

# St Mary's Cathedral Parish

Sept 16, 2018 YR B/2 2018  
24th 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:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. **Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

**Alleluia! Readings:** Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35 **Next Week's Readings:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

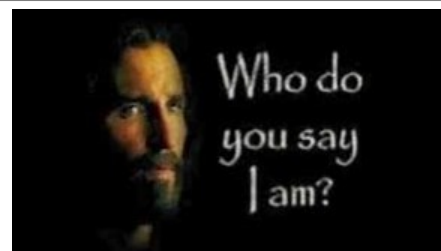
## But Who Do You Say That I Am?

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 8:27-35) Jesus puts a question to His disciples. Who do people say that I am? As we are seeing in our Alpha Course, there are many answers to this question. Lots of people in our society think Jesus is a myth, a made-up story about a person who never really existed.

Others, who acknowledge that He is a historical figure, consider Him to have been a well meaning but self-deluded holy man, or a fraud, or a failed prophet, or even a great moral teacher who met a tragic end.

Jesus followed up his general question to His disciples with a much harder question. Who do you say that I am? It is a vital question for everyone who seeks to follow Him. It is a question we must ask ourselves. St Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, replied "You are the Christ". This is a real expression of faith. 'Christ' is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word meshiach or Messiah – the anointed one. It is often used in the Psalms to refer to the great King. For the Jews of Our Lord's day, it referred to the expected Son of David, the new king who was expected to return and make Israel great again. Saint Peter doesn't yet understand that Jesus is "one person in two natures, fully God as well as fully man" (CCC #481) as the Church has come to understand. Nevertheless, Peter's reply is a total recognition and submission to Jesus' lordship and authority.

So far so good, but Peter's problem is that he is anticipating that the Messiah's kingdom would be a worldly power, and so Jesus' followers, especially His inner circle would all become officials in this



new kingdom and share His worldly power. Far from it! Jesus' way to glory led to the Cross. Following Jesus is not just a bit difficult sometimes – it will actually cost us everything! If we believe Jesus when He offers us everlasting life, we also have to believe that to receive that gift we have to let go of the life we have known and take up our cross daily and follow Him.

I think that is why many people don't want to acknowledge Jesus for who He is – they are afraid of the implications for their lives. You can't live for yourself and live for Jesus at the same time. That was what St Peter took a long time to realise. If we grasp at the good things of this life, we will lose, but if we give up our lives to Jesus for the sake of His Gospel, we will win eternal and abundant life in Him. Jesus gives us a stark choice. In our lives we will all have suffering and struggle. We will all die one day. The question for us is "To what purpose?" Is my life dedicated to the hopeless attempt to avoid pain and struggle, or do I take Jesus at His word and give Him my life so that I may gain it?

**Deacon Nick MacFarlane**



## The Parish Pastoral Council invites one and all to the Parish dinner. The event will be held

**at the Italian Club -Federal St, North Hobart.** Please come along for a fun-filled and relaxed evening on Friday 19th October at 6.30pm for 7pm start. Tickets are reasonably priced at \$35 per person, which includes a 3 course meal and some great Aussie classic music to sing and dance along to! Tickets are available to purchase (with payment) before and after all the Masses at the Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church. Tickets must be purchased by Oct 7 to allow for catering.

## Living with teenagers in the internet age. Seem familiar?

Michael McGirr, an exceptional writer and a man of keen wit and faith will bring acute awareness to this scenario as he unpacks the rocky road of living in a household with three teens in the internet age when he presents the **John Wallis Memorial Lecture** on Wed 19 Sept, GYC Hobart Campus, 7pm. Michael, a family man, theologian and author, will speak about God, Family and Other Related Matters. Donation: \$10/\$5. An Auslan interpreter will be present. A selection of current books will be on sale. Supper will be served. Info: Eva Dunn 0417 734 503, eva.dunn@gmail.com



**Please come along and support the National Boys Choir in concert at St Mary's Cathedral at 7.30pm on Thursday 27th September.** Tickets will be available at the door for adults : \$20; concessions : \$15; children : \$10. Some of the proceeds will be donated to the Cathedral Restoration Commission so your support will be appreciated. Students from St Virgil's College will also perform as guests of the Boys Choir.



### Cathedral Bookstall...

A reminder to visitors and parishioners that we have Sacramental gifts as well as bibles, Missals, contemporary and classic writing, religious cards, rosaries and gifts in our bookstall.

Please help contribute to the upkeep of our Parish Centre by your purchase from our bookstall. **With thanks.**



### 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.



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.**



**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.

### 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.**

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Our spring-time Alpha course started in the Cathedral Centre recently but it's not too late to join! **6:30 to 8:30pm every Friday with the theme, "There Must Be More To Life Than This".** Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. Come for a bite to eat, watch a talk and have a chat. A great experience for active Catholics and also a way for those who have gotten a bit isolated to get back into things. Check out Alpha at [alpha.org.au](http://alpha.org.au). For info, or to RSVP, call Dcn Nick 0418 242 010 or Jane 0411 271 331.



**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](mailto:info@griegtograceaus.org.au) or phone 0478599241. For more information visit [www.griegtograce.org](http://www.griegtograce.org)



**National Boys Choir of Australia**  
In Concert at  
**St Mary's Cathedral**  
164 Harrington Street

**7.30pm, Thursday 27 September 2018**

The National Boys Choir of Australia, perhaps recognised from the iconic Qantas *I Still Call Australia Home* commercials, will perform works by Lorenzo Perosi, César Franck and C.V. Stanford, *Old American Songs - two suites by Aaron Copland* and Choral Selections from *Oliver*. The Choir will also sing 'that' song and a selection of Australian folk songs. Students from St Virgil's College will perform as our guests.

**Tickets available at the door\* or online [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)**  
**Adult \$20 Conc. \$15 Child \$10**

\*Cash only door sales



Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Cathedral Restoration Commission  
Supported by St Virgil's College



**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.

### 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!

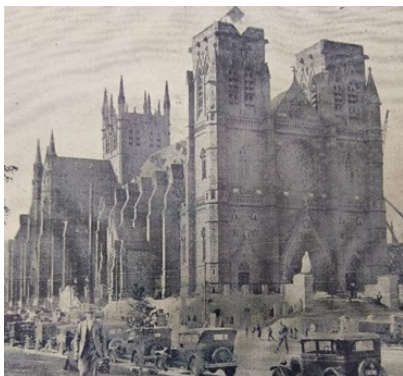


## *In Times Past ...*

In September 1928 Australia hosted an International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney. Drawing delegates from around the world, it was a huge Catholic affair. Tasmanians joined the celebrations from afar through their own "Congress Week in Hobart". Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church were the main contributions to the week, coupled with rosaries and sermons.

One sermon stood out as especially noteworthy, preached in the Cathedral by Fr R. Scarfe.

He referred to the celebrations in Sydney, and spoke of other congresses in the past. He then turned to the Mass, discoursing on the blessings that came with attending it and the spiritual risks incurred by neglecting it. Clearly empty pews were a problem in 1928, although ironically the Cathedral was reportedly full to overflowing.



As Australia once again prepares for a big church gathering the resonances between that age and ours are curious. "Modern society no longer acknowledges the supreme sovereignty of Christ", Fr Scarfe declared. His sermon conveys a sense that the Church was facing an age of crisis. "A time has come when Kings and peoples have deserted the altars of Jesus", he proclaimed. Such views were obviously emotive and reactive. This was a moment in human history where atheistic communism seemed poised to ruin the globe, after all, so his anxieties were not entirely unfounded. In some parts of the world of 1928 the Church faced intense persecution, and the following decades brought much worse.

But Fr Scarfe's vision of what the Church used to be like was a bit warped, more myth than history. "There was a time when society in its public acts proclaimed the sovereignty of Christ and lived as it were under his sceptre. Holy Mass was everywhere the central devotion," he asserted, "the great act of social life." Almost despondent about the present, he elevated an idealistic view of the Church set sometime in an ill-defined past. The holy Christendom to which he alluded never really existed free from all social and religious ills. Between slavery and the burning of heretics, those good old religious days were not quite so good as he hoped. That he alluded to crusades without much critique of religiously-inspired violence, for instance, suggests he did not give the historical specifics too much consideration.

**Dr Nick Brodie**

**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**

## **Faces of the Parish**

### **A chat with Michael Stanelos**

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

Sunday Morning or Sunday Evening at the Cathedral.

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

I have lived in Hobart for almost 30 years. I

was born in WA and spent some of my childhood at Wynyard on the North West Coast of Tasmania before my family moved to Hobart.

#### **Names of your immediate family members:**

I live with my wife Clair, our two daughters, three cats, three birds and a couple of fish.

Clair and I met while studying at Guilford Young College and we were married by Fr Nichols at the Cathedral. We'll be celebrating our 10th wedding anniversary in November this year.

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

I work for a financial services company in a corporate services and governance role. I've been lucky enough to have been based in Hobart for the whole of my career so far.

**Your hobbies:** In my spare time I enjoy bushwalking, cycling, gardening, singing and playing music.

#### **Any ministries/charities you serve or are involved in:**

I am a longstanding member of the Cathedral Choir, the 6pm Music Group and the Parish Finance Committee.

#### **Any funny 'life stories' you would like to share:**

When I first joined the Cathedral Choir, my hair was dyed bright blue, which raised a few eyebrows. These days there's not much left to dye.

#### **Any other information you are happy to share about yourself:**

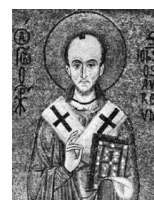
The Parish community is full of so many wonderful people and it's great to be a part of it and contributing to it.



### **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

"I beg that, chiefest of all, you will remember constantly that not to share our own riches with the poor is a robbery of the poor, and a depriving them of their livelihood; and that that which we possess is not only our own, but also theirs. If you can't find Christ in the beggar at your church door, you will not find him in the chalice"



**St. John Chrysostom**, bishop, doctor.

Feast day : 13th September

Born : 344 Died : 407



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**From Our Anniversary Book** D'Abate & Meale families, Emma Alomes, William Absalom, Dawn Dolan, Reginald Goodluck, Zygmunt Gauden, George Carr, Michael Donnelly, Vittorio Limongelli, Leslie Aiken, John Williams, Margaret Burnett, Geoffrey Saunders, Eileen Fahey, Victorio Gabriel, Carmelo Abate, Francis Jeffrey, Rose Salter, John Breen, Alice Kelly, James Lynch, Thomas Williams, Keith Downey, Frederick McCann, Tom Young, Albert Harwood, Leonard Sattler, Francis Hickey, Evie Daggart, Elaine Brocklehurst, Eileen Mazengarb, Jessie Martin, Colin Rollins, Lorraine Walter, Bruno Candon

*May they rest in peace.*



## PRAYING IN A CRISIS by Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

This prayer by Jesus in Gethsemane can serve as a model for how we can pray when we're in crisis. Looking at the prayer, there are elements which teach us how to pray in our darkest times:

- The prayer is one of great familiarity: He begins the prayer by calling his father "Abba", the most familiar term possible, the phrase that a young child would use sitting on his or her father's lap. In our darkest hours, we must be most familiar with God.
- The prayer is one of complete honesty: Classically prayer is defined as "lifting mind and heart to God". Jesus does this here, radically, in searing honesty. He asks God to take the suffering away, to give him escape. His humanity cringes before duty and he asks for escape. That's honest prayer, true prayer.
- The prayer is one of utter helplessness: He falls to the ground, prostrate, with no illusions about his own strength. His prayer contains the petition that if God is to do this through him, God needs to provide the strength for it.
- The prayer is one of transformation: Eventually an angel (divine strength) comes and fortifies him and he gives himself over to what he is being asked to undergo on the basis of a new strength that comes from beyond him. But that strength can only flow into him after he has, through helplessness, let go of his own strength. It is only after the desert has done its work on us that we are open to let God's strength flow into us.

**When we pray honestly, whatever our pain, an angel of God will always find us.**

**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.



The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

## 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!**



**Dear Lectors please note!** We have had to repair our lectern microphone numerous times as it is being pulled on very hard. You should **not** need to adjust it as it's very sensitive but you may, if really necessary, simply **tilt** the very **end** of it up or down. **Please do not pull on it.** Thank you!



15/16	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>	Vic Ferri Geoff Burrill Marilou Saunders	Lorraine Dooley, Colleen Stanford	Lucy McKenna, Brigid McKenna	Marla Giacon, Cathy Sullivan
<b>EMOC</b>		Andrew Pinelli, Sr Monica Shelverton	David Shelverton, Maria Saracino, Anna Reussien	TBA