

# AEC Cathedral Parish

Sept 30, 2018 YR B/2 2018  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 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:** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. **Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia! **Readings:** Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 **Next Week's Readings:** Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

## Chairman's Message

On behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, I present the 2018–2019 Social Justice Statement, A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land.

The Statement reflects the deep concern of Australia's Bishops at the growing problem of homelessness and insecure housing in Australian society. All over our nation, a ruthless housing market leaves people struggling to find secure and affordable housing, whether they live in cities or in regional areas. That struggle has a corrosive effect on family life, on employment, on study and on our capacity to contribute to and benefit from our society. At its worst, the struggle leaves the vulnerable in our society homeless – sleeping on the street, in cars or in doorways, or hoping for a space on someone's couch or floor. The last Census showed the number of homeless Australians had increased to more than 116,000 people.

The document begins with Jesus' famous parable of the Good Samaritan – as challenging to us today as it was to his hearers. We are reminded that we have the same experience as the Samaritan: we see people in the street who are in need of help, wounded by violence, misfortune or poverty. We face the same choice: do we walk past or do we stop and help?

Behind the people on the streets is another legion – those who are battling to keep the roof over their heads, wondering if they can make the next rent or mortgage payment. Often, these are people who are employed but whose income is barely enough – or not enough – to keep themselves and their families housed and fed.

The Bishops emphasise that housing is a human right, asserted by documents like



the UN Declaration of Human Rights and by the teachings of our Church. Housing, the Bishops say, is 'an essential entitlement for all people to meet their basic needs, flourish in community and have their inherent human dignity affirmed and upheld by others'.

That human right and the call of the Church has been reinforced by the words and example of Pope Francis, who has made it a priority to reach out to the disadvantaged and marginalised of Rome, including homeless people.

We pray that Australia will hear the challenges that this Statement offers: to confront an economy that has allowed housing to become out of the reach of so many; to reach out, like the Samaritan, to the wounded and helpless; and to call on our governments to make hard decisions that will allow everyone in our communities to find secure accommodation. The Statement's concluding sentence is a message for all of us: 'Everyone deserves a place to call home'.

With every blessing,  
**Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen DD OFMConv**  
**Bishop of Parramatta**  
**Chairman,**  
**Australian Catholic Social Justice Council**

**Dear parishioners,**  
**Thank you so much for indicating you'd like to come along to our parish dinner**



**on the 19th October.** In order to pre-pay catering and allow our wonderful helpers time to do a great job re prizes etc, and also to allocate tables, may we ask that you please either contact Liz for payment and collection of your tickets early this week, or see a member of the CPPC following each Mass this weekend. If payment is received by this weekend (30th), you will be eligible to go into a lucky draw on the night so don't miss out! We look forward to seeing you on the night!

**With thanks! CPPC**

**We celebrate Social Justice Sunday this weekend and welcome the Vicar General, Fr Michael Tate, to our parish at this time.** This year, the Australian Bishops' social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'. The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing.

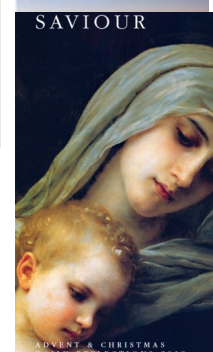
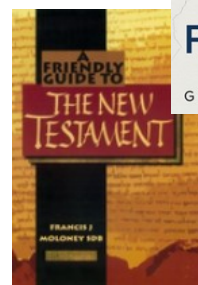
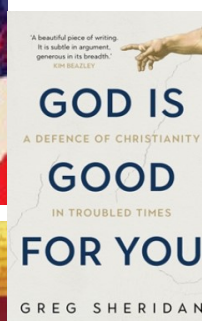
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[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499

Statements are available from the back of both Churches this weekend.

**Do you know any children who would love to be an angel or shepherd? This year the Archdiocese of Hobart will be participating in the Myer Hobart Christmas pageant.** Our theme is Jesus is the reason for the season and we are seeking participants and volunteers to help create a living nativity scene. Children will be given an opportunity to walk the streets of Hobart as an angel, shepherd or sheep. We are also seeking youth and young adults to fill the roles of the principal nativity characters. Anyone who would love to sew some costumes, make some props, or simply just wants to join in with the fun on the day will be greatly appreciated. The pageant is being held in the Hobart CBD on Saturday 17th November. The parade officially commences at 10:30 am and concludes at 12:00 pm. Registrations for participation close on the Friday 26th of October. To express your interest or for further information please contact Ella Tobin on [ella.tobin@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ella.tobin@aohtas.org.au) or on 0468601517. Places are limited, so get in early.



Come and have a browse in our bookstall—there are some new titles....



**Advent Reflections  
Coming soon**



**Way to St James Pilgrimage : 11th-12th January 2018** Inspired by the famous Spanish El Camino of St James this two-day pilgrim walk will take you through the scenic and peaceful Huon Valley to a celebration at the Spanish mission styled Church of St James, nestled in the heart of Cygnet. For more information, please see the website at [www.waytostjames.com.au](http://www.waytostjames.com.au) Early bird registration closes on 12 October 2018.

**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



**All young adults are invited to a 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 parishioners,

**To ensure compliance with the outcome of the Royal Commission, the Archdiocese of Hobart has undertaken to ensure all staff and applicable volunteers of our parishes have required compliance checks in place, namely a current police check as well as (in some cases) a Working with Vulnerable People registration.** Accordingly we are compiling a list of the status of all these checks and you may find that we contact you to arrange to have these checks in place if you do not already have them. The Parish will of course reimburse you for the minimal costs involved. We realise it is a slight inconvenience on occasion, however it is terribly important we all cooperate to ensure we are prepared for a possible audit conducted by Catholic Professional Standards Ltd.

**With thanks.**



**At 11 am each Saturday the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place on the 2nd floor of the Cathedral Centre.** Come and pray for our Cathedral parish, the world and our own individual needs. Bring a friend and may Mary intercede for us as we answer her call to prayer. Sr Monica - 0467028839 or 62431460.

**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!



## *In Times Past ...*

An Australian priest, enjoying a cruise to New Zealand in 1937, wrote extensive letters home which were published in the Australian Catholic press. They make for fascinating reading.

His visit to New Zealand's capital city, for instance, brought home to him the aptness of its nickname of 'Windy Wellington'. This was evident even as the large ocean liner tried to berth. 'One of the new and up-to-date wharves had been allotted to us for our berthing,' the priest noted, 'but so fierce was the wind that they could not get the big ship there, and we had to get into the best place we could. Here was man's great 20,000 ton liner helpless in the winds of Wellington.'

Used to a flatter town, he was also struck by the hilly city. 'The streets run up and up and up, wriggle and twist at most fantastic angles. I did not expect to see, nor did I see, any stout people in Wellington. How could they be with all the climbing they must do?'

But he became quite critical, even hoping that 'every Wellington reader will excuse my critical mood.' He did not like it much, and thought it 'old and shoddy, instead of being bright and beautiful.' 'Wellington has grown old and has been allowed to look old', he asserted. 'Most of the old buildings are of wood and badly in need of painting,' he noticed. Even the churches did not escape his critical eye. 'One church had a very drunken looking spire and seemed to be in a hopeless state of disrepair. They might have earthquakes along this way very often, and so repairs might be useless – I do not know.' But at least he found the Pro-Cathedral of St Mary of the Angels to be 'a beautiful building, very clean and beautifully kept'. It was a small compliment, although it came after a lengthy explanation as to how difficult it was to gain entry.

**Dr Nick Brodie**



## Faces of the Parish

### Michael and Debbie Brown

Michael attended Marist College in Burnie whilst Debbie completed her secondary schooling at St Mary's in Hobart.



Michael's family later moved to Hobart in time for Michael and his brother Anthony to start University.

Michael & Debbie were married at St Mary's Cathedral with Fr Jarrett officiating and the first 5 years of married life were in Canberra where Michael completed a Bachelor of Computing Studies.

On returning to Hobart Michael and Debbie were kept busy with the arrival of three sons - Kyle, Christopher and Perry! All sons now have families of their own and the Browns are expecting their fifth grandchild in November.

Debbie was employed as Parish Secretary at Holy Spirit Church in Sandy Bay for approximately seven years during the times of Monsignor Green, Father Wall and Father Tate.

Debbie & Michael moved to Mt Stuart three years ago and are very happy to be back in the Cathedral Parish, particularly to be attending Sacred Heart Church on Sunday morning!

**SOLEMNITY OF ST TERESA OF JESUS** A Sung Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), the foundress of the Discalced Carmelite Order, at the Carmelite Monastery,

7 Cambridge St., Launceston on Monday 15th October at 9:30am. Fr Ed Travers MSC will be the principal celebrant and homilist. The Carmelite Auxiliary will kindly serve morning tea following Mass. All welcome.

A Novena of Masses and Prayers will also be offered in preparation for the feast from 6th – 14th October. Intentions may be sent to Mother Teresa Benedicta at the Monastery.



**This week we were blessed with the joy of singing and music by both St Mary Margaret's school last Sunday as well as the National Boys' Choir on Thursday evening. Thank you to all involved!**

**Dear parishioners.....thank you to the people who have recently stepped forward and offered their services as readers, greeters and cleaners in our parish!** You will be formally included in the next roster which traditionally is prepared late November to cover the February to July 2019 period. In the meanwhile as discussed we will slot you in to fill in where possible. Also, we welcome any other people, both regular parishioners or new to the parish, who would like to participate. Please complete the tear-off strip opposite and pass through to the office before the end of October.

**With thanks. Liz**



### **Dominic College Open Day – Tuesday 16 October**

Take a closer look at what makes Dominic College a leading Catholic, co-educational, Kindergarten to Year 10 College in Hobart on our upcoming Open Day. Experience the College in operation on one of our Learning in Action Tours during school hours or take a Facilities Tour after school hours. Enrolments for Kindergarten 2020 are due 3 May 2019 Enrolments for Year 7 2020 are now due For more information call Leesa on 6274 6010 or for bookings please visit <https://www.dominic.tas.edu.au/>



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**From Our Anniversary Book** Gilbert Smith, Doris Ryan, Isabel Walker, David Maxfield, Mervyn Williams, Edith Garnsey, Nicola Gentile, Archbishop William Hayden, Sr. Veronica Higgins, Thomas McMahon, Louisa Sweeney, Douglas Hays, Stanley Hutt, Rocco Scavone, Elizabeth Tari, Joyce Lawrence, Thalia Baker, Johan Fraiss, Donien Picot, John Harrington, Richard Darcey, John O'Loughlin, Robyn Foale, Thomas Ward, Lucia Di Ienno, Vittorio di Felice  
**May they rest in peace.**

## Not Our Own Children by Fr Ron Rolheiser (excerpt)

The children we have are never really ours. They are given to us, in trust, for a time, a short time really, and we are asked to be mothers and fathers, stewards, mentors, guardians, teachers, priests, ministers, and friends to them, but they are never really our children. They belong to somebody else, God, and to themselves more than they ever belong to us. If we accept this, we will be less inclined to act as "owners" of our children and we will be less prone to manipulate our children for our own ends, to see them as satellites within our own orbits, and more inclined to love, cajole, challenge, and correct, even while giving them their freedom. When we realize, in the healthy sense, that our children are not really ours, we also realize that we are not alone in raising and caring for them. We are, in a manner of speaking, only foster parents. God is the real parent and God's love, care, aid, and presence to our children is always in excess of our own. God's anxiety for our children is also deeper than our own. Ultimately, you are never a single parent, even when you don't have a human spouse to help you. God, like you, is also worrying, struggling, involved, crying tears of solicitude, trying to awaken love. What is consoling is that God can touch, challenge, soften, and inspire at levels inside of a child that you cannot reach. Moreover, your children cannot, ultimately, turn their backs on God. They can refuse to listen to you, walk away from you, spit on your values, but there is still another parent from whom they can never walk away, whom they carry inside. God is also there and can redeem our children and make them whole beyond any tragedy that might befall them. We can risk having children since God risks it. Finally, and perhaps most consoling of all, realizing this can do more than a little to bring some peace and joy into the hearts of those who have lost children tragically – to accidents, but especially to suicide, drug and alcohol related deaths, and other such things that make parents second-guess, worry about their failures and betrayals, and worry about all the things they should have done. When this child died, in whatever circumstance, he or she was received by hands far gentler than our own. They left our foster care and our powerlessness to fully embrace them to live with a parent who can fully embrace them and bring them to joy and wholeness that we could never quite give.

**The Marian Festival will be held at St Paul's Catholic Church Bridgewater-Brighton Parish on 13th October** commencing at 2pm with Rosary and Adoration, followed by Worship songs, testimonies and veneration of the statue of Mary. At 7pm Mass and Healing prayer will follow. Dinner will be served after Mass.



**Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse** – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26th to May 31st 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

## Dear parishioners....just a little housekeeping.

With so many groups using the Cathedral Centre now, would you kindly ensure that when leaving an area you check that the heaters and lights are off and that furniture/kitchen is left as you found it please. **Thank you for your consideration!**



| 29/30          | SHC : 8.30am Sun                            | SMC : 6.00pm Sat                  | SMC : 10.30am Sun                               | SMC : 6pm Sun                           |
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| <b>Greeter</b> |   | TBA                               | Maria Respondek                                 | TBA                                     |
| <b>Lector</b>  | Fred Tojino, Elizabeth Longo, Peter Tierney | Colleen Stanford, Lorraine Dooley | Anna Reussien, Marcus Laycock                   | Andrew Hutchinson, Gabrielle Hutchinson |
| <b>EMOC</b>    |   | Sue Bailey, Norm Andrews          | David Shelverton, Maria Saracino, Anna Reussien | TBA                                     |