	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6.00pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
<b>Greeter</b>		TBA	Maria Respondek	TBA
<b>Lector</b>	Athie Willemsen Seena Sejan Eva Dunn	Lorraine Dooley, Colleen Stanford	Lucy McKenna, Brigid McKenna	Sr Monica Shelverton, Cathy Sullivan
<b>EMOC</b>	Tony Longo & Marg Fox	Andrew Pinelli, TBA	David Shelverton, Maria Saracino, Angela Ritar	TBA