

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.

Rife 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 13th – 17th November

Monday: 12noon Devonport Tuesday: No Mass Devonport Wednesday No Mass Latrobe No Mass Devonport Thursday: No Mass Devonport Friday: No Mass Ulverstone

No Mass Weekend Masses 18th - 19th November

Penguin Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm 5:00pm Devonport

Port Sorell **Sunday Mass:** 8:00am 9:00am Ulverstone

> 9:30am Devonport Sheffield 11:30am 5:00pm Latrobe

Devonport

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.leearcher@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:

Fr Terry Yard, Susan Ryan, Terry McMullen, Donald Griffin, Jacqueline Stephens, Marie Pergande, Gloria Noel Willow Bonde, Lorraine McEwan, Tony Jeffries, Judy Redgrove, Wendy McMullen, Damian Griffin, Glenys Lee-Archer, Gary Munro, Paddy MacKinnon, Regina Lockett, Steven Snooks, Josie Bailey, Gill Cotterill, Rohan Evans, Robert Eden, Terese Masserot, Jean Cotterill, Kathy Aldred, Rosalinda Grimes.



For those who have died recently:

Sister Margaret Chandler, Kevin Douglas, Mavis Lunson, Marianne Horvat and Daniel Smith

For those whose anniversary occurs about this time: 11th - 17th November

Finbarr Kennedy, Ronald Garnsey, James William Monaghan, James McLagan, Margaret Kenney, Catherine Fraser, James Malcolm Monaghan, Olive Purton, Terrence Smith, Freda Morgan, Joe Stolp, Margaret Clarke, Sr. Mechtilde Dillon SSJ, Terry Matthews, Denis McCormack and Helen Sutton.

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 or email merseyleven@aohtas.org.au



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

Ollie Samuel Chynoweth

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

Annual Clergy Retreat/No weekday masses

The annual Clergy Retreat is to be held at the Emmanuel Centre from **Monday 13 November to Friday 17 November**. It will commence with the evening meal at 6pm on Monday and conclude with lunch on Friday.

Hence, we will not have our usual weekday Masses from Tuesday to Friday this week.

<u>Unchanged Saturday Vigil Mass time at</u> Penguin and Devonport

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

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.

SCHOOL ZONE



<u>Kindergarten 2024 Enrolments</u> <u>Sacred Heart</u>

Sacred Heart Catholic School is having two Kindergarten classes in 2024. If you have a child turning 5 next year or know of a family in the Parish who may, please have them contact the school office by calling in or phoning **6425 2680**. Health Care cards discounts apply and fee assistance is available. Some vacancies exist in other classes.

Sacred Heart Fun Run

One of our youngest parishioners, Sophia from Sacred Heart Church/Sacred Heart primary school is participating in a fun run to help raise money for her school's new play equipment. If you would like to donate please visit https://app.schoolfundraising.com.au/fundraising/sophia-ce54dcdf-1ba1-4bb1-a7e7-84b098ec2bef

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR JAISON!!!

!!!We wish Fr Jaison a Happy Birthday this week!!!

May God warm your heart and grant peace upon you, not only on your birthday but for every single day of your life.



Snippets from Finance Committee Meeting

- Handrail at Sacred Heart Church To go ahead to design and fit this handrail on the Sanctuary.
- Mackillop Hill Hall Ben Pangas is meeting with the Finance Committee at Hall to review progress and discuss further developments.
- Penguin property now being rented and under the management of Centacare Evolve.
- Penguin Church Front door needs maintenance and will cost us a fortune. Thanks to David Stubbs who managed to fix it with minimum fuss. He will also organise cleaning and polishing of Foundation Stone.
- <u>Sacred Heart Presbytery</u> One Agency have provided a Maintenance Report for the property that needs to be attended to. Quote for the driveway has been accepted and work will commence soon.
- <u>Bingo at OLOL</u> Tony Ryan advised that Bingo is very well attended and returning well for the Parish. The Jackpot has reached \$2k and will "go off" next week.
- <u>Sacred Heart Community Room Windows</u> The windows at Community Room require professional cleaning. Quotes will be sought soon to look at the work.
- Sheffield Church Carpets require cleaning. Carpet cleaners have been approached and the job will be completed soon.
- Quarterly Finance Report will be available to the parishioners soon.
- <u>Fr Steven's Charity Health Challenge</u> Fr Steven advised that he has lost 13.5kgs and raised \$5016.00. The Challenge has finished, but he hopes to continue the healthy lifestyle. Donations can still be made but Fr Steven would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers and selfless

<u>Requiem Mass for</u> <u>Sr. Margaret Chandler</u>

Funeral Mass for Sr. Margaret Chandler was celebrated at Sacred Heart Church Newtown on Wednesday 8th November.

Twelve priests were in attendance along with many parishioners from across the North West. It was a beautiful celebration of sister Margaret's life and we hope she will pray for all of us - the pilgrim people.





Kid's Corner (and for those young at heart)

Across

4: there wasn't e $_$ $_$ h oil for all of the lamps

6: this many girls went to meet the groom

7: a bride's husband-to-be

9: the liquid that was needed for the lamps

10: you do this when you get tired

11: to purchase

Down

1: when people get married they have one of these

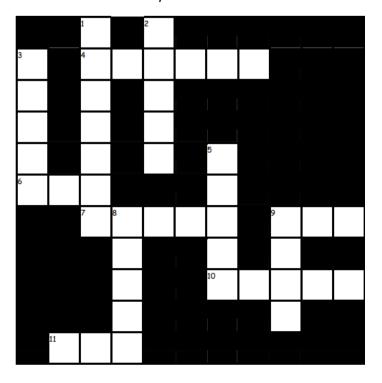
2: these were closed when the foolish girls returned

3: the time when the sky is dark

5: the ten girls used these to see in the dark

8: prepared

9: to enter a room first you must do this to the door





Discussion Questions

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Anne Osdieck

First Reading - Wis 6:12-16:

- 1. In this reading people are looking for Wisdom at the same time that Wisdom is searching for them. What does your "wanting wisdom" do for your "receiving wisdom"? Explain the following line from this reading. "...Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate."
- 2. How is wisdom different from knowledge? Does either one enable you to see beyond the surface of things into their depths? Where do you think wisdom is most needed in your life? Can you think of any part of life on earth that does not need some wise knowledge?

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Is there anything you would do differently if you thought your own "end time" was soon to come?

Gospel-Matthew 25:1-13

- 1. Jesus' parable is about being watchful and well prepared. What kinds of things would you do to make sure you were one of those "who were ready"? Have compassion on the sick? On the homeless? the planet? Victims of prejudice? When you watch for God in your life do you sometimes "doze off"?
- 2. What is the "oil of charity" that Pope Francis refers to in his Angelus discussion of the parable of the ten virgins?
- tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, ... We must live today, but a today that goes towards tomorrow, towards that encounter, a present full of hope. ... The Lord will be able to come even while we are sleeping: this will not worry us, because we have the reserve of oil accumulated through our daily good works, accumulated with that expectation of the Lord, that he may come as soon as possible and that he may come to take us with him.

Sunday 12th November, 2023

Thirty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2 (R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

- 1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
- 2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary. to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
- 3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
- 4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 24:42. 44 **Alleluia, alleluia!** Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

lesus told this parable to his disciples: The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 13th November - Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday 14th November - Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday 15th November - Luke 17:11-19

Thursday 16th November - Luke 17:20-25

Friday 17th November - St Elizabeth of Hungary,

religious - Luke 17:26-37

Saturday 18th November - Luke 18:1-8

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prov 31:10-13 1 Thess 5:1-6 Ps 127:1-5 Mt 25:14-30

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God