



Mersey Leven Catholic Parish

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Parish Website: www.merseylevenatholicparish.com

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 11th – 15th September

Monday:	12noon	Devonport
Tuesday:	9:30am	Penguin
	12noon	Devonport
Wednesday:	no mass	Latrobe
	no mass	Devonport
Thursday:	no mass	Devonport
Friday:	9:30am	Ulverstone
	12noon	Devonport

Weekend Masses 16th—17th September

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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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:

Gloria Noel, Pat Mallis, Judy Redgrove, Wendy McMullen, Fay King, Margaret Mackey, Tony Jeffries, Damian Griffin, Bill Gadd, Glenys Lee-Archer, Bro. Vinco, Paddy MacKinnon, Gary Munro, 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:

Geoff O'Brien (Brother of Semone Riley), Kath Davern and Ross Williams

For those whose anniversary occurs about this time: 9th – 15th September

Roma Magee, Fabrizio Domenico Zolati, Cameron McLaren, Russel Foster, Fr. Tom Bresnehan, Joan Williams, Jim Lowry, Rodney O'Rourke, Anna Leary, Purisima Bandola, Catherine & Cyril Carroll, Alex & Ken Lohrey, David Windridge, Silvano Paladin, John Kopplemann, Fausta Farrow, Marie Trevena, John Hill, Jan Deeka, Cyril Scattergood, Cyril Smith, Sybil O'Connor, John Stanford Hall and all friends, family & benefactors of Marshall, Speers, Hawes, Pilkinston, Sutton, Staley, Willis & Dyer Families.





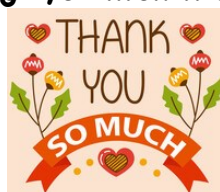
We are grateful for your presence here today.
We hope that you will have a wonderful and uplifting time with us.
God bless you all.

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

Many thanks to all parishioners for their offerings for Month of August which were:

Tap and Go	\$ 1030.00
Planned Giving	2493.00
Envelopes	6689.80
Loose	4349.05
Total	<u>\$14561.85</u>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

For **Tom Knaap, Val McCarthy, Pietro Piccolo** and **Glenys Lee-Archer** who are celebrating their birthdays this week, *God bless you all and may you be granted good health, happiness and joy for the year ahead!*



No Weekday Mass on Wednesday and Thursday

We are attending the **Pastoral Conference** on Wednesday and an **Ordination** on Thursday evening in Hobart. **Bro. John Joseph Martin LEB** will be ordained to the priesthood on Thursday 14 September at 6 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral Hobart. Please keep Bro. John in your prayers that he will be a humble servant in His vineyard.

Fitness Fundraiser

Right now, vulnerable children are being sold and abused. Without someone to protect them, there is no way out of this nightmare. I'm fundraising to help rescue children from sexual exploitation and human trafficking and to help them stay free. Your donation will help to rescue a child today.

From **Wednesday 6th September**, I am (**Fr Steven**) going to do my best to lose as much weight as I can. There will be updates, weekly weigh-ins and I promise you will get to see me humiliate myself a little.

For more information please have a look at my fundraising page: <https://fundraise-for-destiny-rescue.raisely.com/steven-smith>

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE BOOKS:

November is the month we remember in a special way all those who have died. Should you wish anyone to be remembered, write the names of those to be prayed for on the outside of an envelope and place the clearly marked envelope in the collection basket at Mass or add the names to the sheets provided in the foyer at each Mass centre by **Friday 6th October**.

Fr. Martin Aye Ngwe from Riverside Parish

Fr. Martin Aye Ngwe from Riverside parish for whom we have been praying, is now given an all clearance from his doctors to return to full ministry.

Let us thank the Lord for His mercy and healing and helping this young priest to overcome this health issue.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIEST FUND APPEAL:

-was established to ensure that all diocesan priests incardinated into the Archdiocese of Hobart would receive adequate accommodation, health care and support needed in their retirement, or should they become ill.

Please support our diocesan priests through the Sick and Retired Priest Fund Appeal. Envelopes are available at the foyer of our mass centres or you can securely donate online at hobart.catholic.org.au

Thank you to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School

A big thank you to **Carol Seagar**, the Principal and **Stewart Farr**, the Deputy Principal of Our Lady of Lourdes School for leading the celebration of Eucharist last Saturday. So many parishioners have commented about how elegant it was conducted. It was an absolute feast and treat for everyone attended. Some parishioners had tears of joy in their eyes as they walked out. There was nothing less than forty students singing in the Choir and five students doing the readings.

Thank you for organising this Mass, for all efforts and preparations that went into to make this a memorable day for students, staff, families and parishioners. A mother was so moved that she enquired about the process of becoming a Catholic for her and her two children.



Parish—School—Vinnies Community Garden

In one of our Parish Pastoral Council meetings, the concept of a community garden was discussed. An initiative by the Parish to make a **potato garden**, where the harvest can be distributed by the Vinnies volunteers for anyone in need. A second-hand rotary hoe was purchased, work is in progress and the presbytery ground is getting ready for this Community Garden. **Carol Seagar**, the Principal of Our Lady of Lourdes and **Stuart Ralph** from St. Brendan Shaw are very supportive of this initiative and promised to send group of students to help out in the gardening.

Any parishioners, teachers and parents are more than welcome to come and join us with your gardening skills. This initiative is to enable our young people to see the needs of local communities more closely and dearly. Encouraging love for the nature and the soil will be an obvious bonus.

This is an opportunity to join hands with the volunteers of St. Vincent De Paul Society in their works of charity.

Thank you to Stuart Ralph and Carol Seagar for helping the parish and Vinnies to realise this dream.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Anne Osdieck)

First Reading *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

1. Does God still send watchmen or women or prophets to address injustice in the world today? Who are they? Are they always successful and do they live long, happy lives?
2. Do we have a shared responsibility for others and the world? Are you a “watchperson” in some way? What strikes you as unjust as you watch? Can you think of new ways of bringing justice and divine love into the lives of those people you love? Into your workplace? Into other places in your life?

Second Reading *Romans 13:8-10*

1. What commandment sums up all the rest? What is it that fulfils the whole law?

Gospel *Matthew 18:15-20*

1. Can you rely on God to grant your request in some way when you and another person agree to pray about something? Do you trust that promise?
2. Do you always remember that “if two or three of you agree on earth about anything for which they (you) are to pray, it shall be granted to them (you)”? Pope Francis sent out the following message in March to a virtual audience following on Vatican News Media.

In these days of trial, as humanity trembles at the threat of the [coronavirus] pandemic, I would propose that all Christians join their voices together to heaven.



A science teacher tells his class, "Oxygen is a must for breathing and life. It was discovered in 1773." A blonde student responds, "Thank God I was born after 1773! Otherwise I would have died without it."

Sunday 10th September, 2023

Twenty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death.

If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8*

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading *Romans 13:8-10*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations.

All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation *2 Corinthians 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 18:15-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between you two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER
IN MY NAME, THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM.
✠ Matthew 18:20 (KJV)



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Monday 11th September - Luke 6: 6-11
Tuesday 12th September - Luke 6: 12-19
Wednesday 13th September - St. John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
Luke 6: 20-26
Thursday 14th September - The Exaltation of The Holy Cross
Jn 3: 13-17
Friday 15th September - Our Lady of Sorrows
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday 16th September - St Cornelius, pope, martyr and
Cyprian bishop, martyr
Luke 6: 43-49

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27-30 - 28:7 Romans 14: 7-9

Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12 Matthew 18:21-35