

AEC Cathedral Parish

Feb 17, 2019 YR C/1
6th 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

Reconciliation

Sacred Heart Church : Sat following
8.00am Mass

St Mary's Cathedral: Sat 5-5.30pm

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,
If you, or any member of your family or friendship circle would like to be a part of the Sacramental Program, please note: **Information/Enrolment Evening—Wed, 20th Feb, 6–7.30 pm** at St Mary's Cathedral Centre, *Each of the three sacraments is preceded by a four week preparation program.*

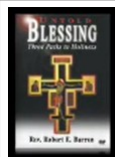
Planned dates are as follows:

School Term 1 - First Reconciliation – 4th April 2019

School Term 2 - Confirmation – 2nd June 2019

School Term 3 - First Eucharist (Communion) – 1st September 2019

The Sacramental Team relies on you to extend invitations to those you know. For more information contact: Eva Dunn for the Sacramental Team 0417734503 eva.dunn@gmail.com
Thank you



Cathedral Parish Lenten Study Program commences next week.

Robert Barron's *Untold Blessing* paints a beautiful

and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

He lays out 3 intriguing paths to holiness: Finding the centre; Knowing you're a sinner; Realising life is not about you. *Untold Blessing* comprises 7 x 2 hour sessions on Mondays 25/2-8/4 at 7-9pm or Wednesdays 27/2-10/4 10am-noon in the Cathedral Centre. **Info from Deacon Nick on 0418242010**

St Mary's Cathedral—Cnr Harrington & Patrick Streets, Hobart;
Sacred Heart Church—Cross St, New Town;

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who hope in the Lord. **Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Readings: Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Next Week's Readings: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

The New Year of 2019 is well under way. I wish you and yours grace and peace from God our loving Father and our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit who is living in you. During the past few months we have been inundated by news reports on the radio, television and local news papers regarding the tragic destruction of land and property because of droughts, fires and floods let alone the loss of both human and animal lives. The loss of all that was must be very distressing and difficult to bear. The heartfelt pain, the emotions of grief, sadness, separation and the deep anguish and hopelessness felt would seem to be humanly impossible to bear. I ask myself how would I cope and act in such a situation? "You should carry each others troubles to fulfil the Law of Christ." (Gal 1:2).



Simply put - the law of love. Whilst all the distress is taxing on human endurance we become aware of the generosity which brings forth the best of the human spirit. This will continue well into the future so we pray daily for those affected and we should be generous in our giving. Suffering people are blessed if they are able to hope, trust and rely on God's presence to comfort and renew their lives which are made a reality through

the sincere love and care given by those around them. St. Paul speaking to his friends in Corinth reminds us today that our belief in Christ's suffering, death and resurrection is mercifully bringing new life and hope to those who have faith and trust in Jesus' love and compassion. The prophet Jeremiah assures us also as follows: 'A blessing on those who put their trust in God; -----they will never cease to bear fruit.' As we reflect on the attitudes in the Beatitudes today, I feel that all the above is relevant to the Gospel. We do not need to beat ourselves to pulp but listen more attentively and act immediately to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Beatitudes speak very directly about the attitudes of Jesus to life and ministry and his response to the will of his Father. Jesus fixed his eyes on his twelve companions (to make sure they were listening)!

Ultimately the Beatitudes are about the Kingdom of God - love of God, neighbour and ourselves as much as God loving us. Jesus' suffering and death was the extreme sacrifice of love by which we are loved and given the right to eternal life in Heaven. "Love one another just as I have loved you." (Jn.1: 3:34). In the Beatitudes Jesus speaks about the 'haves and have nots' and the joyful satisfaction of those who co-operate and become instruments of God's love. In doing so we lose a bit of ourselves and give more room for God's grace to flow freely. We become vulnerable in God's hands allowing grace to flow in the other. There are many needs in today's society and the most neediest of all are the spiritually poor. **Sr Monica Shelverton PBVM**

Liturgy for children following 10.30am Mass and Sunday 6pm Mass at the Cathedral will recommence this Sunday 17th February.

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 or on 6208 6036.



Plenary Council 2020 Update
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au
3 Weeks to Go!



Over the past eight months, more than 40,000 people have generously shared their stories and experiences of life, faith and the Church with the Plenary Council. Those stories will help shape this historic process by forming the agenda for the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Listening and Dialogue stage. If you haven't yet shared your story, you have until March 6, 2019 (Ash Wednesday) to do so.

Plenary Council Comment Cards are found at the back of both Churches through until Ash Wednesday, next to a collection box for the cards. Please either write on the card and pop it into the box, or comment on the website, or take your card away to write and bring it back next weekend.

What else can I do to prepare for the Plenary Council?

PRAY - The Holy Spirit is leading us and the stillness of prayer opens our hearts to hear God's voice.

SUBSCRIBE - To the Plenary Council e-newsletter at the bottom of the page, 'like' the Plenary Council Facebook page and follow the Plenary Council Twitter account.

SHARE - The webpage and social media links with your friends, family and colleagues.

Website : <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

#PlenaryCouncil #ListentotheSpirit #SharetheStory

INVITE - Your friends and family to have a conversation. about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.



St Vincent de Paul Society
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good works

Vinnies Tasmania 2019 Bushfire Appeal

Vinnies Tasmania 2019 Bushfire Appeal was launched early in February.

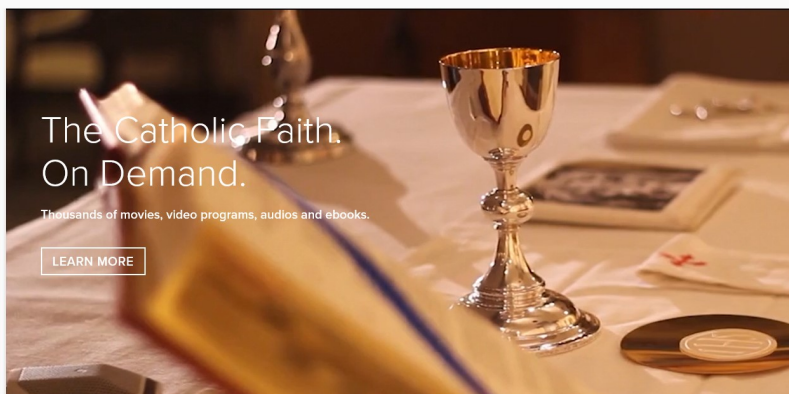
At this stage, we are encouraging monetary donations towards this appeal. Monetary donations give us greater flexibility in meeting the direct needs of the people and businesses that have been directly affected by the recent devastating bushfires.

We appreciate the support of the community and the desire to assist at this difficult time. At this stage we have sufficient donated goods to satisfy the current needs.

Donations can be made by using the envelopes provided, visiting the Vinnies website www.vinnies.org.au/donate, phoning 13 18 12 or calling in to any Vinnies shop or Regional Office.

For further information, please contact the St Vincent de Paul Society State Office on 63 330812.

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Dear parishioners,

In the interests of furthering our evangelisation efforts to children, youth and other groups in our parish, we have identified a wonderful Netflix-like Video On Demand and digital content service that features audio, video, ebooks and feature-length films from some of the world's most credible Catholic sources, such as the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press. We would very much like to introduce this service from www.formed.org to our parish community and are hoping some kind and generous donors may be able to assist us in raising \$1000 for an annual subscription. If you can help us please contact either Fr Shammi or the Cathedral Office.

With thanks.

The next Old Virgilians Association Luncheon will be held at the Austins Ferry campus commencing at 12noon on Tuesday, 26th February, 2019. A two course meal with drinks is provided (\$30). All Old Virgilians and friends are invited. Please notify attendance to SVC office 6249 6555 or email: adminsvs@stvirgils.tas.edu.au Peter Imlach Secretary.

Dear parishioners, Would you like to assist me this year in putting your name forward to be a Face of the Parish? Our column is meant to help us all get to know each other and to build community. The process is simple as I send you some thought starters. You are welcome to simply respond to the questions or to provide a few paragraphs and a simple photo. Please kindly volunteer to Liz in the Cathedral Office.

Thank you!

Two practising Catholic ladies aged 30+ looking for rental property CBD or surrounding suburbs 2 or 3 bedroom. Can you help? please call Miss Robyne Ferri on mobile: 0447-770-777. Thanks and God bless you!



Great Evangelists Do Difficult Things by Marcel LeJeune

26.2 miles. It seemed like an impossible goal for someone who had never run more than a couple of miles. But, I determined I was going to run a marathon, even though I had little knowledge of what it would take to accomplish that goal. What I found out (months later) was that waking up at 4 AM to run for 3 hours in single digit weather was what it would take. It meant ice in my beard. It meant physical pain. It meant mental fatigue and struggle like never before. It was hard. Really hard. Still, it was so very good for me. I had strengthened my body, mind, and even my soul as never before. Doing something very difficult changed me.



I once made fun of runners. "You ran 10k? Was someone chasing you?" But, I also admired them. For someone of my build (not thin), I never thought I could do it too. The first week I struggled to run a few miles. The next week I ran further. Then more and more. I had moments of doubt, weakness, and injury.

Yet, I cannot explain to you the feeling of accomplishment that I felt when I crossed the finish line. It is amazing. That feeling doesn't come from doing easy things, it can only be earned by doing very difficult ones and watching all your hard work pay off.

Why all this talk of running? Because running is still hard for me and because it is hard for me, I am a better person when I run. When I am dedicated to pushing myself for another half marathon, my prayer life is usually deeper, I am mentally sharper, I am more diligent at work, I order my priorities better, etc.

Ease and comfort are barriers to growth and maturity. Growth and doing difficult things go hand-in-hand.

SPOILED? Think of what happens when a child is spoiled? They never mature as they ought to. We stop growing. We stop desiring greatness. But you and I were made to be great saints. Every other call is secondary! You are called to holiness and holiness isn't just about willing yourself to change, but about a deep relationship with the one you love most. Holiness must be shared with others. The urgency of spreading the Gospel comes not out of obligation, but out of great love of God, which is born from intimacy with him. None of this comes easily. After St. Francis de Sales became a priest, he felt called to evangelize 60,000 former Catholics who had left the faith. He got doors slammed in his face. He was run out of towns. He was rejected and yelled at. He suffered from bloody frozen feet, from walking through snowy mountains. In the end, it is estimated that 40,000 people returned to the Catholic Church through his hard work and suffering! 40,000 souls because he was willing to do something difficult! What about you and me? How can we root out the ease and comfort and do something difficult so that we can grow? **To be continued..... Feb 24.**

Faces of the Parish ~ Andrew Pinelli

Which suburb do you live? New Town

Which is your main Mass you attend? We mainly attend the Saturday vigil Mass.

How long have you lived in Hobart? Our family moved to Hobart towards the end of 2012 when we settled in New Town.

Names of your immediate family members:

I am married to Emma and we have 3 children: Meg (14), James (12) and Lucy (10).

Your family background, place of origin, occupation:

Emma and I were both brought up in Sydney. I was a primary school teacher for 9 years. Just prior to us getting married we moved to Wee Waa in North West NSW where I was a principal of a systemic, Catholic Primary school for 5 years. We then moved to the neighbouring town of Narrabri where I was a principal of a systemic, Catholic Primary school for 6.5 years before we moved to Hobart.

Your hobbies: I enjoy cooking, IT, spending time outdoors and watching or helping my children with their sporting pursuits.

I also enjoy handy work and have, with the help of Emma, renovated our last three houses.

Any ministries/charities you serve or are involved in:

I am a reader, Minister of Communion and collection plate minister. I am a member of the Parish Finance & Maintenance committee. My 3 children Meg, James and Lucy also altar serve at the Saturday Vigil Mass.

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

Emma and I lived in Darwin for a year in the late 1990's. We drove to Darwin in 5 days leaving from Sydney and going through the centre of Australia. All we took with us was what could be packed into a Suburu Forester. Needless to say that we had to send some parcels back at the end of the year as it would not all fit in the car for the return journey!



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!



Contact Us

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 Administrator Fr Shammi Perera
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 Deacon Nick MacFarlane
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www.facebook.com/cathedralparishhobarttasmania
(remember to 'like/follow us' to stay up to date!)



Irish singer, David Parkes, will give a Sacred Concert on Tues 26th Feb at St Bernard's Claremont. Mass 6.30pm; Concert 7pm in the parish hall followed by supper David will give his testimony about his miraculous healing and John Canavan, Director of Divine Mercy Publications in Australia, will give his personal witness on how Divine Mercy changed his life. Entry free but a collection will be taken up to help with expenses.
 Maree Triffett 0429024621

Lectio Divina

When: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month February - November 10.00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.

Where: Sacred Heart Chapel, Josephite Mission & History Centre, 67 Clare Street, New Town 7008.

Lectio Divina, a Latin term, means "divine or sacred reading" and describes a way of reading the Scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us. The practice of Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures has been a fruitful source of growing in relationship with Christ for many centuries and in our own day is being rediscovered by many people. The Word of God is alive and active and will transform each of us if we open ourselves to receive what God wants to give us.

Enquiries: Josephite Mission and History Centre

Email: josephite.mission@sosj.org.au

Phone: 6228 1628



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



From Our Anniversary Book William Absalom, Karlie Bolten, Margaret Allen, Pasquale Pace, Eleanor Blackburn-Berry, Anita and Ottavio Toffoli, Ernest Blazeley, Gertrude Dowd, Arthur Lacey, John Nolan, Walter Smallbone, Helena Donnelly, Amelia O'Brien, Edward Robinson, Kristine Reeve, Patricia Andrews, Josef Majcher, John Duggan, Wallace Fulton, Thomas O'Connor, Christina Davis, James Waters, Leonard Hill, Maxwell Rainbird, William Gregor, Dorothy Wilson, John Mitson, Peter Graham



May they rest in peace.



Dear readers on our rosters,

You will receive over the next couple of weeks an email or an envelope at the back of the Church with your name on it. This communication contains a copy of your reading from our current roster from a publication called 'Break Open the Word'. Our intention is to provide all of our readers with some insight into their scripture passages so as to be able to proclaim the Word and place emphasis on the subtle nuances that are important to highlight and emphasize when doing your reading. We hope you enjoy this insight and that it helps in your practice and preparation each week.

With thanks.... Liz

Dear volunteers in our parish,

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. If you know you do not currently have a Police Check or a WWVP registration please contact me asap. If you have one please ensure you have provided a copy to the office.

With thanks. Liz (Cathedral Office)



17/18	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6.00pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
Greeter		TBA	Maria Respondek	TBA
Lector	Eva Dunn Michael Brown Debbie Brown	Andrew Pinelli, Sr Monica Shelverton	Lucy McKenna, Brigid McKenna	Sr Monica Shelverton, Andrew Hutchinson
EMOC	TBA	Colleen + TBA	Michael Midson, Maria Saracino	TBA