

# AEC Cathedral Parish

Dec 9, 2018 YR C/1 2018  
2nd Sunday of Advent



## 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 - 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:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Readings:** Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6 **Next Week's Readings:** Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD.

Jesus' public life began when his cousin St. John, the last of the Old Testament prophets, baptised Jesus in the river Jordan. This action was announcing the baptism of repentance and Jesus' acceptance of his Father's will that his mission was for the salvation of all humanity from sin and death. God the Father's voice was heard, "You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you." (Luke 3:22) Through our baptism we are made one in Jesus Christ and we become his adopted brothers and sisters, sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father, and so we also have a share in the mission of Jesus doing our part to bring about the Kingdom of God.

Advent is a time of remembrance and renewal. We remember the pilgrims of the Old Testament, their longing for the Promised Land and the coming of the Messiah who was to come and save them from slavery. The evilness of sin in our world today still enslaves the people of the 'New Testament' times in which we live. We want the Kingdom of God to come but this cannot happen until there be realized a 'new heaven and a new earth in which justice dwells'. Isn't this what we constantly want and ask for in prayer? We want justice for the poor, the outcast, those who suffer imprisonment unjustly and the forgotten ones. Advent is another time where we can take stock of our lives reconciling ourselves sacramentally to God and to each other. In St. Luke's Gospel of today's Mass we read from the prophet Isaiah, "A voice cries in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill laid low, winding ways will be straightened and

rough roads made smooth and all mankind shall see the salvation of God."

Archbishop Julian Porteous reminded us last week that we have the means within us to assist in the establishment of the Kingdom of God here and now, when we look with certain hope to the fulfillment of God's promise (Cor 2:16). "I will make my home among them and live with them, I will be their God and they shall be my people." The gift of hope which is given to us by the Holy Spirit assures us that Jesus Christ has, is and will be for all time our means of salvation from sin and death if we follow his command of selfless love. If our desire for certain hope is real, then our belief and trust in God's promise of eternal joy will be expressed through faith in joy-filled action. How often do we stop, look and listen attentively and feel the emotion and the delights which surround us with a sense of gratitude for our Creator, God. Wherever and whenever we gather in relational groups let us know the joy which unites us in Christ. (John 17: 22.) "I have given them the glory you gave to me that they may be one as we are one." Our lives can be filled with joy and confidence in the One who first loved us. We can be the voice in the wilderness and be "Good News" people spreading the gifts of faith, hope, love, forgiveness, joy, kindness and peace.

**Sr. Monica Shelverton. PBVM**



**Supported by the City of Hobart, Carols on the Hill is a free, traditional outdoor carols event specifically designed for families to share in the joyful spirit of Christmas.**

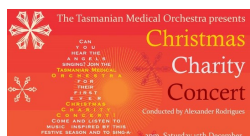
**The event will be staged at the Hobart campus of GYC on Sat, Dec 15 from 6-9pm, with gates opening at 5.30pm.** The oval is secure and can comfortably hold around 1200 people, making it an ideal venue for families with children. Compered by Tas-born speaker/author Sam Clear, Carols on the Hill will feature local group and individual performances, as well as community carol singing. The lighting of candles as dusk descends on the city is sure to make for a memorable carols' event. The Sultan Holdings community tree will offer people the opportunity to donate gifts and non-perishable food items to support those in need this Christmas, and families are invited to light a candle and say a prayer at the Nativity scene. **Entry to Carols on the Hill is free; however, attendees must order tickets through an official website.** A valid email address is required to order tickets. Individuals can order up to a maximum of six (6) tickets. A single general admission ticket must be reserved for each & every attendee (adults & children). You can choose to receive tickets by email that require printing, or electronic tickets delivered to your smart phone or tablet. To reserve your tickets, go to [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) and enter 'Carols on the Hill' as your search criteria.

**Congratulations to Fr Shammi Perera on the anniversary of his ordination to priesthood on Dec 8.** Father in heaven, bless and multiply Fr Shammi's ministry so that Your Church will multiply for Your glory and for our salvation. Please shower him with your blessings every day. Amen.



Feb-July 2019 Reader and Extraordinary Minister of Communion rosters are available at the back of both Churches this weekend and for the next few weekends. If you have supplied me with an email address I will email you—so please leave the printed copies for those without email.  
**With thanks....Liz**

Go and see our very own Alex Rodrigues conducting the Tasmanian Medical Orchestra in their first charity concert at St George's Anglican Church, Battery Point on Saturday December 15 at 2pm.  
Tickets \$20-\$25 available at the door.



Dear parishioners, our annual Marriage Mass Renewal Of Vows will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian at 10.30am on Sun 24th Feb. Couples celebrating Catholic Marriage milestones are invited to RSVP to the Office of Life, Marriage and Family by emailing [ben.smith@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au) or on 6208 6036.



**Advent Talks:**  
**Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ:**  
Over two sessions, Fr Michael Tate will have a look at the mother of Jesus Christ as portrayed in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. Each Gospel writer contributes a different perspective, e.g. there is no Infancy Narrative in the Gospels according to St Mark and St John. We will get the flavour of the contribution from each evangelist as we approach Christmas. Remaining session : Wednesday, 12th December 7pm at St Francis Xavier Hall, Anglesea Street, South Hobart

### The Kingdom Within

by Fr Noel Connolly SSC, Plenary Council Facilitation Team

As we prepare for the Plenary Council 2020, we are being encouraged to speak boldly and to share what is in our hearts. One of my concerns is that I do not think it is easy to know what is deep in our hearts and it is even more difficult to express it adequately. Also speaking is an art, and it is learnt only with practice. People who have not been encouraged to speak up for decades will probably speak clumsily, angrily or shallowly the first time around. It is only over time that we eventually learn what we most deeply want to say. I was reminded of this a few Sundays ago when we read the story of Jesus curing the blind man as he entered Jericho (Luke 18: 35-43). Jesus heard the blind man calling out and "ordered him to be brought to him; and when the man came near, he asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?'" It was obvious what the blind man wanted; he wanted to see. But Jesus in-

sists on asking, "What do you want me to do for you?" It was important to Jesus that the blind man articulate what he wanted. It is important to each of us that we be able to answer the same question. I suspect most of us do not know what we really want. We know our immediate, shallow and superficial desires, but most of the time we are too busy and distracted to recognise our deepest desires. The Plenary Council 2020 process is a process of prayer, listening, sharing and discernment to know what God is asking of us in Australia today. It provides us with a process to search our hearts, to draw on the well within and to answer Jesus' question.

It won't be automatic. Our first answers will probably be shallow, clumsy or angry. It will take time to discover what is most profound in our hearts.

That is why I would encourage people to share and send in their responses often. It is not something that can be done in one listening and dialogue session. What we are trying to develop is a habit of mind, heart and prayer.

### 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?**

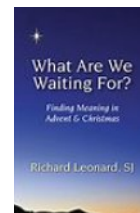
Just let us know and we'll arrange a visit!



Limited copies of Advent reflections are now available in our bookstall.  
**Saviour—\$7**



**What Are We Waiting For?**  
**\$20** Finding Meaning in Advent & Christmas—by Richard Leonard, SJ  
**Advent & Christmas—Wisdom** from Henri Nouwen **\$27**



**We are urgently seeking a small two bedroom house or apartment for three Armenian Christians who came to Hobart as persecuted Christian refugees.** They have received an eviction notice from their current landlord and are desperate for accommodation of around \$400 per week from January 1. Please assist us in helping them to find a new home. **Contact Liz in the office if you can assist.**

**New Testament Greek Course:** Dr David Daintree of the Christopher Dawson Centre, in association with the Verbum Domini Institute, will offer an intensive course in the koine Greek of the New Testament. Where: Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. When: 21-25 Jan., 9am-3pm daily. Cost: \$100 plus textbook (pensioner concession available). Registrations and information: Dr David Daintree on 0408 879 494, or [dccdain@gmail.com](mailto:dccdain@gmail.com)

## *In Times Past ...*

In 1948 Tasmanian Catholics briefly hosted Cardinal Francis Spellman, Archbishop of New York. His arrival in Hobart was a small part of a wider tour of the Pacific, but it still attracted significant local attention. Arriving one evening, the Cardinal made the front page of the Mercury the next day. A large public reception was held at Hobart's Town Hall, which attracted some 3,000 people, many of them Catholic schoolchildren. On a brief tour through the Huon, another public reception at Cygnet saw more large crowds gather. During the course of his visit Cardinal Spellman spoke often of the bond between America and Australia. 'You could not get people more alike', he said when interviewed at his arrival, adding that 'we are both powers for peace, pledged so to remain.' When he said Mass at the Cathedral the next morning there was reportedly standing room only, despite it being a working day. Impressed by the multitude, the Cardinal addressed the congregation once again on the theme of unity. 'I feel quite at home among you,' he said, before listing a series of national similarities, concluding that 'I am at home with you above all because our Catholic Faith unites us all'. A few hours later, at Hobart's Town Hall, the Cardinal said 'that it would be impossible for anyone to feel more welcome'. He had just received a memento gift from one of the Catholic schoolgirls, Christine Richardson.

The pair were photographed, and the image published in both the Mercury and the Standard among images of other encounters between the Cardinal and various Tasmanians.

A little in the background of the well-publicised visit was Monsignor Fulton Sheen, who was travelling with the Cardinal. Later Archbishop, and now Venerable, Sheen's cause for Sainthood is ongoing, and it is particularly interesting to note his comments in Tasmania. When Monsignor Sheen addressed the crowd at Town Hall, he addressing himself to the children. 'This is a children's age', he said. 'Everywhere Our Lady has appeared – La Salette, Lourdes, Fatima – she has always appeared to children. Our Lord Himself said no old people would enter the Kingdom of Heaven and no University Professors would enter the Kingdom of Heaven', he added, paraphrasing the Gospel before explaining what he meant.

In Cygnet, Sheen geared his address to the farming community. Made off the cuff, the Standard's journalist could only summarise its key theme, which was that farming families shared a closeness to God's creative plan: 'They live with the eternal truths of life and death – the tree blossoms forth into fruit, which comes to a golden maturity; it falls to the ground and rots and the very process of corruption and death ushers in a new tree and a never-ending new life.'

In hindsight it is obvious that while the headline theme had been unity, the background message had been hope.

**Dr Nick Brodie**



## **Faces of the Parish**

## **Maureen Chisholm**

My name is Maureen Chisholm, maiden name Shelverton. Maureen is of Irish origin and is a variant of Mary. Latin for "Star of the Sea". I was born in Hobart and my parents were Arthur and Jean Shelverton. My home growing up was in West Hobart where I lived with my five brothers and four sisters. We had fantastic parents with a home full of love, fun and faith. I was a member of St Mary's Cathedral Choir, not forgetting the Children of Mary. For many years my brothers were altar servers. I am a Minister for Holy Communion to the sick and have had my turn on the Parish Council at Sacred Heart. For many years I have been the sacristan and cleaner of the Sacred Heart Church and looked after many priests who came into the parish. A few hobbies to mention are I love going out for coffee, a love of music, playing the piano, gardening and reading, as well as a good night out with my girls.

I have lived across the desert in WA, Myaree, Applecross, Karatha, Dampier and I cannot forget George Town and Zeehan. My husband Tony and I were married on the 8th September (Our Lady's Birthday) at St Mary's Cathedral by my uncle the Rev Fr Vincent Shelverton. I have been blessed with 10 children (5 boys and 5 girls), 17 grandchildren and so far 1 great grandchild. My grandchildren have been calling into my home in New Town after school for that hot chocolate and bite to eat for as long as I can remember. My home is often referred to as Mumsie's Cafe.

"The family that prays together stays together."

***Happy Birthday to Maureen from the Cathedral Parish for her recent significant celebration!***



## **A thought to ponder...by Anna Reussien**

Advent time is a time of inner growth and preparation for welcoming the birth of the Christ child. It is a time to reflect upon the Holy Family as an example for humanity. It is also a time to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary for her vital role in Salvation History, which is ongoing to this very day.

Recently we heard the announcement of the operation of a new abortion clinic in Hobart and we are confronted with the unfolding effects of new laws on marriage and gender equality. The world we used to know is changing, and not for the better, it will put us in increasingly difficult, if not impossible positions. What we omit to do now might severely impact us in years to come. And then of course there are our own personal trials and tribulations, or those of our near and dear ones. We need help and our help is needed!

Who better to turn to than our Heavenly Mother? One of the ways we can show her the special place she occupies, not only in salvation history but also in our own heart, is by giving her some of our time and attention. And what better means than to pray the rosary! So I wholeheartedly invite you to the weekly rosary and Marian prayers dedicated to our Mother of Perpetual Help on Saturday mornings 11 am in the Cathedral Centre. All welcome, young and old.

**Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2018 Alpha program.** Our thanks to the Parish Council members, the Matuszek family, the youth group and all who assisted with our parish celebration last Sunday.





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**From Our Anniversary Book** Elaine and Alan Hurle, Sr. Ignatius Thorold, Matthew Bryson, Marmaduke Manley, Colleen McKewen, John Andrews, James Nolan, Eileen Lester, Giancarlo Ranalli, Margaret Wakefield, Archbishop Eric D'Arcy, Robin Brimfield, Domenico Mainella, Patrick Nally, Claire Donnelly, Lelia Lowrie, Josef Freeman, Mary Cairns, Don Morgan, Moira Orpwood, Elsie Watt, Theresa Moore, Lidia Giovanni, Veronica Gregory, Alice and Thomas Smythe, May Westbrook, Mary Parkinson, Maureen Rice, Theresa Dwyer **May they rest in peace.**

**A limited supply of 2019 Columban calendars and CTS Christmas cards are now in stock in our bookstall.** Available 9am-3pm M-F and following 10.30am Mass Sunday.

## Advent Hope (an excerpt by Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI)

Hope is not based on whether the evening news is good or bad on a given day. The daily news, as we know, is better on some days and worse on others. If we hope or despair on the basis of whether things seem to be improving or disintegrating in terms of world events, our spirits will go up and down like the stock market. Hope isn't based on CNN, or any other network. Instead, hope looks at the facts, looks at God's promise, and then, without denying the facts or turning away from the evening news, lives out a vision of life based upon God's promise, trusting that a benevolent, all-powerful God is still in charge of this world and that is more important than whether or not the news looks good or bad on a given night. During the season of advent, Christians are asked to light candles as a sign of hope. To light an advent candle is to say, in the face of all that suggests the contrary, that God is still alive, still Lord of this world, and, because of that, "all will be well, and all will be well, and every manner of being will be well," irrespective of the evening news.



## 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



## Saturday 22nd Dec

8am : Sacred Heart Church  
 6pm : St Mary's Cathedral

## Sunday 23rd Dec

8.30am : Sacred Heart Church  
 10.30am : St Mary's Cathedral  
 6pm : St Mary's Cathedral

## Monday 24th Dec

Christmas Eve  
 6pm : St Mary's Cathedral (Family Vigil Mass)  
 8pm : Sacred Heart Church (Family Mass)  
 Midnight Mass with Service of Carols beginning 11.15pm St Mary's Cathedral

## Tuesday 25th Dec

Christmas Day  
 8.30am : Sacred Heart Church  
 10.30am : St Mary's Cathedral  
 Please note there is NO evening Mass on Christmas Day

## Wednesday 26th Dec

St Stephen, first martyr  
 9am : Sacred Heart Church

## Thursday 27th Dec

St John, apostle, evangelist  
 9am : Sacred Heart Church

## Friday 28th Dec

The Holy Innocents, martyrs  
 9am : Sacred Heart Church

## Saturday 29th Dec

Octave of the Nativity  
 8am : Sacred Heart Church  
 6pm : Vigil St Mary's Cathedral

## Christmas/New Year Mass times 2018/19

## Sunday 30th Dec

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8.30am : Sacred Heart Church  
 10.30am : St Mary's Cathedral  
 6pm : St Mary's Cathedral

## Tuesday 1st Jan

Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
 10am : Sacred Heart Church

## Wednesday 2nd Jan

Christmas Time  
 7.30am : St Mary's Cathedral  
 9am : Sacred Heart Church

## Thursday 3rd Jan

Christmas Time  
 7.30am : St Mary's Cathedral  
 9am : Sacred Heart Church

## Friday 4th Jan

Christmas Time  
 7.30am : St Mary's Cathedral  
 9am : Sacred Heart Church

## Saturday 5th Jan

Christmas Time  
 8am : Sacred Heart Church  
 6pm : Vigil St Mary's Cathedral

## Sunday 6th Jan

The Epiphany of the Lord  
 8.30am : Sacred Heart Church  
 10.30am : St Mary's Cathedral



**Reconciliation** : St Mary's Cathedral : 5pm Saturdays  
 Sacred Heart Church : following 8am Mass Saturdays

**Immaculata Mission School 2019** is a ten-day live-in formation school for young people, with talks on the faith from awesome speakers, daily Mass & prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship, fun & fellowship & lots more! 1-10 January, 2019, The Glennie School, Toowoomba QLD 15-35 year olds; Special guest speaker: Dr Mary Healy (USA), Professor of Sacred Scripture, international speaker on Scripture, evangelisation, healing and the spiritual life. Dr Healy is on the Pontifical Biblical Commission and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. Other guest speakers: Fr Rob Galea, Simon & Madeleine Carrington (FireUp Ministries), Archbishop Julian Porteous, Paul Elarde & more. \$420 (cost includes all accommodation, food, speakers and activities)  
[www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims](http://www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims) or 0406 372 608

13th : St Lucy, virgin, martyr

14th : St John of the Cross, priest, doctor

8/9	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6.00pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
<b>Greeter</b>		TBA	Romilda Amorosa	TBA
<b>Lector</b>	Athie Willemsen Geoff Burrill Marilou Saunders	Lorraine Dooley, Colleen Stanford	Mauro Saracino, Marcus Laycock	Marla Giacon, Tony Giacon
<b>EMOC</b>	TBA	Andrew Pinelli, Norm Andrews	Anna Reussien, David Shelverton, Maria Saracino	TBA