



Mersey Leven Catholic Parish

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Archdiocesan Website: www.hobart.catholic.org.au for news, information and details of other Parishes.

OUR PARISH LIFE:

Baptism: Arrangements are made by contacting Parish Office. Parents attend a Baptismal Preparation Session.

Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist: Are received following a Family-centred, Parish-based, School-supported Preparation Program.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: prepares adults for reception into the Catholic community.

Marriage: arrangements are made by contacting one of our priests - couples attend a Pre-marriage Program

Anointing of the Sick: please contact one of our priests

Reconciliation: Ulverstone - Fridays (10am - 10:30am), Devonport - Saturday (4:15pm- 4.45pm)

Prayer Groups:

Charismatic Renewal: Mondays 6pm Ulverstone Community Room

Legion of Mary: Wednesdays 11am Ulverstone Community Room

MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses 14th – 18th August

Monday:	12noon	Devonport	St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and martyr
Tuesday	9:30am	Penguin	The ASSUMPTION of the
	9:30am	Ulverstone	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
	12noon & 6:00pm	Devonport	
Wednesday	9:30am	Latrobe	
	12noon	Devonport	
Thursday:	12noon	Devonport	
Friday:	9:30am	Ulverstone	
	12noon	Devonport	

Weekend Masses 19th – 20th August

Saturday Vigil:	5:00pm	Penguin
	5:00pm	Devonport
Sunday Mass:	8:00am	Port Sorell
	9:00am	Ulverstone
	9:30am	Devonport
	11:30am	Sheffield
	5:00pm	Latrobe

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Rosary: 12:30pm Devonport (Monday-Friday)

Eucharistic Adoration:

10am - 12 noon Devonport (Fridays)

Benediction with Adoration:

10am Devonport (First Friday of each month)

Saturday Mass:

9:30am Ulverstone

(First Saturday of each month)

Centering Prayer:

Wednesdays 7 pm (on-line)

For more information contact

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Christian Life Program: Empowering the

Family Fridays 6pm – 8pm

Community Room, Ulverstone.

Contact Tony Portugal 0424 636 315

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For the sick:

Pat Mallis, Virginia Dicen, Judy Redgrove, Wendy McMullen, Fay King, Margaret Mackey, Tony Jeffries, Damian Griffin, Bill Gadd, Glenys Lee-Archer, Bro. Vinco, Paddy MacKinnon, Gary Munro, Joy Dean, Regina Lockett, Merv Tuxworth, Steven Snooks, Josie Bailey, Gill Cotterill, Bevan McCullagh, Rohan Evans, Fr Terry Yard, Robert Eden, Terese Masserot, Jean Cotterill, Kathy Aldred, Terry McMullen, Rosalinda Grimes, and Sister Margaret Chandler.

For those who have died recently:

Marie Knight

For those whose anniversary occurs about this time: 12th – 18th August

Athol Wright, Gertrude Koerner, Patricia Elliott, Kenneth Rowe, David Covington, Patrick Tunchun, Mary Hoye, Anthony Hyde, Mark Jones, Tom Hyland, Trevor Hudson, Rita & Cyril Speers, Darlene Haigh, Gaylene Jeffries, Muriel Xavier Lionel Rosvear, Leslie Coad, Andrew McLennan, Joyce Carter, Beverley Graham, Allen Cruse, Mary Christina Watson and Jasiu Solecki.





We are grateful for your presence here today. We hope that you will have a wonderful and uplifting time with us. God bless you all.

If you know someone who is sick or house-bound and needs visitation,

please inform our Parish office. One of our Priests or a member of the **Care and Concern** group will be able to visit him/her and offer prayer support. Please contact [6424 2783](tel:64242783) or email merseyleven@aohtas.org.au

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For **Ricky Youd** and **Allan McIntyre** who are celebrating their birthdays this week, *God bless you both and may you be granted good health, happiness and joy for the year ahead!*



Snippets from recent Parish Pastoral Council

1. **Sam Clear, the Director of Youth Evangelisation for the Archdiocese of Hobart** has generously extended his service to start a youth group in our parish with assistance from Catholic schools across the parish. Sam is a parishioner who has moved into his new home in Mount Roland. Sam will be ably supported by **Samuel Excell** and **Myles Hall** who are part of the 24:7 youth ministries. Further discussions to be held with **Stuart Ralph**, Principal of St. Brendan- Shaw college, **Sophie Lansley** (REC) and **Gerry Peters** in realising this dream project.
 2. Invitations to be sent out to Principals of Catholic schools in our parish to a Parish Pastoral council meeting in October to discuss strategies and ways to bolstering already growing relationship between schools and the parish. This include encouraging staff, students and families to attend Sunday worship. Appreciating the leadership and other staff of the schools for taking great pride in their own faith journey and becoming a witness in the community.
- ✚ Painting jobs at Latrobe is finally completed. Weekday Mass on Wednesdays will resume from this week onwards. We thank **Ray Scott** and his crew from **"Painting On Time"** for their dedicated work in painting three of our buildings. We have received many positive comments from our parishioners for their job.

Special Masses for the Solemnity of Assumption

Please note following **Mass times for the solemnity of assumption on Tuesday 15 August:**

Penguin: 9:30am
Ulverstone: 9:30am
Devonport: 12noon and 6 pm

As you know it is a holiday of obligation. Let us seek our Blessed mother's intercession for our families, country, church and the world.

Pray for Vocations

Over the last week, the Church in Australia has celebrated National Vocation Awareness week. This is a week set aside to share how important vocations are to the life of the Church.

We pray for those whom God is calling to serve him in many ways including the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, married life and single life that they will hear the call from God and respond with courage and generosity of heart.

Just because the week of Vocation Awareness is ending doesn't mean we don't continue to pray for Vocations. To help with this, please take home one of the prayer cards from the back of the Church.

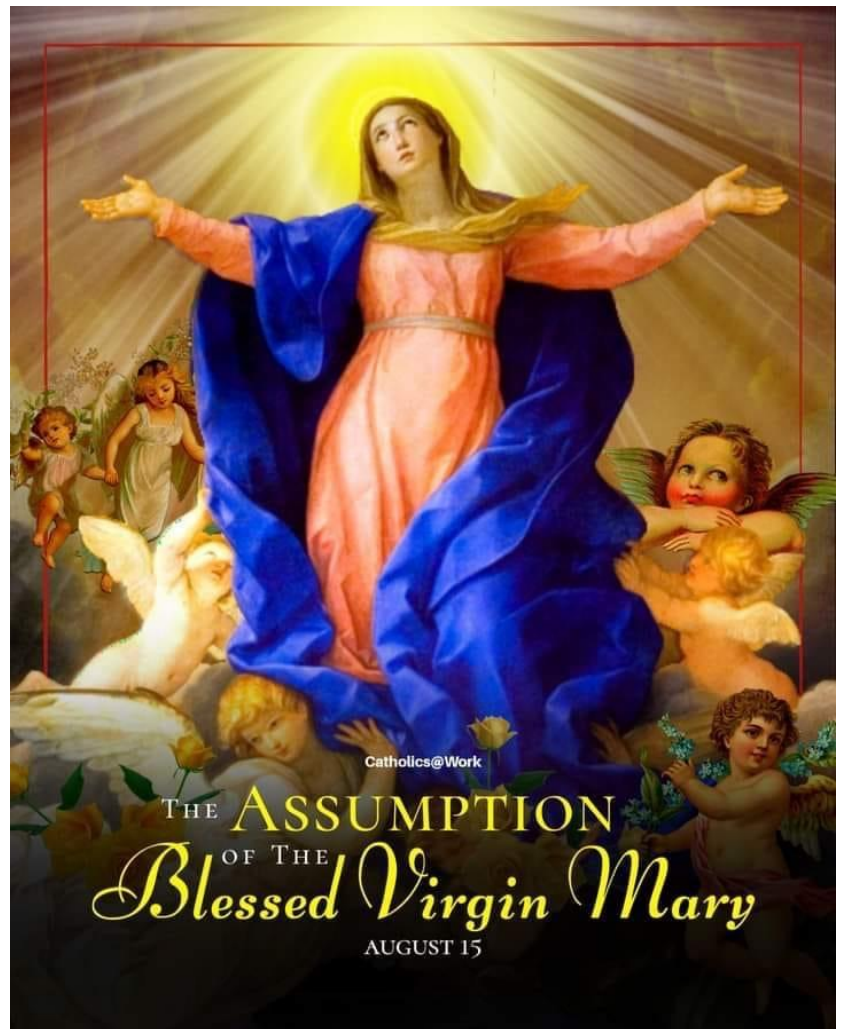
Aid to the Church in Need

is raising money this month to support **Sisters in Paraguay**. These Sisters not only care for the young people in Paraguay but they also support the families, visit the sick and the elderly, bring Holy Communion to those in need, give catechetical instruction and support disadvantaged with practical help and advice. To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject.

MOTHER MARY:

According to Sacred Scripture, Mary is present at almost every major event in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ:

- Jesus' conception (Luke 1:31)
- Jesus' development in the womb (Luke 1:43)
- Jesus' birth (Luke 2:7)
- Offering Jesus to God (Luke 2:22)
- Jesus' early childhood (Luke 2:22-38)
- Jesus' confirmation at age 12 (Luke 2:49)
- The beginning of Jesus' public ministry and the first of His miracles, which she prompted. (Wedding at Cana John 2:3)
- Jesus' death on Calvary (John 19:26)
- The birth of the Church at the Pentecost



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Anne Osdieck)

First Reading

1. Some of us have to find a "great wind," "earthquake," or "fire" in our lives before we look for God. But do you ever take time to listen for the "tiny whispering sound"? If you created a quiet time in your life each day could you do this?
2. Discuss all the traces of God in your life, or the ways God can/does speak to you. When is it easiest to hear? When in your life is it the hardest? At the end of the day do you ask yourself when you saw these traces?

Second Reading

1. Paul is in "great sorrow and constant anguish" because some of his own people have not accepted the fact that the Messiah has come. Is this because he wishes the best for them and would even sacrifice himself to help them? What do you do when your loved ones reject some beliefs that are important to you?

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-23

According to Pope Francis, how is the Church today like the boat full of disciples in the storm? [Here] is an effective image of the Church: a boat which must brave the storms and sometimes seems on the point of capsizing. What saves her is not the skill and courage of her crew members, but faith which allows her to walk, even in the dark, amid hardships. Faith gives us the certainty of Jesus' presence always beside us, of his hand which grasps us to pull us back from danger. We are all on this boat, and we feel secure here despite our limitations and our weaknesses.

Some employees bought their boss a gift for his birthday. Before opening the gift, the boss shook it slightly, and noticed that it was wet in the corner. Touching his finger to the wet spot and tasting it, he asked, "A bottle of wine?" His employees replied, "No." Again, he touched his finger to the box and tasted the liquid. "A bottle of scotch?" His employees replied again, "No." Finally the boss asked, "I give up. What is it?" His workers responded, "A puppy."



Sunday 13th August, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading *1 Kings 19:9.11-13* **A reading from the first book of the Kings**

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8*

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *(R.)*
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. *(R.)*
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. *(R.)*

Second Reading *Romans 9:1-5* **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation *Psalm 129:5* **Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!**

Gospel *Matthew 14:22-33* **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'