



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

Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Readings: as per Palm Sunday booklet



Reminder : please return your Project Compassion boxes after Holy Thursday.

Holy Week Masses in our Parish (24th March-1st April)

Sat 24th March: Cathedral 6pm—**Palm Sunday Vigil**
Sun 25th March : Sacred Heart 8.30am—**Palm Sunday**
Cathedral 10.30am / 6pm—**Palm Sunday**
Tues 27th March : Cathedral 7.30pm—**Mass of the Oils**
Wed 28th March : Cathedral 7.30am; Sacred Heart Church—9am
Thurs 29th March : Cathedral 7.30pm—**The Last Supper of the Lord**
Fri 30th March : Sacred Heart Church—10.30am **Stations of the Cross**
Cathedral—3pm **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**
Sat 31st March : Cathedral 7.30pm—**Easter Vigil**
Sun 1st April : Sacred Heart Church 8.30am—**Easter Sunday**
Cathedral 10.30am—**Easter Sunday**



Holy Week Lectors

Dear parishioners, if you elected to be a lector for Holy Week you have already been emailed confirmation of the details. Please see the roster on the back of this newsletter as a reminder.

With thanks.

Parishioners—a reminder that **daylight saving** finishes at Midnight on morning of **April 1—Easter Sunday.**



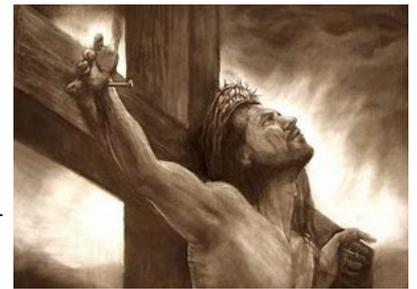
My God My God, Why ?

This Sunday, Palm Sunday, is also called Passion Sunday. It has two names because in the one Mass we go from cheering Jesus as the long-awaited Saviour and the new King to watching Him dying naked on a cross like the worst sort of criminal. Our liturgy today takes us into the culmination of Jesus' life and mission. This is why He came. More important than all His teaching and all His cures and healings or His mastery over waves and storms or His miraculous multiplication of loaves and fishes, the week that we are about to celebrate is the week Jesus the Christ fulfilled His mission to save mankind.

Many Jews of Jesus' day expected a Messiah to come to save them and restore the shattered people of God, but very, very few of them would have expected the Messiah to let Himself be killed as a common criminal. It was only after His Resurrection that Jesus could teach His little band of followers that His death was the ultimate sacrifice. He gave His life so that they, and we, might have abundant and eternal life in Him. Truly, Jesus was the Lamb of God, as St John the Baptist had predicted. His total giving of Himself to us and for us, started at the Last Supper and was completed on the cross. Jesus' total victory over sin and death was revealed in His Resurrection. The risen Jesus in all His glory seated at the Father's throne is the fulfillment of the prophetic procession when He rode into Jerusalem exalted by the crowds crying out:-
'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Ho-

sanna in the highest!' (Mark 11:10)

But, Jesus knew that He was going to die. He understood that Isaiah's prophecies of the Suffering Servant are to be fulfilled in and through Him. He would make no resistance to the murderous malice which would confront Him. He would offer His back to be struck and His face to be spat on. But He would "set [His] face like flint" (Isaiah 50:7). He knew that He would not be shamed because in all His suffering, Jesus knew He was doing His beloved Father's will, out of love for us.



It is incomprehensible that the Creator of the Universe should do this for us. But He did. As St Paul wrote, Jesus did not cling to His glory and power "but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6-8). And that is why we genuflect before Him, and acclaim Him as Christ and Lord to the Glory of God the Father. Above all, let us thank Him. Because He did all this for us. What amazing love God shows us in Jesus on the Cross.

Deacon Nick MacFarlane

Two Alpha Courses Starting After Easter The Parish Alpha Team will be running two new Alpha Courses starting after Easter. The evening course will be held in the Cathedral Centre from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Mondays and will start on the 9th of April. The morning course will be held in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre from 9:15 to 11:15 am on Wednesdays and will start on the 11th of April. 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 got a bit isolated to get back into things. Check out Alpha at alpha.org.au. For further info, or to let us know you are coming, call Deacon Nick on 0418 242 010 or Moana on 0476 030 535.



Welcome Ben Mackey and Jo-Anne Kemp!



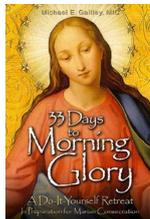
Some of our parishioners will know Ben Mackey who has been studying in the UK, and who will be playing the organ for us through Holy Week and the coming few weeks. Ben will then resume studies in the UK before rejoining us in his official capacity of Director of Music as of October this year. Welcome Ben!



Also, Jo-Anne Kemp has been acting as our Choir Director for some months now and has agreed to take on the role of Deputy Director of Music effective immediately. Jo has done a wonderful job helping us over a period of change and transition and we are grateful for her efforts. **Please make Ben and Jo-Anne welcome when you see them!**

A Journey to Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Dear parishioners, after Easter, the parish will offer a 33-day group retreat focused on personal consecration or entrustment to Jesus through Mary. St Louis de Montfort assures us that this consecration or entrustment, is the surest, easiest, and most perfect means to becoming a saint. St John Paul II said that this devotion was a decisive turning point in his life. The retreat will require attendance at a group session for 6 weeks from 5:45 to 7:15 pm on Friday evenings starting on Friday 13th April. Each participant must also get a copy of Fr Michael Gaitley's beautiful book 33 Days to Morning Glory (available from www.bookdepository.com) to use every day on this extraordinary 33-day journey to Marian consecration **with four giants of Marian spirituality: St Louis de Montfort, St Maximilian Kolbe, St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Pope St John Paul II. It is essential that intending participants confirm their participation with Deacon Nick MacFarlane on 0418 242 010 prior to commencement.**



Dear parents of Sacramental Program candidates,

We have a new large delivery to our bookstall of lovely items to purchase as gifts for your children to commemorate their First Eucharist and Confirmation. Please be so kind as to pass this information on to family members who may also be seeking a gift.

With thanks.

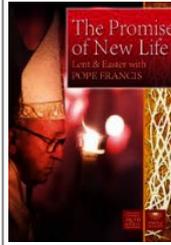


Dear parishioners,
Donations of biscuits, fresh or long life milk, plunger coffee and other kitchen items are gratefully accepted to cater for refreshments following our Masses.

With thanks.

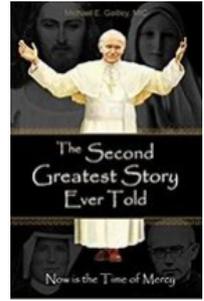


"Teas, coffees... drinks, snacks anyone?"



Lenten Reading—now in the bookstall. The Promise of New Life by Pope Francis—reflections and weekly challenges during Lent. \$10

In this vastly popular talk, **Fr. Gaitley** describes the second greatest story ever told - a story that encompasses Divine Mercy, the life of St. Pope John Paul II, and the crucial role that Marian Consecration can play in your life. \$27

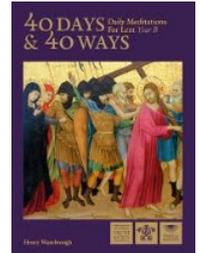


40 Days & 40 Ways—Daily Meditations for Year B by Henry Wansbrough (CTS) \$10

ROBERT BARRON
with JOHN L. ALLEN, Jr.

TO LIGHT A FIRE ON THE EARTH
Proclaiming the Gospel in a Secular Age

Back in stock—As secularism gains influence, and increasing numbers see religion as dull and backward, Robert Barron wants to illuminate how beautiful, intelligent, and relevant the Catholic faith is. \$39



Dear parishioners,

Last week we requested some fundraising efforts to purchase a microphone for Sacred Heart Church. We are extremely pleased and grateful to announce that a very kind parishioner is purchasing the microphone on our behalf. We are sincerely grateful for this. **With thanks ... Fr Shammi Perera**



Now in the bookstall—a new range of Sacramental gifts, rosaries (including crystal, hematite and lapis), statues and mementos.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES: The Lamb's Supper (the Biblical roots of the Mass) on Tuesdays 10 & 24 Apr., 8 May, 1-3pm; and He Must Reign: The Kingdom of God in Scripture on Thursdays 12 & 26 Apr., 10 May, 10am-12pm. Encounter the link between our Catholic lives today and Scripture! Discover what God has revealed to his People in Scripture. Where: Murphy Room, Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. Cost: \$20 per course for study guide. Register: Dr Christine Wood, 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au



Collections Weekend 17/18 Feb 2018 : all 4 Masses—
Loose plate : \$1158; Planned Giving : \$997;

In Times Past



The liturgical changes of the mid-twentieth century affected the Faith and the faithful deeply, but not all commentators were happy. In early 1970 one woman in Launceston, clearly irritated, wrote to the Catholic Standard to 'protest strongly against the New Mass'. Seen from the distance of the decades, it reads rather like an odd lament about the fact of change itself. It was certainly not an argument drawn from anything resembling theological expertise. 'Several of my friends do not like this queuing for Holy Communion,' she complained, 'they find it distressing and it makes them nervous and uncertain, so that for their health's sake they find they will have to abstain.' This abhorrence of queues stemmed, rather curiously, from the supposed primary importance of the clergy. In one telling and curious sentence she said: 'The priest is to a great many Catholics, the most important part of the Mass.'

One suspects that these 'great many Catholics' were synonymous with the 'Several of my friends' she next referred to. But despite authoritatively citing such lay opinions to bolster her complaints, the lady from Launceston also relegated them to spectator status. 'The laity are "taking over" too much', she claimed, 'they are belittling the greatness and power of the Mass'.

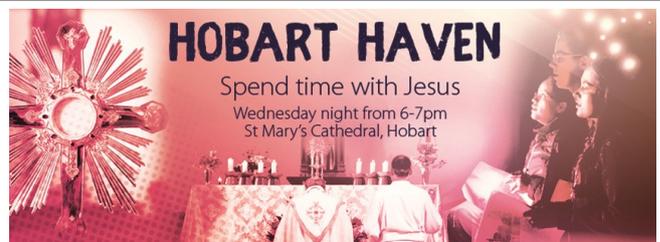
Unsurprisingly, this protest elicited responses from people who thoughtfully articulated their embrace of the 'New Mass', and those who welcomed opportunities to participate more fully in the Eucharistic celebration as Christians. 'Surely "Christ" is the most important part of the Mass', one correspondent politely suggested in reply to the lady from Launceston.

But perhaps the most interesting response was from the Archdiocesan priest and church historian, Fr John Cullen. He gently put the liturgical renewal in a longer perspective: 'Such active members of God's kingdom are to be commended for their love of the Mass and for their devotion to the usages and customs of centuries. But, why did they and their predecessors accept without question those centuries old rites, ceremonial movements and practices? There is only one satisfactory and Catholic answer. Was it not precisely because the Bishops assembled in Councils and Synods approved of changes; ordered them; and for good reasons, decided to bid adieu to something older.'

After an introductory survey, and like any good historian, Fr Cullen weighed up the relevant sources and put them in context: 'A comparison of the "New" Mass with the "Old" having taken into account ceremonial, text, the Scriptures and, above all, the part played by the whole congregation – will convince any instructed and intelligent Catholic that a change had become absolutely necessary; and that the Church had almost forgotten its mission because that change had been so long delayed.' 'A refusal to depart from tradition, where revealed truth is not being explained or defended' he concluded, 'would be actually untraditional.'

Dr Nick Brodie

Congratulations to Fr Shammi on becoming an Aussie citizen this last week! We expect lots of Aussie jokes from the pulpit now! Our thanks to Michele Boucher from the AOH office for the many hours of work over the years assisting with the application!



All young adults are invited to a new weekly event that will be 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. The first Hobart Haven will be held in Holy Week on Wednesday 28 March with Archbishop Julian Porteous who will be presiding on the night.

Last Thursday the official celebration of Catholic Education Week was held in the Cathedral.

We thank His Grace Archbishop Julian Porteous who was the main celebrant on the day along with Fr Shammi, Fr Emmanuel and priests from other parishes,

Catherine Sandric, organiser, and all the teachers and students from Tasmanian Southern Catholic schools for making this a very blessed event.



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 (remember to 'like/follow us' to stay up to date!)



Rachel's Vineyard has helped many men and women to move on with hope. You are not alone, there is hope after an abortion experience. We can help, our next Rachel's Vineyard retreat for healing after abortion will be held in Hobart, on Aug 31st to Sept 2nd. To speak to someone please call Anne Sherston on the confidential phone line 0478599241.



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

Divine Mercy Sunday on 8th April will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral: 2.00pm Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation, Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3.00pm Benediction; 3.15pm Mass with Archbishop Julian Porteous as main celebrant. Enq: Maree 6228 7108.

Handel's Messiah

Farrall Centre—Friends' School, North Hobart. Easter Saturday—March 31, 2pm Door of Hope—South Launceston; Easter Monday—April 2, 2pm With 80 choristers from the Lincoln Singers, Southern Voices, Men in Black and guest singers. Soprano Helen Thomson (Hobart); Soprano Tamryn Stock Stafford (Launceston); Mezzo-soprano Dr. Maree-Rose Jones, Tenor Christopher Bryg, Bass Michael Lampard, and the Boa Vista Strings orchestra; Tickets \$35 /\$30 conc. \$10 children 6-16 yrs. Hobart: Bellerive Newsagency, Lindsfarne Newsagency and www.trybooking.com/REQO Launceston: Barratt's Music, George St, and www.trybooking.com/TVUF



Holy Thursday

Reader 1 Andrew Pinelli
 Reader 2 Marcus Laycock
 Intercessions Deacon Nick

Good Friday

Reader 1 Marcus Laycock
 Reader 2 Mauro Saracino

Holy Saturday

Reader 1 Andrew Pinelli
 Reader 2 Clare Mittermayer
 Reader 3 Marcus Laycock
 Reader 4 Karl Mittermayer
 Reader 5 Colleen Stanford
 Epistle Tad Matuszek
 Intercessions Deacon Nick

Holy Week Lectors



Easter Sunday

Reader 1 Noelle Harradine
 Reader 2 Marcus Laycock
 Intercessions Angela Ritar

From Our Anniversary Book Minnucci Family, Falconia Family, Kath Pase, Bridged Fahey, Patrick O'Donnell, Leonard Northey, Mary Viney, Maurice Chaplain, Tony Zeitzen, Giuseppe Mione, Mary Fletcher, Helen Kirkwood, Eric Chal-lenor, James O'Kane, Vincent Shaw, Sr. Josephine Howe, SSJ, Alfonso Cavaretta, Lual Majak, John Willemsen, Matt Wheyman, Reginald Gillam, William Cox, Sadie Freeman, Elia Longo
May they rest in peace.



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			Maria Respondek	TBA
Lector	Athie Willemsen Geoff Burrill Marilou Saunders	Lorraine Dooley, Colleen Stanford	Lucy McKenna, Brigid McKenna	Marla Giacon, Tony Giacon
EMOC		Colleen Stanford, Sue Bailey	Michael Midson, Anna Reussien, Angela Ritar	TBA