

# St Mary's Cathedral Parish



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24th May 2020, The Ascension of the Lord year A/2

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** God Mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation :** Alleluia!, Alleluia!  
 Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
 Alleluia!

**This week's Readings:** Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

**Next week's Readings:** Gen 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8, 16-20 or  
 (Pentecost Vigil) Ezek 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27;  
 Jn 7:37-39

(Pentecost Sunday) Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13;  
 Jn 20:19-23

## Opening of Churches under Stage 01: New Mass Times

Days	Times	Church
Monday 25th May	7:30am, <b>Our Lady, Help of Christians</b> (National Patronal Feast)	St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
Tuesday 26th May	7:30am, 12:15pm & 5:30pm 9:00am	St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart Sacred Heart Church, New Town
Wednesday 27th May	7:30am, 12:15pm & 5:30pm 9:00am	St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart Sacred Heart Church, New Town
Thursday 28th May	7:30am, 12:15pm & 5:30pm 9:00am	St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart Sacred Heart Church, New Town
Friday 29th May	7:30am, 12:15pm & 5:30pm 9:00am	St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart Sacred Heart Church, New Town
Saturday 30th May	8:00am	Sacred Heart Church, New Town
(Pentecost Vigil)	5.00pm & 6:00pm	St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
Sunday 31st May	8:30am & 10:00 am	Sacred Heart Church New Town
(Pentecost)	9:00am, 10:30am, 4:30pm & 6:00pm	St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

## Times for the Sacrament of Confession

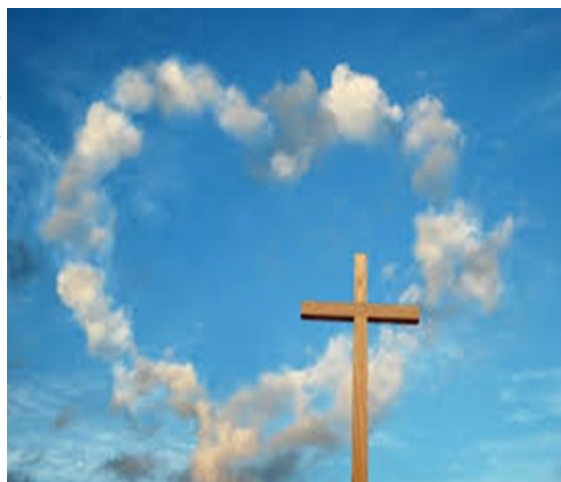
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	8:30am-8:50am (Sacred Heart Church), 11:45-12:05pm & 5:00pm-5:20pm (St Mary's Cathedral)
Saturday	After 8:30am (Sacred Heart Church)

## **GIVE THEM THE LOVE OF CHRIST**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Today we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. As we say in the Creed, "He ascended into Heaven ... [to] the right hand of God the Father Almighty." His disciples were perplexed about His going. Clearly, some wanted Him to stay and establish a worldly kingdom like that of King David or of King Solomon. They asked Him "Lord ... are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6) and even Mary Magdalen had wanted Him to stay with them. So Jesus had to say to her "Do not hold me, for ... I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" (John 20:17).

The Kingdom of God, which is the fruit of the new and eternal covenant made in the blood of Jesus Christ, is something much, much better than any earthly conception of glory or of peace. Jesus came to establish the eternal Kingdom of God, wherein we are all invited to be part of the family of God. We are adopted as sons and daughters of the Father, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ Himself. What an amazing and transcendent reality. As St John wrote to the people of the new covenant, "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He appears we shall be like him, for we shall see Him as He is"



(1 John 3:1-2).

So Jesus ascended to Heaven to the right hand of the Father, not to leave us, but to lead us home to Heaven. He does not abandon His people, He gives us the amazing hope that clinging to faith in Him, and obedient to His commandments to love God and love our neighbours, we will be with Him in Heaven in the fullness of time.

In the meantime, we are united with Jesus through His mystical body – His Church. Through the Church we are baptized into the death of Christ and into His resurrection. Thus we can live in Him now. Through the sacraments and the Word of God we are united with Him. And we are called into the saving mission of Jesus Christ our Lord to bring His life to all the world. If the risen Jesus had remained on earth, He would only have been in one place, but now through of the power of the Holy Spirit He is present, in His Church, in every part of the world and in every era.

Every baptized person is, in a real sense, Christ present in the world. As St Teresa of Avila wrote, "Jesus Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out on this world. Yours are the feet with which Christ goes about doing good. Yours are the hands with which Christ is to bless all people now."

Let us give thanks to God for the immense gift of love we have been given through Jesus and trusting in the power of His love – the Holy Spirit dwelling in us – let us resolve to play our part in His mission, every one of us, going out to the people around us to make disciples of Jesus our Lord and so help His Kingdom come.

**Deacon Nick MacFarlane.**

**St Mary's Cathedral Hobart and Sacred Heart Church Parish Communities Congratulate, Fr Shammi on being appointed as the new Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Hobart. We wish Father God's abundant blessings, wisdom and strength for his new position!**



**Archdiocese of Hobart**

16 hrs · 🌐

**OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:**

"In accord with the canonical requirement (Canon 538#3) to submit a letter of resignation upon reaching the age of seventy five, Fr Michael Tate offered his resignation as Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Hobart.

In accepting his letter, I wish to express my personal gratitude for his service as Vicar General since 25 March 2017. He has brought his considerable talents and experience to the role, and has assisted me in fulfilling my responsibility of governance of the Church in Tasmania. I have appreciated his sound advice and guidance on many matters.

Fr Tate will continue as Parish Priest of South Hobart.

Following discussion with the Consultors his resignation will take effect of Sunday, 31 May, 2020.

I wish Fr Tate God's abundant blessings as he continues his priestly service in the Archdiocese of Hobart. Ad multos annos.

I am pleased to announce Fr Shammi Perera as the new Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Hobart effective from 1 June 2020. Fr Shammi will continue as Administrator of the Cathedral Parish."

**Archbishop Julian Porteous**

**Instructions to make a booking for the Holy Eucharist**

**Dear Parishioners and Friends in Christ,**

You are invited to participate in the Holy Eucharist at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart and Sacred Heart Church, New Town. In line with the Health and Safety protocol set by the Australian Government during COVID-19, at this stage only 10 persons are allowed to participate in the Mass.

Hence, to participate in the Mass during the week or on weekends, you are requested to make an advanced booking (at least a day before). These bookings can be made by contacting the Cathedral Office between 9am –3pm on 6234 4463.

After 3pm bookings can be made by contacting Alex Rodrigues on 0432 790 040 or Parish Secretary Shilpi Santos on 0408 778 152

In these challenging times, we will do our best to assist you spiritually and pastorally within our capacity.

Let's continue to pray to our Blessed Mother for her maternal intercession.

Thank you and may God bless you!

**Fr Shammi Perera**

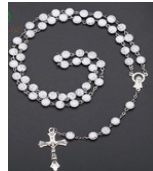
## Precautionary Measures to be observed during Mass attendance

Precautionary measures to be observed while participating in the Holy Eucharist at St Mary's Cathedral Hobart and Sacred Heart Church, New Town:

- **Sanitize:** Please sanitise your hands with the hand sanitiser provided in the foyer before entering and exiting the Church. Kindly avoid any contact with doors and pews other than the one you occupy.
- **Social Distancing:** Strictly follow the instructions provided by the ushers and maintain the social distancing of 1.5 m from each other. Please don't gather in and around the Church before and after the Mass.
- **During Communion:** Kindly note that there will be only one line for receiving the Holy Eucharist. Please ensure you stand on the marked area during this to promote social distancing. For health, safety, and hygiene purposes it is encouraged to receive holy communion in your hands.

**Please note our Cathedral Bookstall is open for business between 9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday.**

We offer a selection of new religious articles, gift items related to sacraments, medals, statues, cards, Missals, Bibles, contemporary and classic writings as well as baptism candles and sashes and much more!



### **From Our Anniversary Book**

Mary Lees, Bridget Stone, Rosina Scavone, Eileen Nolan, Harold Dean, Dick Steward, Bob Forsberg, Lucy Knott, Adrian Hawtree, Achille Sorella, George Griffith, Zena Munday, 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

***May they rest in peace !***

