

# St Mary's Cathedral Parish

2nd February 2020  
The Presentation of the Lord



## 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: Who is the king of the glory? It is the Lord!**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia ! This is the light of the revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!**

**Readings:**

Malachi 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; LK 2:22-40

**Dear parishioners, our annual Marriage Mass Renewal Of Vows will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous at 10.30am on Sunday 16th February.**

Couples celebrating Catholic Marriage milestones including couples in the early years of marriage (1st, 5th and 10th anniversaries) are invited to RSVP by contacting Ben Smith, director of Life, Marriage and Family Office. Email : [ben.smith@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au) or on 6203 6036



## THE GLORY RETURNS TO THE TEMPLE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our Gospel today, Joseph and Mary take Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to make the offering of a pair of turtledoves or pigeons in accordance with the Law of the Lord. The devout and Spirit-filled Simeon was there and spoke prophetically that the child was the salvation which God had been preparing for all nations to see – the light which would enlighten the pagans and be the glory of Israel – the People of God.

Now to the devout Israelites, the Temple was the centre of the whole world. It was the place where the glory of God touched the world and its peoples. It was meant to be the light to the nations. In the very heart of the Temple, in the Holy of Holies – the Tabernacle, there was supposed to rest the Ark of the Covenant, containing the tablets of stone on which were the Ten Commandments by which God had bound Himself to His people. In that most sacred space, God's glory was meant to reside – the *shekinah*, which meant the indwelling of the Lord. This was the cloud of glory by day and the column of flame by night which had led the chosen people out of the desert and had lived with them in their portable Tabernacle. Sadly, by Jesus' day, the Ark of the Covenant had been lost and the shekinah-glory had left the temple (see Ezekiel ch. 10). The great expectation of all devout Jews was that somehow the glory of the Lord would come back into the Temple, and the Lord would again be present to them. This was the hope of the people for a Messiah, the Christ, who would come and restore the Temple worship to what it had once been. That is what Malachi prophesies in our first reading (Malachi 3:1-4). It was for this return of the glory of the Lord to the Temple that Simeon longed.

Although those around would not have known it, on that day, in the person of a little baby boy only six weeks old, the Lord Himself had come into the Temple. He Himself would become the ultimate sacrifice (the once-and-for-all offering) by His atoning death for us on the Cross. And by His resurrection and the gift of Himself to us in the Eucharist, Jesus would make a new covenant with His people of all nations and races – a new and eternal covenant sealed by His own precious blood.

Today, we can enter into the great glory of the presence of God with His people, in Holy Mass. His is present to us in a way which was never available to the Israelites of old. Not even the power of the shekinah-glory or the presence of the Ark of the Covenant can hold a candle to the true presence of God with us in the Mass and the communion with God given by Jesus coming to us in the Eucharist. Let us give thanks to God. **Deacon Nick Macfarlane**



## "Four Organists; Four Centuries of Organ Music"

2pm, Saturday 15th February, 2020 | St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

This performance will open the St Mary's Cathedral Concert Series for 2020, a new incentive to showcase the recent growth of the musical tradition at the cathedral.

St Mary's is lucky enough to have four resident organists: Ben Mackey – Director of Music, Jo-Anne Kemp – Deputy Director of Music, Alexander Rodrigues – former Acting Director of Music, and Teresa Smith – Cathedral Organ Scholar. The programme will feature music not limited to pieces written by Girolamo Frescobaldi, a seventeenth century Vatican Organist, through J.S. Bach and Cesar Franck to living composer Giles Swayne, who uses Senegalese rhythms and minimalism as part of his musical language. The three-manual organ, built by Fincham and Hobday will showcase a kaleidoscopic soundscape ranging from the softest flutes, strings and mutation stops to the full, grand organ with its bold reeds. St Mary's is one of the few cathedrals in the country to offer an Organ Scholarship, which is an apprenticeship for a young aspiring organist. The Organ Scholarship scheme is very common in the UK, and many former Organ Scholars have gone onto renowned careers as performers, composers and conductors. Proceeds of the concert will go to the restoration of the Cathedral as well as the Cathedral Music Programme.



## Contact Us

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Our regular 'reader and Eucharistic Minister' roster recommences next weekend Feb 8/10. **Thank you!**

## 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

**Please note our Cathedral Bookstall is open for business.** We offer a selection of religious items, sacramental gifts, cards, Missals, bibles, contemporary and classic writings as well as baptism candles and sashes.

## 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.**



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## 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!

