

AME Cathedral Parish

October 6, 2019 YR C/1
27th 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-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

Rosary

Sacred Heart Church : Sat 7.30am

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

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Readings: Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-9

Next Week's Readings : 2 Kg 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

This Sunday's readings touch the theme of faith and certainly evoke a radical response from the hearer as the Word of God always does. Hence, let me place before you some salient reflective points springing from the readings:

We have often heard people say "I wish I had your faith" or "I wish I could believe." Firstly, this gently reminds us that faith is a gratuitous gift by God himself given through his divine grace. Secondly, it points to the fact that faith is a conscious personal adherence to God and his truth and then on the part of the individual person it is a free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed to us out of his infinite love.

Therefore, a human person, who is created in the image and likeness of God, has to use human intellect and free will in accepting God's revealed truth.

It is here we see challenges to faith. The first reading taken from the Prophet Habakkuk underlines some of those challenges: "How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage & violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes." The Prophet Habakkuk raises true sentiments of a righteous man, who in spite of his faithfulness to God and to his precepts, ends up encountering calamity, injustice and destruction.

This leads us to reflect on an extraordinary aspect of faith. Faith has to be perceived as a free gift given by God which contains steadfast loyalty in the face of human sinfulness and its consequences. Thus faith is in many ways hanging on in obedience to God's hand even when things appear hopeless and despondent, a leap of surrender into darkness trusting in God's unfailing mercy.

The last aspect that surfaces from the readings of this weekend is that since faith is a gratuitous gift, a disciple who follows Christ should not expect any rewards or personal gains. Faith is bestowed upon the disciple out of love so that the disciple would share that gift of faith freely with everyone he or she meets and make the joy of living in the person of Jesus Christ known to everyone. That's why Jesus rejects the idea of entitlement when he says "We are merely servants; we have done no more than our duty."

Fr Shammi Perera



An anointing Mass will be held at 9am at Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday October 8. All are welcome.



Teresa Smith is a year 8 student at Calvin Christian School. She started learning organ at the beginning of 2019. She is the Organ Scholar at St Mary's Cathedral, where she plays every week and also sings alto in the choir. Recently Teresa achieved an A in her AMEB Grade 6 Piano exam and is currently preparing for her Grade 6 Exam in Organ, which she will sit in November. In preparation for that, Teresa will perform her exam pieces for the parish at 12noon next Sunday October 13 for approximately 30 minutes. **All parishioners are invited to support Teresa!**



Dear parishioners,

The FINAL opportunity to attend in-service training for Readers at the Cathedral and Sacred Heart has been scheduled. Thank you to all who are currently contributing to the ministry of reading the Sacred Scriptures at Masses in the parish. We have a vision for this ministry to be a truly excellent proclamation of the Word of God. If you have not yet attended a session, three more training opportunities will be made available:

Sunday 6th Oct at 9:30am at Sacred Heart Church—gather at front on lectern side (after 8:30am Mass); **Sunday 6th Oct at 7:10pm at the Cathedral**—left transept (after 6pm Mass); **Sunday 13th Oct at 11:45am at Cathedral**—on the 2nd Floor of the Cathedral Centre (after 10:30am Mass). Each session will be identical and will run for no more than 45 minutes. You may choose to attend any session that suits you. N.B. The training is compulsory,

even for expert readers who have the capacity to demonstrate the various aspects of good proclamation. If you wish to continue in this ministry, you need to attend one of these sessions if you have not already done so. **We thank you for your continued commitment to this beautiful ministry and hope you enjoy this opportunity to share God's word with our faith-filled community.**



Attention Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Fr Shammi requests that all EMOCs should follow these guidelines as a refresher in carrying out this ministry effectively.

At the end of distribution, the special minister should reverently consume what consecrated wine remains in the chalice. Taking the purifier, this should be made into a pad, and the particles of the consecrated hosts remaining on the paten should be carefully brushed into the chalice. A small amount of water is then poured into the chalice, making sure that all particles are dissolved. The particles are then consumed.



The chalice is then wiped out firmly inside the bowl, and around the rim. The purifier may then be placed in the chalice or folded lengthwise, and draped over the chalice.

UTAS Catholic Student Society (UTAS CSS)

Any university students or young adults who would like to become a member of the University of Tasmania Catholic Student Society (South Campus) or would like to send any suggestions are welcome to contact or message the newly elected executive members of CSS: Lukas Paska (0402319578), Dennis (0415737408), Tom Bearman (0439833801), and Suwani Samaratunga (0450364669).

St John Paul II Family Festival – Sunday, October 20

The Life, Marriage & Family Office - Archdiocese of Hobart, would like to invite people of any age to attend the St John Paul II Family Festival that is being held on Sunday October 20, from 12-4pm at St Therese of Lisieux Church, 24 Hopkins Street, Moonah. The event will celebrate the Feast of St John Paul II and will involve food, a mini-concert, a film, talks for parents, children’s activities and prayer. Register at www.eventbrite.com.au & search ‘St John Paul II Family Festival’ or call Ben Smith on 6208 6036 by Wednesday October 16.



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An exciting opportunity is now available for a Parish Secretary to join the Cathedral parish on a permanent part time basis working 25 hours per week. The position of Parish Secretary is responsible for supporting the Parish Administrator to ensure the smooth operation of the parish and the Cathedral office.



Please visit www.hobart.catholic.org.au/jobs for information on how to apply, including the position description and selection criteria. Applications close 5pm Friday 11 October 2019.

Archbishop Porteous will lead a Public Rosary outside the Cathedral on the 12th of October. Please join us as we ask for God’s blessings upon our country and our families, make reparation for blasphemy, and offer a public witness of our Faith. The Public Rosary is part of a Rosary chain that is taking place at venues throughout Australia and internationally on the same date. Last year around 30,000 groups in 60 countries took part! Date: 12th October, Time: 2pm Venue: Cathedral lawns



The relics of St Therese of Lisieux will visit Tasmania early next year as part of an Australia-wide tour organised by Catholic Mission.

Her relics will be joined by those of her parents, Sts Zelig and Louis Martin who, in 2015, became the first married couple to be canonised together. The announcement, which was made by Catholic Mission today, coincides with the beginning of the Extraordinary Missionary Month. St Therese is one of the patron saints of mission. The Tasmanian visit will be a return trip for St Therese, a French Carmelite nun and a Doctor of the Church who entered religious life at age 15 and died of tuberculosis at 24. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, was published after her death and has become a spiritual classic. St Therese’s relics last visited the Australia in 2002. During that tour, an estimated 400,000 people turned out to venerate her relics nationally. The Martin family’s relics will arrive in Australia on February 1 and depart on May 10, travelling to 17 dioceses over the four-month Australian tour. *In Tasmania over two days, April 16 and 17, the relics will visit the Carmelite monastery in Launceston, St Mary’s Cathedral in Hobart, and St Therese’s Church in Moonah.* Tasmania’s Director of Catholic Mission Deacon Michael Hangan hopes that the presence of three saints from the one family will serve to inspire and strengthen families. “I’m hoping that families are inspired by them. I’m quite sure that they would then pray for families as well.” Deacon Hangan will accompany the relics from Melbourne, and throughout their time in Tasmania. It won’t be the first time Deacon Hangan has encountered the Martin family. “I went to Madrid World Youth Day [in 2011] and we happened by chance to be sitting in a park and then St Therese’s relics arrived. “And I was also in Rome when her parents were canonised, again by chance,” he said. “I’m really looking forward to just having that time to spend myself with the relics, and with these three saints.”

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

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Ministries you may be interested in: (please circle)

greeters, lectors, choir members, musicians, childrens’ liturgy, youth ministry, cleaners, setting up for morning teas, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, book stall attendant after Mass, office help, handyman work, gardening, organising special events/fundraising.



Moral Progress and Regression By Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI
 Christianity and the cross (which lies at its centre) can be compared to a time-released moral-capsule that is dissolving slowly in history. We can trace, historically, some of the more salient moments in this process: It took us, the Christian world, eighteen hundred years to accept, unequivocally, that slavery is wrong, but eventually we learned it. We kept reading scripture long enough. It took us two thousand years, and the last pope, John Paul II, to accept that capital punishment is wrong, but, like slavery, eventually too we learned that. We kept reading scripture long enough. And it has taken us two thousand years and we are still, slowly, learning and accepting more and more of the implications of the gospel in terms of social justice, equality for all, and respect for the integrity of creation.

The good news is that we are, slowly, getting it and it is no accident that, for instance, Holland, the most secularized culture in the world, takes care of its poor better than any other country in the world, has perhaps the highest status for women in the world, and is a culture of high tolerance. These are major moral achievements inside of a culture that is at the same time regressing morally in terms of its acceptance of abortion, euthanasia, prostitution, pornography, and drugs. Moreover, its moral achievements have come about not because Holland or secular culture has stopped reading scripture. What's best morally inside of secular culture issues forth mostly from its Judeo-Christian roots. Liberalism's reluctance to admit that stems more from an adolescent grandiosity than from any honest reading of history, akin to a seventeen-year-old who sees only her parents' faults and is unable to acknowledge that the very moral guns she now has trained on her parents were given to her by those same parents. What all this highlights is that our moral judgments may not be simple: The past we sometimes idealize, for all its moral strengths (its faith in God, in church, in family, in sacrifice, in self-renunciation, in sexual responsibility) was, because of racism, sexism, and dogmatic intolerance, less of a golden age for some than for others. We once too had our "Taliban" that declared that error had no rights and killed people in the name of God and of purity of doctrine. Conversely, today, our secularized liberal culture, for all its heightened moral sensitivity within the areas of race, gender, justice, tolerance, and the integrity of creation, has its own glaring moral blind-spots in the areas of abortion, end of life issues, church, family values, and sexuality. And so, no doubt, we need, all of us, to keep on reading scripture.



Term 3 Sunday morning classes in "Inspiring Faith" Catechesis for children aged 8–11 years have now ended. There will be a **new intake in term 4** from 20 October to 8 December at the Cathedral Parish Centre (Level 1) 9:45 – 10:15am. Children learn about the mysteries of our Catholic faith in an enjoyable way. During the sessions, they will also discover how following the example of Christ develops in them a moral conscience and a sense of community in God's family. Classes are conducted by parents, some of whom are also teachers. This is a great opportunity for your child to go deeper into the Catholic faith! The sessions are **FUN and FREE**. Register new children by Sunday 13th October with Jo MacFarlane 0407 876 913 or macfarlane3jo@gmail.com

Parish children are invited to participate in the following way:

- Children 0 – 4 stay with parents
- Children 5 – 7 Children's Liturgy during Mass
- Children 8 – 11 Catechesis before Mass (as above)



Now that spring has well and truly sprung (!) any flowers from your gardens are welcome for our Cathedral altar display. Please simply let the office know by Thursday morning if you are dropping some off and if we could have them on a Friday morning prior to 10am it would be wonderful. **With thanks!**

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to Prayer and Supper

Monday 7th October 2019 7.00 pm at the Josephite Mission and History Centre 67 Clare Street New Town for the 130th Anniversary of the Death of Fr Julian Edmund Tenison Woods RSVP: 6228 1628 Please join us!



FORMED HAS BEEN UPDATED!

(Note : you may find that Chrome is a better browser to view Formed)



Because of its phenomenal growth, formed.org has moved to a new technology platform. Now over 4,000 titles of award-winning Catholic content, children's programming, audio talks, e-books and more, are available on almost any internet-connected device (PC's, tablets, smart phones and smart TV's etc.) The new platform was produced after consultation and feedback from the users (now over 900,000) across 5,000 parish communities. The new platform has improved performance and an enhanced search tool. It allows offline playback and you no longer have to remember a password because access is now simply through your e-mail address. **For existing subscribers just Visit formed.org then click 'Sign In' and enter your email address. You will be sent an e-mail and when you click on the link in the email you're in! No more passwords!** You can stay signed in even when you close your browser or your device is off. When you go back to formed.org just click on 'sign in' and you can start watching again. As long as you don't sign out, the content will remain available to you. If you do sign out, then to get back in just go to formed.org again and click 'sign in' and an e-mail will be sent to you and click – you're back in. **For parishioners wanting to join our FORMED group account the process has become even easier than it was.**

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From Our Anniversary Book Richard Darcey, John O'Loughlin, Robyn Foale, Thomas Ward, Lucia Di Ienno, Vittorio di Felice, Nicolina Pignalosa, Umberto Genovesi, Nicoletta & Pasquale Giancane, Peggy Steele, Florence Harrington, Sr. Barbara Hateley, MSS, Jessica Stubbs, Vera O'Halloran, Lilian Johnston, Richard Carter, Frances Roach, Sr. Mary Cook, LCM, Maurice Mulcahy, Catherine Young, Ethel Brait, Paul Nicolaas-Ponder, Eva Letec, Gretta Anderson, Alan Lansdell, Edward Hanlon, Thelma Bratt, Hilary Sweeney, Maxwell Williams, Elly Riggs, Benedetto Maccallini, Alice Corby, Lawrence (Larry) Wilson, Nabiha Abraham
May they rest in peace.



As mentioned last week, it is with sadness that I announce that Liz Horne, our Office Manager, has decided to relocate home to Queensland in order for her boys, Isaac and Mitchell, to complete their schooling for 11/12. Liz leaves us sometime in December after what will be nearly 7 years to establish her own business in the social media marketing industry and for her boys to expand their own small business and mix with some established groups for like-minded teens. We will miss Liz's happy demeanour, faith-filled presence and 'calm under pressure' approach to her busy role, as well as her IT skills and proactivity. We will be recruiting for her role in the near future as she has been kind enough to give us a lot of notice in order to train someone as well as possible prior to her departure. Liz's exact departure date is dependent on the sale/settlement of her house but we'll give you some notice closer to the time to drop by and wish her farewell. With thanks.
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St Paul's Church Bridgewater will hold a Marian Festival on Sunday 12th October as follows:

3pm : Adoration, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy/Rosary
 4pm : Worship songs/testimonies
 6pm : Veneration of Blessed Virgin Mary/Healing Prayer
 7pm : Holy Mass and candlelight procession

There will be a banquet to be shared after the procession. Please bring your own statue of Mary.



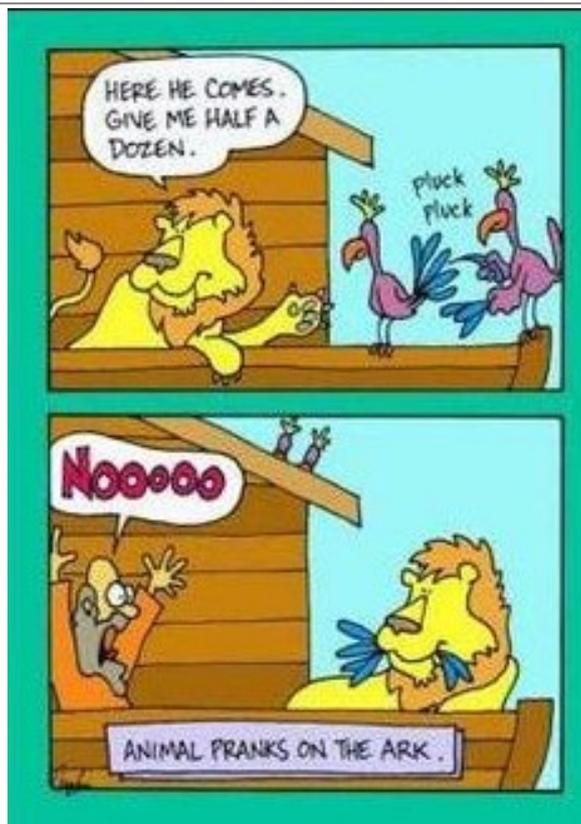
Inspired by the famous Spanish El Camino of St James, this two day pilgrim walk will take you through the scenic and peaceful Huon Valley to a celebration at the Spanish mission styled Church of St James, nestled in the heart of Cygnet.



Through fellowship, reflection, rejoicing and ritual you will find an opportunity to reconnect with the spiritual dimensions of your life. **Pilgrimage Details**
 The pilgrimage commences on Saturday 11th January 2020 at 10.30am from the Mountain River Community Hall and finishes on Sunday 12th January 2020 at approx. 5pm at St James Church, Cygnet in the midst of the wonderful Cygnet Folk Festival. **Information from www.waytostjames.com.au**

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; **Sun 9.45-10.15am** : Children's Catechesis (8-11yrs in school terms)



5/6	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6.00pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
Greeter		TBA	Maria Respondek	TBA
Lector	Eva Dunn Geoff Burrill Elizabeth Longo	Sr Monica Shelverton, Andrew Pinelli	Sr Monica Shelverton Mauro Saracino	Andrew Hutchinson Margot Suber
EMOC	Tony Longo, Marg Fox	TBA	Michael Midson, Angela Ritar, Maria Saracino	TBA