

AE Cathedral Parish

25th February YR B/2 2018
2nd Sunday of Lent



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 –
Friday 7.30pm Mar 2
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Sacred Heart Church –
Friday 7.30pm March 9

A dramatized Stations of the Cross (to music) will be presented by the youth of the Parish on Friday 23rd March at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral.

Parish Reconciliation will be held at 7pm on Thursday March 15 at the Cathedral.



Dear Parishioners, you are warmly invited to attend our Parish Lenten Program. The power and drama of Fr. Michael Gaitley's best-selling book *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told* are captured in an amazing visual presentation that will challenge and enthrall you. In 5 fast-paced and lively sessions, Fr. Gaitley connects people and events in history to a unifying vision of the splendour of God's merciful love. From the epic story of Poland's national suffering, to the events of Fatima, the revelations of St. Faustina, the heroic efforts of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the life of St. John Paul II, the panorama of God's love and mercy is fully revealed as a transformative reality. Cathedral Centre 1st Floor- Starts Thurs 22nd Feb. or Mon. 26th Feb. (for 5 weeks) Thurs mornings 10-12:00pm or Mon 7-9pm For further info please call Deacon Nick MacFarlane on 0418 242 010.



LENTEN PROGRAM
The Second Greatest Story Ever Told

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: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Readings: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

Next Week's Readings: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

LISTEN TO HIM. Many of us would have noticed the thick black billowing cloud which covered the summit of Mount Wellington (Kunanyi) on Ash Wednesday. The expected storm broke bringing wild winds, lightening flashes, rolling thunder and eventually the joy of life giving refreshing rain in abundance. As the rain ceased falling that dark cloud was replaced by a soft mist which gently moved around the summit of the mountain inviting a sense of silence, calm, stillness and peace which indicated the storm was over. It is times like these that our human emotions of fear and joy can be transcended by a call to prayerful union with Jesus bringing us with heart-felt gratitude into the presence of our loving Creator God.

Today we read the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus in all his divine glory as written by St. Mark, CH. 9: v 2-8; also it can be read in St. Luke, CH. 9 v 29-36; and St. Matthew, CH. 17: v 1-8.

Six days before the Transfiguration the disciples witnessed Jesus' tireless activity of teaching, preaching mainly in parables and healing many sick as he listened to and moved among the people who crowded around him. Jesus was on a mission to establish the Kingdom of God. Did the disciples understand what Jesus was on about then? I don't think so! Was he to establish an earthly kingdom? Is that what the disciples were expecting? Before Jesus invited Peter and the brothers James and John to go with him up a high mountain, Jesus had warned his listeners especially the disciples that if anyone wanted to join his company they must take up their cross and follow him. Jesus says this to us today. To be a follower of Jesus Christ today, we do so with deep faith, trust, selfless love, endurance and perseverance; 'and your reward will be great in heaven.' St. Luke, CH: 6 v 35. I've often wondered about the scene of Jesus, Pe-

ter, James and John as they trudge up the mountain. What were they talking about as they went along? Why weren't the others with them and why were they climbing the high mountain? How long did it take to reach the top? Poets have called mountaintops the gateways to heaven; and again places where earth meets heaven.'



It was not long after they reached their destination that the disciples became shocked and confused by the sudden change in Jesus' appearance as he rose above them wearing dazzling white clothes and his face was shining brighter than the sun (St. Matthew.) The two prophets of the Old Testament Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus in similar glory conversing together. What were they talking about? The Law maybe! Was Peter thinking of an earthly kingdom? He suggested that they should build three tents on the mountain which suggests that Peter expected an earthly kingdom.

St. Mark 9: v 7 Then a cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow and a voice came from heaven. " This is my own dear Son-Listen to Him." They took a quick look around; they were afraid. They did not see anyone else; *only Jesus was with them.* Jesus revealed his union with our humanity at his baptism in the Jordan. At his Transfiguration he proclaimed his union with his Father. Jesus who is both human and divine wants to reveal himself to us. How, when and why does he want to be one with us/you? His mercy is forever.

Sr. Monica Shelverton PBVM.



Dear parishioners,
Rosters for those parishioners who would like to do a reading at any of the Holy Week Masses and Liturgies at the Cathedral are now at the back of both Churches. Please write your name on the appropriate line along with your phone number and email address. I will then notify you closer to the time to confirm.
With thanks. Liz

Fr Fadhel will celebrate Mass for the Arabic Community at 10.30am on Saturday 3rd March in the Cathedral. All parishioners are welcome!



Parish Reconciliation will be held at 7pm on Thursday March 15 at the Cathedral.

Collections Weekend 17/18 Feb 2018 : all 4 Masses—Loose plate : \$1316; Planned Giving : \$1340;

The Cathedral Parish extends an invitation to people interested in volunteering to take the young children of the parish for liturgy (during the readings and homily) at 10.30am Mass and 6pm Mass on Sunday evening. On a rostered basis it would mean you need only do it every few weeks. (The Parish will pay for your Working With Children government card). **Childrens' Liturgy continues this week during both Sunday Masses at the Cathedral.** If you would like your child to attend Children's Liturgy during either Mass, please encourage them to join the other children as they process out before the First Reading.
Please note all catechists have Working With Children approval.



Dear youth of the parish,

We are seeking students Year 9+ to perform in the 2018 Passion Play on Friday March 23 at 7pm in St Mary's Cathedral. Rehearsals have commenced but it's not too late to come to the second rehearsal on Wednesday 28th Feb at 5.15pm for one hour in the Cathedral. All roles are non-speaking/role playing, in a dramatization of the Stations of the Cross against a dramatic musical backdrop. No previous acting experience necessary, but maturity and willingness to be directed is necessary. **Please allow for rehearsals as follows: Wednesdays Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21 and Thursday March 22 in the Cathedral.** Please send your contact details to cathedral@aohtas.org.au asap. The students who participated last year thoroughly enjoyed themselves as well as having the privilege to participate in an event of spiritual significance to the Hobart community. Enquiries 6234 4463.



Dear parishioners, the Italian community wish to extend an invitation to all parishioners to join in this year with the San Carlo procession which will leave from the Cathedral following 10.30am Mass on Sunday March 11. The walk concludes at the Italian Club North Hobart, with fine food and wine and is always a lovely event.

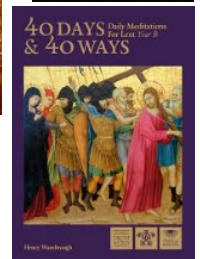
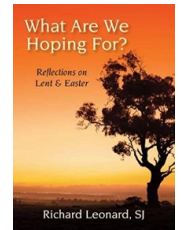


Lenten Reading—now in the bookstall.

What Are We Hoping For? : Reflections on Lent and Easter by Richard Leonard SJ. \$25

The Promise of New Life by Pope Francis—reflections and weekly challenges during Lent. \$10

40 Days & 40 Ways—Daily Meditations for Year B by Henry Wansbrough (CTS) \$10



'Before I was on The X Factor Australia, before I performed for a pope ... I was an alienated, messed-up teenager.' The story of Fr Rob Galea is a journey from desperation to hope. Struggling under the weight of addiction and depression, Fr Rob was considering ending his life when redemption came through a phone call. Knowing that he needed help, Fr Rob fought his demons to forge a relationship with Jesus Christ and has never looked back. Breakthrough asks you to find your way through adversity to the better life that awaits you. It's a powerful story about recovery, redemption and faith, and is told by one of the most charismatic priests of our time. **Limited copies in our bookstall—\$27**



I have personally read this book and it's a wonderful read for any young person struggling with either addictions or lack of direction in their life. I found it very moving and inspiring and also enlightening for parents coming to grips with the issues of young people these days. Fr Rob is young and dynamic and definitely someone young people would relate to.
Liz Horne



Year of Youth Pilgrimage to St Patrick's, Colebrook On the weekend of 3-4 March, Archbishop Porteous is leading a Year of Youth Pilgrimage from St John's Richmond to St Patrick's Colebrook. The pilgrimage involves camping overnight and is open to all young people up to the age of 35. Youth U18 will require a guardian for the duration of the pilgrimage. For more info contact Tomasz at youth@aohtas.org.au or on 6208 6038

Dear youth of the parish!

You are invited to join the St Mary's Cathedral Parish Youth Group (for 15-30 year olds) when it continues this Sunday. Simply join us in the Cathedral Centre for lunch at 12.30pm or feel free to contact Moana 0476 030 535 or Samuel 0420 545 424 for more details. We look forward to seeing you there!



In Times Past

The Archbishop of Hobart's Lenten Regulations issued in February 1918 certainly capture some of the linguistic legalism of the church of that period. Containing thirteen points for the faithful to note, the text was rich in verbs like 'forbids', 'prescribes', and 'binds'. The noun doing the forbidding, prescribing and binding was usually 'The Law'. Even this, however, could mean two things: 'The Law of Abstinence' and 'The Law of Fasting'.

Mostly, the 1918 regulations were about what not to eat and when to not eat it. It was also about when it was ok to eat something that it was normally not ok to eat during lent. For example: 'on every Friday' Catholics aged seven and above had to abstain from 'meat soup', but they could enjoy 'any kind of seasoning made even of lard or dripping'. If they were aged between 21 and 60 they were also meant to fast, meaning 'only one meal a day' anyway, simplifying the regulatory arithmetic. Yet there was provision made for 'some food morning and evening, having regard to the approved custom of the country both as to quality and to quantity', which qualified this restriction.

Fortunately, the Pope came to the rescue was some relief. A 'special privilege of the Holy See' sometimes gave Catholics the day off on St Patrick's Day. Whether this rule kicked in depended on which week of Lent got St Patrick's Day, and whether it fell on Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday. A similar relaxation of the rules applied to Lenten Saturdays generally, albeit temporarily. Because the Laws of Abstinence and Fasting 'binds' on Saturdays in Lent, a special provision had been made. This was explained in regulation number 10: "BE IT OBSERVED that in virtue of a special Apostolic Indult, under date January 16th, 1911, and granted for ten years, We permit the use of flesh meat at the principal meal on the second of two Abstinence days coming in succession." It basically meant that 'meat soup' was perfectly fine during the Saturdays of lent, at least until 1921.

Dr Nick Brodie



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



From www.liturgybrisbane.net.au

SYMBOLS OF LENT Three powerful symbols are associated with liturgy in Lent.

Ashes The use of ashes stems from Christianity's Jewish heritage. The Hebrew scriptures refer to ashes in a number of different ways. Abraham says of himself: "I am dust and ashes" (Gen 18:27). Job tells his friends: "Your maxims are proverbs of ashes" (Job 13:12). Ashes here suggest humility and human insignificance.

In the book of Numbers, we read that the ashes of a red heifer were used as a purification offering to ritually cleanse the unclean (Num 19:9). Ashes were also used in scripture to express mourning and sorrow. When the city of Nineveh was confronted with its sin the king "covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes" (Jonah 3:6). The ritual use of ashes was carried over into Christian liturgy. The foreheads of public sinners who entered the "order of penitents" at the beginning of Lent were marked with ashes. This practice extended to the entire community in acknowledgment of the fact that we are all sinners in need of God's forgiveness. The understanding of ashes as a symbol of humility, purification and sorrow is reflected when we are marked with ashes on the first day of Lent as a sign of our willingness to cleanse our heart through prayer, fasting and self-denial.

Cross No other sign so clearly symbolises Christianity as the cross. This puzzled many people at the time of the early church because they saw the cross in a totally different light. Crucifixion was the cruelest means used by the Romans to execute criminals; it symbolised hatred, despair, pain and degradation. Jesus' resurrection from the dead meant that the cross took on a completely new meaning for his followers; it became a symbol of victory over death and salvation from sin.

Besides being a primary symbol of Christianity, the cross is a central object in our liturgy. During Lent the cross leads the procession of psalms on Psalm Sunday, is the focus of Stations of the Cross devotions, and is venerated on Good Friday.

Purple Purple or violet is the prescribed liturgical colour for Lent. It should be a sombre blue-violet in contrast to the lighter purple of Advent. The aim is to visually evoke a mood of simplicity and austerity, so adding symbols to purple hangings is unnecessary and distracting. The colour is the symbol.

Some may remember when the 4th Sunday of Lent was called Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday and rose coloured vestments were worn. It was one day of rejoicing in the middle of the sombre season of Lent. With our present understanding of Lent, it makes no sense to differentiate the 4th Sunday. Liturgy planners don't have to go searching for suitable symbols for Lent. Ashes, cross, purple – they say it all!

Parenting Course – Wednesday mornings Feb 28 to Mar 28 The Cathedral Parish Alpha Team is presenting The Parenting Children Course (for those parenting 0 to 10-year-olds). The aim of The Parenting Children Course is to equip parents and carers of children aged from 0 to 10 years of age, as well as parents-to-be, with long-term strategies and practical tools to build a healthy family life. This course has proved very helpful to parents over many years and in many different countries. Over five interactive sessions (2 hours each), parents and carers learn how to invest in their children's future, model the values they want to pass on, set healthy boundaries and keep love at the centre of their family life. Where: Sacred Heart Parish Centre 1 Cross Street, New Town. When: Wednesday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15 from Wed 28 Feb to Wed 28 Mar. For further info contact Deacon Nick MacFarlane on 0418 242 010.



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The next Old Virgilians Association luncheon will be held at the Austins Ferry campus commencing at 12.00pm on Tuesday, 27th February, 2018. A two course meal with drinks provided (\$30). All Old Virgilians and friends invited. Please notify attendance to SVC office 6249 6555 or email: adminsvc@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
 Peter Imlach, Secretary.

The World Day of Prayer is to be held Fri. 2nd March - 11am at Hobart City Church of Christ 8 Goulburn St. The focus and all offerings are centred on literacy and sex trafficking of children over the next three years. Please consider going and supporting this worthy cause!
 Jane Short Tas. Pres- Sec

Dear parishioners,
The Cathedral grounds are reserved for parishioners Cathedral staff, tradies and people attending on business.

We are extremely worried there will be a serious accident as relatives of school children are still parking in the carpark for school drop-offs and pickups. People are parking haphazardly, reversing with children darting around and also parking across our driveway. You will find a light weight chain across the 'in' driveway which will be put there at 2.30pm each day. Sadly it just means we will all need to get in and out of our cars if we visit during that time. You are welcome to unclick the chain and move it to the side to drive through and then put it back up again please. It will be straightforward and simple and we regret the inconvenience. It is our duty of care to ensure no harm comes to the children in the area.



St Virgil's College Senior School Open Day – Austins Ferry campus, Thursday March 8 from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm for guided tours. Come and experience Grade 7 to 10 students at work and play during an interactive tour of the College. Meet staff and students and learn about the exciting learning opportunities available to boys at St Virgil's College. Please note that for 2018 the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office has determined that enrolments will be taken for Grade 7 entry for 2019 and 2020 which has brought the timeline forward by 12 months for Grade 5 families.

Grade 7 enrolments for 2019 (current Grade 6) and 2020 (current Grade 5 boys) close on Thursday March 29. Vacancies may also be available at other secondary grade levels. For all Open Day information or to complete an online enrolment please visit the website www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au or email mnugent@stvirgils.tas.edu.au for an enrolment package.

From Our Anniversary Book Rachel Waters, John Howe, Katherine Peters, Doris Innes, Jasmine Bentley, Donato De Cesare, John Hudson, Emma Landers, Edward Collis, Cecilia Lynch, Michele Paternoster, Giuseppina Di Re, Sabatino Monaco, Toigo and Siravo Families, Elsie Thornhill, Anne Daly, Olga Sowby, Rev. Fr. Vincent Allen, Marjorie Hayward, Ada Williams, Zelinda and Donato Vacca, John Anderson, Henry Smith, Brother E.D. Joyce, Ada Maple, Patrick Murnane, Raffaele Palermo, Alma Pullen, Evelyn Blissenden, Angelina Di Domenico, Terrence Keogh, Guiseppe Paternoster
May they rest in peace.



As a result of the Clemente class of 2017 having members accepted into a university degree program, gain full time work or move interstate **there are 6 spaces in this fee free university certificate and pathway to a university degree program which starts on the 13th March 4.00- 6.00pm in Room 2012 at the Arts Building Sandy Bay Campus University of Tasmania.** The Clemente model offers a supported, free re-entry to education for adults whose education has been disrupted due to life's circumstances. There are no prerequisites so if you know someone who deserves this chance please let Dallas know asap. Dallas Williams, Coordinator Clemente Tasmania
 E: dallasbwilliams@gmail.com

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!



24/25	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
Greeter			TBA	TBA
Lector	Athie Willemsen Geoff Burrill Marilou Saunders	Andrew Pinelli, Colleen Stanford	Teresa Smith, Tina Acuna	Ron Ward, Cathy Sullivan
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