



# Mersey Leven Catholic Parish

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**Archdiocesan Website:** [www.hobart.catholic.org.au](http://www.hobart.catholic.org.au) for news, information and details of other Parishes.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> October

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 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> October

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

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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:**

Kevin Clarke, Donald Griffin, Jacqueline Stephens, Marie Pergande, Willow Bonde, Lorraine McEwan, Tony Jeffries, Gloria Noel, Bro. Vinco, Judy Redgrove, Wendy McMullen, Damian Griffin, Glenys Lee-Archer, Paddy MacKinnon, Gary Munro, Regina Lockett, Merv Tuxworth, Steven Snooks, Josie Bailey, Gill Cotterill, 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:**

Pamela Porteous, David McEwan, Bill Gadd, Bevan McCullagh

### **For those whose anniversary occurs about this time: 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Peter McCormick, James Graham, Shirley Stafford, Dorothy Green, Muriel Xavier, Valda Burford, Wayne Radford, Winifred Byrne, Russell Doodt, Bruce Beard, Freda Jackson, Vonda Bryan, Frances Roberts, Peter Horniblow, Fay Bugg, Kathleen Kelly, Fr. Chris Toms and all friends, family & benefactors of Marshall, Speers, Hawes, Pilkington, 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.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY !**

Noreen Christenson,  
who is celebrating her  
birthday this week,



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

### **Welcome back Staff and Students**

We welcome our staff and students back to school this week. We hope and pray that this short break has enabled them to be refreshed and nourished.

Let us keep the grade 12 students in our prayers as they are preparing for their final exams. May the Holy Spirit guide them with wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

### **All Souls' Day**

An invitation to a memorial Mass is sent to families who lost their loved ones in the last 12 months. There will be a special Mass of remembrance, celebrated at 6pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Ulverstone and Devonport

*It would be lovely if your family and friends could join with parishioners at either church to remember and celebrate your loved one.*

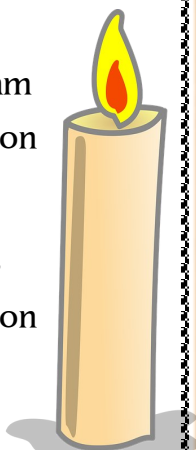
### **All Saints & All Souls' Masses**

#### **1st Nov—All Saints**

Latrobe: 9:30am  
Devonport: 12 Noon  
Ulverstone: 7pm

#### **2nd Nov—All Souls**

Devonport: 12 Noon  
Devonport: 6pm  
Ulverstone: 6pm



**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](mailto:merseyleven@aohtas.org.au)

### **Rest in Peace Pamela Porteous**

Our condolence and prayers to Archbishop Julian Porteous as he grieves the loss of his mother Pamela Porteous. We pray that the merciful Lord will reward Pamela with eternal life and grant consolation to her family members at this time of their loss.

### **Fitness Fundraiser**

Quick update on Fr Steven's Fundraise.  
The response has been incredible and so far we have raised \$3,705 and I have lost 12.3kgs, starting at 134.5 and now sitting at 122.2kg.

For more information, please visit:

<https://fundraise-for-destiny-rescue.raisely.com/steven-smith>

### **Advent Books**

This year for advent, "**The Sign**" an Advent & Christmas daily reflection booklet, published by Catholic diocese of **Wollongong** will be available for purchase in the foyer of each church. The cost is \$5 per copy.

If you are planning on running an advent reflection group and would like a large number of copies please contact the office.

### **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 their names on the outside of an envelope and place the clearly marked envelope in the collection basket at Mass.

**We often hear "Life is short...better enjoy it!"**

**How about "Eternity is long...better prepare for it."**

“And I like to say that the Synod is not a parliament, it is something else; that the Synod is not a meeting of friends to resolve some issues of the moment or to give opinions, it is something else. Do not forget, brothers and sisters, that we are not the protagonists of the Synod: it is the Holy Spirit. And if the Spirit who guides us is in our midst, it will be a good Synod.” *Pope Francis—Opening address for the Synod*

### News from the Synod

Sandhurst Bishop Shane Mackinlay was elected by his fellow Synod participants to be on the report writing commission. More information and updates on all that is taking place can be found at <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the Latin original meaning,

“We stand before You, Holy Spirit,”

which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville.



### Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance  
lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together  
to eternal life

and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

## Discussion Questions-28th Sunday of Ordinary Time- Anne Osdieck

### First Reading

[Isaiah 25:6-10](#)

1. How can a feast—juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines— be a sacramental vision of the universe? Does banquet imagery describe well the fullness of life in the presence of God?

### Second Reading

[Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20](#)

1. Will the Lord ever test you beyond your capacity? Will he always be with you? When difficulties arise in daily life do you remember Paul's words: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me"?
2. The readings show God bestowing gifts on us without measure. Do you "measure" when you give? How could you be a little freer?

### Gospel

[Matthew 22:1-14](#)

1. Besides answering God's invitation to the feast, what is expected of us? Are we the guests or are we also the ones doing the inviting? How does this banquet not only sustain life but also transfigure it?
2. "Go out therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." Pope Francis speaks of the "existential peripheries of humanity, those places on the margins, those situations where the hopeless remnants of humanity camp out and live." Which of these would you like to see the Church travel in, or yourself travel there and invite people?

Dear Dad, \$chool i\$ great. I'm making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudying hard. I \$imply can't think of anything I need, \$o ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you.  
Love, Your \$on.



Dear Son, I kNOw astroNOmy, ecoNOmics and oceaNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOr student busy. Do NOt forget that the pursuit of kNOWledge is a NOble task, and you can never study eNOugh.  
Love, Dad



Sunday 15th October, 2023

## Twenty-eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

### **First Reading** *Isaiah 25:6-10*

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

**The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tear from every cheek.**

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 22. R. v.6 (R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **(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.)**

**Gospel Acclamation** *See Ephesians 1:17-18*

**Alleluia, alleluia!** May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

### **Second Reading** *Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20*

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians +**

**I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.**

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty.

There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel** *Matthew 22:1-14 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

**Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'



### **GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Monday 16th October - Luke 11: 29-32

Tuesday 17th October - St Ignatius of Antioch  
Luke 11: 37-41

Wednesday 18th October - St Luke, evangelist  
Luke 10: 1-9

Thursday 19th October - Luke 11: 47-54

Friday 20th October - Luke 12: 1-7

Saturday 21st October - Luke 12: 8-12

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalm 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

1 Thess 1:1-5

Matthew 22: 15-21

**Pray and Reflect on the Word of God**