



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

Tasmanian Catholic Youth Festival

will bring a host of international and local speakers and performers to Tasmania for what is sure to be two days full of joy and celebration. The festival will include: plenary sessions, workshops, live music, discussion, expo stalls, prayer opportunities, night rallies, social justice initiatives, food/drink, and plenty more. **The TCYF will be held on Wednesday 16 May (Launceston) and Thursday 17 May (Hobart).** The event will consist of a day session (9:30am-4:30pm) followed by a night rally (4:30pm-8pm) on both days. Youth from high school years 8-12 are invited to attend both the day and night sessions whilst young adults under the age of 30 are invited to attend the night rallies. Registration for the event is FREE for all attendees. **More information on the event, schedule, speakers/performers and registration can be found at the website below:**

<https://hobart.catholic.org.au/content/tasmanian-catholic-youth-festival-1>

We are also searching for volunteers to help out during the festival so if you would like to assist in any way, please email youth@aohtas.org.au If you could please forward this email to your youth/young adult contacts, that would be greatly appreciated. **Thank you and I look forward to seeing many of you at the festival!**

Tomasz Juszczak, Director | Office of Youth Evangelisation, Archdiocese of Hobart, 62086038, youth@aohtas.org.au

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

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Readings: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Next Week's Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Five years ago I made a trip with some of my friends in Melbourne to the Barossa Valley in South Australia. It was a pleasant experience as I had quite an education on wine: from the point of growing the vine to the point of bottling wine. Being there, for the first time I realised the intricacies of the allegory of the vine and the branches in John chapter 15. Let us look at the allegory found in the gospel. The vine is equated with Christ, the vinedresser with the Father, and the branches with the disciples.

A vinedresser is an agriculturalist and his job involves four-fold duties: The vinedresser is the chief agricultural architect of the vineyards. So he plans the plot of land and tills the ground and manures the land with the correct fertiliser. Vinedressers must also closely monitor vineyards to ensure each is receiving the correct amount of water and irrigation during the growing season. Pruning is an essential task as it removes dead, diseased or stunted branches and fruits to make room for new growth, ultimately leading to a healthy and productive vine. The pruning process begins very shortly after planting, usually within a few weeks. The vinedresser must have knowledge of the type of pests common to the region as well as the type of pests attracted to the particular grape species. Accordingly, he treats them to protect the harvest.

You become what you receive. You become what you hear and listen to and what touches your heart. Branches receive nourishment and sustenance from



the vine stem, who is Christ. What the vine stem offers the branches are decided by the vinedresser. So there is this intimately interwoven and interconnected flow. The type of manure, amount of water, pest control measures and careful but caring pruning by the vinedresser decide the quality of the grape harvest, and so the quality of the wine. When we have this agricultural bigger picture, our Lord's words make perfect sense. He doesn't tell us that "You can do little without me," but: "You can do nothing."

We think that to bear fruit in life, we need to be perfect and we need to be good. We think that to be in the Lord's presence I should be squeaky clean. No, it is a myth. We can't be perfect, we can't be good. Our experience tells us that. (Thomas Merton [Cistercian monk]: false self and true self) In fact each time when we think like that we indirectly tell ourselves with a subtle sense of pride that I am the vine, not a branch. I am not the vine, I am a branch. My task is not to be perfect; but to remain in Christ, and to let him do good within me and through me. The manuring, watering and pruning that we receive are from the Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharist. So once we receive that sustenance, let them shape the inner chambers of my soul so that I may produce fruit of Christ in plenty.

Fr. Shammi Perera



Mass will be celebrated for the Arabic Community at 10.30am on Saturday 12th May in the Cathedral. All parishioners are welcome!



Paul, Apostle of Christ brings to vivid life on screen the epic story of Paul, the man who went from persecutor of the church to its most powerful and important proponent. Paul suffers alone in a Roman prison, awaiting his execution under Emperor Nero. Mauritianus, the ambitious prison prefect, can hardly see what threat this broken man poses. Once he was Saul of Tarsus, the high-ranking and brutal killer of Christians. Now his faith rattles Rome. At great risk, Luke the Physician visits the aged Paul to comfort and tend to him-and to question, to transcribe and to smuggle out Paul's letters to the growing community of believers. Amid Nero's inhuman persecution, these men and women will spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and change the world.

This film in Australia is rated M: Mature themes and violence. Starring Jim Caviezel (from The Passion of Christ) as St Luke and Olivier Martinez as St Paul. To view the trailer and for more information about the film click here. **When:** Thursday 10th and Friday 18th May, 7pm each night (arrived by 6.30pm to be seated)

Where: Village Cinemas, Eastlands, Rosny Park Cost: \$16 per ticket (pay in advance on Eventbrite) **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**



The annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament for the Feast of The Body & Blood of Christ.

Archbishop Julian Porteous continues a centuries-old Corpus Christi tradition in June, as he leads the annual Walk with Christ procession through Hobart. This event is open to Catholics of all ages, and it revives a rich Catholic tradition of public faith demonstration through procession and festival.

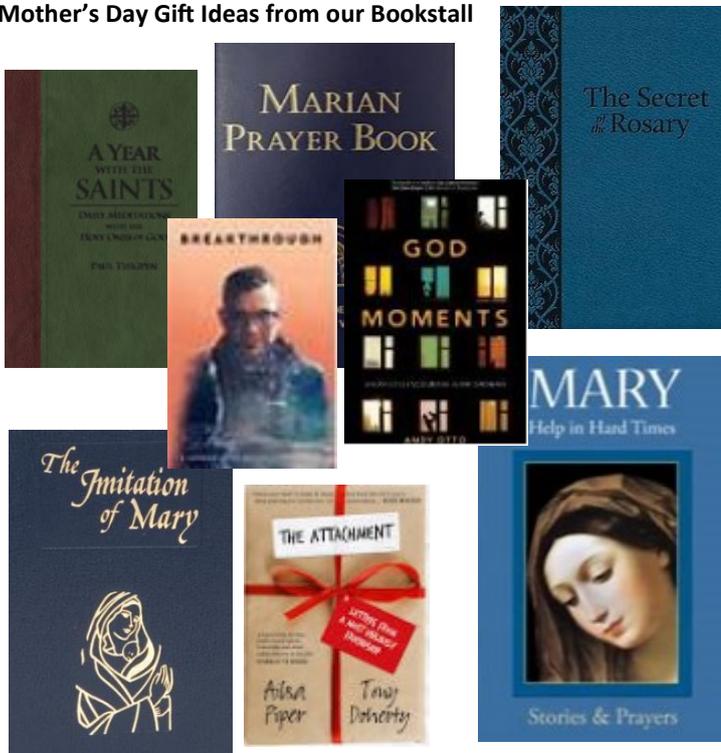
The procession begins at St Joseph's Church (65 Harrington Street) at 1.15pm on Sunday 3 June. Continuing along Harrington Street, the procession arrives at St Mary's Cathedral for Benediction at 3.00pm. Participants who are unable to walk in the procession are invited to come to St Mary's Cathedral at 2.00pm to take part in the Adoration and concluding Benediction.

Long-term car parking near the Cathedral is available at the Hobart City Council's Carpark in Melville Street. The carpark closes at 4.30pm. For more details contact Deacon Nick MacFarlane on 0418 242 010.

We encourage you to invite your family and friends to join with us and witness the presence of Christ in Hobart. Watch the promotional video. Go to YouTube and search 'Walk with Christ Hobart 2018'



Mother's Day Gift Ideas from our Bookstall



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.**

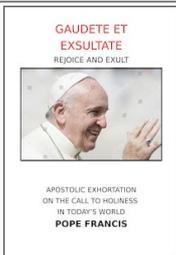


Dear Sacred Heart parishioners,

Immaculate Heart Church closed its doors in 2005 and many of those parishioners elected to attend Mass at Sacred Heart. The practice of Morning Tea after Mass was very strong at Immaculate Heart, and it was noticeable that this practice did not exist at Sacred Heart, so five ladies decided to continue morning tea in the Sacred heart Parish Centre. These ladies have been providing Morning Tea for nearly thirteen years. Three ladies have said that they are finding it harder to carry out this duty, so it is timely to ask for some younger volunteers to take their place. Please give Margaret Fox a call on 62283715 and she will be happy to explain how you can assist. **With thanks.**



The Catholic Women's League Craft Shop is packed with lovingly handmade affordable goods, including knitting and smocked clothing and shawls, socks, gloves, scarves, toys, bags, handmade cards and much more. Proceeds enable the CWL to donate to several charities. Mathers Place, 108 Bathurst St, M-F 10am-3pm. Info via 6234 1513.



Please place your name on the clipboard at the back of both Churches or contact the office if you would like to order a copy of **Pope Francis' new Apostolic Exhortation : Rejoice and Exult**. They are \$11 and will be available early May for collection. **Due to shipping costs I will be placing one combined order on Monday 30th April**. Thanks, Liz.

URGENT Dear parishioners, Many of our kind volunteers will find their **Working With Vulnerable People/Children** registrations are expiring around this time. Please reapply and advise me of your new registration number or email or drop off a copy of your new card when it arrives please. Just a reminder that if you previously held one you must by law have your new card to cover you in your volunteering capacity. Please contact Liz in the Cathedral office with any questions.



With thanks.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage! Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. 2018 Melbourne weekend dates : 1-3 June, 17-19 August, and 9-11 November 2018 Starts 7pm on Friday. ds 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: PH: Andre and Maria 0411 225 992 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website:www.wwme.org.au

How do I know what real love is? Fr Ron Folheiser OMI

Real love is always a coming home, it's not a place we deserve or earn, it's coming to a place where you sense others will love you without necessarily being impressed with you. Thus, real love is always experienced as a security, a safe place, home, a safe harbor which we sail into. It's a place of rest. For this reason, it is experienced as a place from which you don't want to, or need to, go home. Conversely, infatuation and other kinds of bonding that can feel like real love, are places of insecurity, of deep restlessness, places which "don't have to take us," places which we have to earn, places where we have to perform and impress, and places from which, ultimately, we go home.

The criterion to use when choosing someone for marriage, or even for intimate friendship, is the sense of coming home. Love is home. Ultimately, if we cannot really be of one heart and mind with someone, however interesting and exciting that person might be, then that other will become just part of our world and we will grow apart and go our separate ways, that is, to our separate homes.

Given the complexities of the human heart, we can be obsessed with someone, painfully and hopelessly even, and yet in that relationship, not be at our right place in the universe. In the end, our completeness, real love, home, lies elsewhere. But the heart needs to be scrutinized carefully before it will tell us that.

Our true rest lies, namely, at that place where we don't have to impress or perform, or earn or win, where we feel safe and secure, and where we are at home.

HOME IS NOT
A PLACE
IT'S
a feeling

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.



You are invited to a MEN'S BREAKFAST Come and hear Ben Smith* discuss "Fathers – Made to be More Than Just Breadwinners" at St Francis Xavier Hall, corner Anglesea and Adelaide Sts, South Hobart (underneath St Francis Xavier's Church, parking off Anglesea St) at 8am on Sat 19th May. Come and enjoy some singing, inspiration, fellowship, and breakfast. Main activities will be over by 9:30 am. A small donation will help to defray costs. Please bring a friend. To assist catering, RSVP: Duncan MacFarlane 0400 095 807 Or Martin Stone 6223 8132



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



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.

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From Our Anniversary Book Amelia Shelverton, Linden Lowe, John Rose, Ernest Boughton, Barry Fisher, Lila Robertson, Molly McKeown, John O’Kane, Ethel Boon, Lesley Mulcahy, Maria Lindo, Guiseppe Mione, Florence Cook, Beatrice Jarrett, Michael Donnelly, Lloyd Abeyasinghe, John Langdon, Helen Fletcher, Holly Reeve, Michaela Bryson, Veronica Midgley, Ivan Mikan, Fr. Denis Quinn, Claude Fleming, Teresa Pocock, Patrice Williams, Barbara Harradine, Annie Baker, Noreen O’Loughlin, Albenzio Taglieri

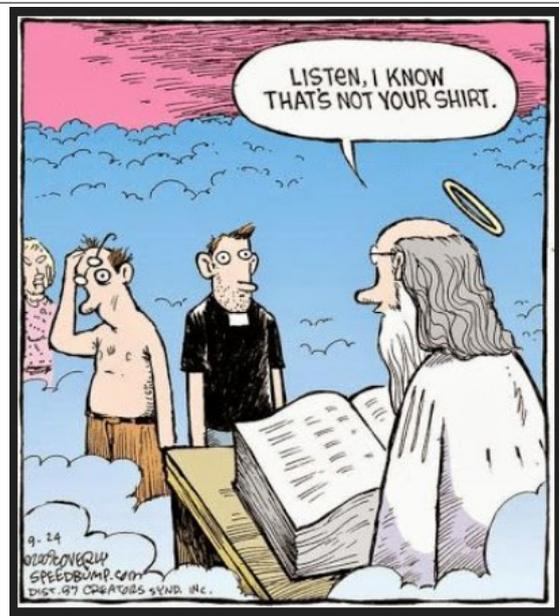


May they rest in peace.

Upcoming Events at Maryknoll May 2018 - A series of talks by Fr Chris Hope May 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th 10-12 noon "Peter and the Others" Four talks on the disciples and followers of Jesus. All Welcome. For further information, please contact Sr Margaret Henderson RSM on 0418 366 923. Maryknoll Retreat and Conference Centre 15 Home Avenue Blackmans Bay



John Fox from Sacred Heart Church was recently presented with two framed portraits as a sincere thank for his 62 years of altar serving in our parish. Fr Denis Allen concelebrated with Fr Shammi and Fr Emmanuel and joined in for a special morning tea following.



Church bloopers...

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar. The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and may be seen in the church basement Friday.

Reminder : please return your Project Compassion boxes. **Our collection to date is \$4022.75.**



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!



28/29	SHC : 8.30am Sun	SMC : 6.00pm Sat	SMC : 10.30am Sun	SMC : 6pm Sun
Greeter		TBA	Romilda Amorosa	TBA
Lector	Fred Tojino Amchana Charko Merin Charko	Colleen Stanford, Andrew Pinelli	Isaac Harradine, David Harradine	Andrew Hutchinson, Lachlan Hutchinson
EMOC		Norm Andrews, Andrew Pinelli	Michael Midson, Suzanne Santiago, Anna Reussien (TBA prior Mass)	TBA