



Mersey Leven Catholic Parish

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Sacramental 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 27th November—1st December

Monday:	12noon	Devonport
Tuesday:	9:30am	Penguin
	12noon	Devonport
Wednesday	9:30am	Latrobe
	12noon	Devonport
Thursday:	12noon	Devonport
Friday:	9:30am	Ulverstone
	12noon	Devonport

Weekend Masses 2nd – 3rd December

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

John Lee-Archer 0419 523 867

Email: john.learcher@gmail.com

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:

Linden Bramich, Louise Henderson (sister of Fr John Girdauskas), Cora Fawkner, Jane Munro, Sue Ryan, Christine Ward, Terry McMullen, Donald Griffin, Gloria Noel, Willow Bonde, Jacqueline Stephens, Gary Munro, Robert Eden, Marie Pergande, Lorraine McEwan, Judy Redgrove, Wendy McMullen, Damian Griffin, Glenys Lee-Archer, Steven Snooks, Paddy MacKinnon, Regina Lockett, Josie Bailey, Rohan Evans, Terese Masserot, Jean Cotterill, Kathy Aldred and Rosalinda Grimes.

For those who have died recently:

Patricia Edwards, Gill Cotterill, Sister Margaret Chandler and Daniel Smith

For those whose anniversary occurs about this time: 25th November - 1st December

Mary Ursula Coventry, Harry Wilson, Joseph Thi, Rita Pompili, Gwen Thorp, Bernadette Maguire, Muriel Peterson, James Lowry, Stanley Hennessy, Jill De Pietro, Peter Williams, Allan Morley, Cyril Knaggs, Margaret Delaney, Arthur Cooke, Terence Murphy, Noreen Johnson, Cecilia Rootes, Iris Nickols and Errol Nothrop.



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 [64242783](tel:64242783) or email merseyleven@aohtas.org.au

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

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.

BAPTISM

Mersey Leven Catholic Parish

would like to welcome and congratulate

Elodie Marie Reeves

and

Amarlia Jean Ruth Roles

who are receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. May this sacred day bring many blessings and much happiness to both of you and your families.



Unchanged Saturday Vigil Mass time at Penguin and Devonport

The Mass times at Penguin and Devonport on Saturday are now permanently set to **5 pm**

ADVENT 2023



Theme: ***"Unto us a child is born. He shall be called Prince of Peace"***

Session 1: December 7 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Session 2: December 14 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Venue: Parish House Devonport

Bookings: **Clare Kiely Hoye: 0418 100 402**

Sacred Heart Volunteer Rosters

It will soon be time for the volunteer rosters for Sacred Heart Church to be drawn up again. If you would like to join any of the rosters, you will be welcomed with open arms.

All newcomers receive lots of help, and your commitment is approximately every 3 months, so not too demanding.

If you would like to participate, you need to leave the roster, or you're not available for some dates, please contact **Jo Rodgers** on **0439 0644 93**.

Participating as a volunteer is a great way to feel part of our Sacred Heart community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

For **Jarrood Phillips** and **Fine Fifita**
who are
celebrating their birthdays this week,



**God bless you and may you be granted good health, happiness
and joy for the year ahead!**

Sacred Heart Christmas Party

Share the spirit of Christmas with some entertainment from our parishioners and a lovely afternoon tea.



Venue: Community Room, Sacred Heart Church, Ulverstone

Date: **Tuesday 5th December 2023 1.45pm**

RSVP by 3rd December to:

Debbie Rimmelzwaan 0419 142 374

St Mary's Penguin SSS Night! 2-12-23

St. Mary's will be having their famous **Sausages, Salads and Sweets night on Saturday the 2nd of December after 5pm Mass**. Everyone is very welcome!

There is a whiteboard in the foyer of the church to record what salad or sweets you might bring so we don't all bring the same items.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS 2024

Are now available for \$10 at the Piety Shop in Devonport and at the foyer of other mass centres.



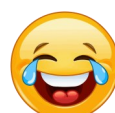
MERSEY LEVEN CATHOLIC PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve 24th December

Devonport:	4pm	Children's Mass
	6pm	Family Mass
	12am	Midnight Mass
Ulverstone:	5pm	Children's Mass
Penguin:	7pm	

Christmas Day 25th December

Port Sorell	-	8am
Ulverstone	-	9am
Devonport	-	9:30am
Sheffield	-	11am
Latrobe	-	11am



Person: "Sorry to bother you, but what's the quickest way to get to the hospital?"
Stranger: "Oh, just go stand in the middle of the road."

TEN FACTS ABOUT ADVENT

PART II

6. The Eastern Churches began celebrating Advent in the eighth century as a time of strict fasting and abstinence—a practice still common Eastern Orthodoxy. This practice also reflects the season’s similarity to Lent. Incidentally, red is the most common liturgical color for Advent in the Eastern churches.
7. Pope St. Gregory VII (1073-85) apparently reduced the number of Sundays in Advent from five to four—the current practice.
8. The third Sunday of Advent is technically called Gaudete Sunday and it is marked by rose vestments (don’t ask your priest why he’s wearing “pink”!) and hangings. Gaudete means rejoice because the third Sunday marks the over-half-way-point of Advent. This usage corresponds to the rose vestments used on Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent (also the over-half-way-point of Lent).
9. The Advent wreath, found in many Catholic homes, is a rather modern invention. It derives to a 19th century German custom, apparently Lutheran in origin. The practice was soon adopted by Bavarian Catholics and spread all over the world.
10. The liturgical season of Advent anticipates Second Advent (Coming) of Christ while also remembering the First Advent (Coming) of Christ at Christmas. Thus, the season generally celebrates the activity of God in history in and through our Lord Jesus Christ. Advent is the parenthesis in which falls all of Christian history.

Last Advent, in response to a request from the Bishops Conference, a collection was taken up for the people of Ukraine. The money raised in Australia was used to provide food packages for families. This time of year is winter in Ukraine. It is still the case that many families are in real need of support.

Any little help from us will be a lending hand to those people in their struggles. If you are in a position to assist the people of Ukraine, be greatly appreciated. And only if you are able to please do mention Ukraine on the envelope or use the following bank details if you want a direct money transfer. Thank you kindly for your generosity. (**Archbishop Julian Porteous DD**):

Archdiocese of Hobart (reference Ukraine Advent Appeal) Account Name—Catholic Development Fund
BSB—067-000
Account No. 10320689



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The King of the Universe

Anne Osdieck

First Reading

[Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17](#)

1. “As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep.” If an evangelizing community gets involved in people’s daily lives, embracing their sufferings, will they, in a way, take on the “smell of the sheep”? Will that make it easier for the sheep to hear the evangelizer’s voice?

Second Reading

[1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28](#)

1. “For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.” Name some signs of “death or serious illness” that you see in the world, or the environment? What can you do to restore life? How can you help Christ accomplish the task of destroying death?

Gospel

[Matthew 25:31-46](#)

1. This king is the almighty and glorious God who comes to heal, seek out and bind up. Why did he come into the world in solidarity with the poor, wear thorns for his crown and have a cross for his throne? Can you relate on a personal level to a very rich, brilliant leader? How about to a poor and suffering one?

2. In this Gospel Jesus has a “double identity” He is the king-shepherd who also identifies himself with the lost sheep, the most needy of this brothers and sisters. What does he ask us to do? Is our final judgement based on our love?

And he thus indicates the criterion of the judgement: it will be made on the basis of concrete love given or denied to these persons, because he himself, the judge, is present in each one of them ...

The judgement will be on love, ... we will be judged on works, on compassion that becomes nearness and kind help. Do I draw near to Jesus present in the persons of the sick, the poor, the suffering, the imprisoned, of those who hunger and thirst for justice? Do I draw near to Jesus present there? This is the question for today.

Sunday 26th November, 2023

Thirty-fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1*

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. **(R.)**
2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation *Mark 11:9-10*

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! **Alleluia!**

Gospel *Matthew 25:31-46*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 27th November - *Luke 21:1-4*
Tuesday 28th November - *Luke 21:5-11*
Wednesday 29th November - *Luke 21:12-19*
Thursday 30th November - *St Andrew, apostle*
Mt 4:18-22
Friday 1st December - *Lk 21:29-33*
Saturday 2nd December - *Luke 21:34-36*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 63:16-17 64:1,3-8 1 Cor 1:3-9
Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mk 13:33-37

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God