



Mersey Leven Catholic Parish

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Parish Website: www.merseylevencatholicparish.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 18th – 22nd September

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 23rd – 24th 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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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, Judy Redgrove, Wendy McMullen, 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:

Pat Mallis, Fay King and Geoff O'Brien (Brother of Semone Riley).

For those whose anniversary occurs about this time: 16th – 22nd September

Molly Page, Melba Beryl Robertson, Dorothy Crawford, Leonard Payne, Patrick Laird, Margaret Scanlan, Joan Lee, Iris Bird, Joyce Berry, Arokiasamy Xavier, June Lee Augenblick, Shirley Ranson, Aubrey Sheridan, Donald Philp, Stanley Henderson, Jack Cocoran, Peg McKenna, Mely Pybus, Joan McCarthy, Warren Carpenter, Marie Stewart, Olive Rundle, Uleen Castles, 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

For **John Howard, Terry McMullen, John Lee-Archer and Ella Martin** 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!*



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>

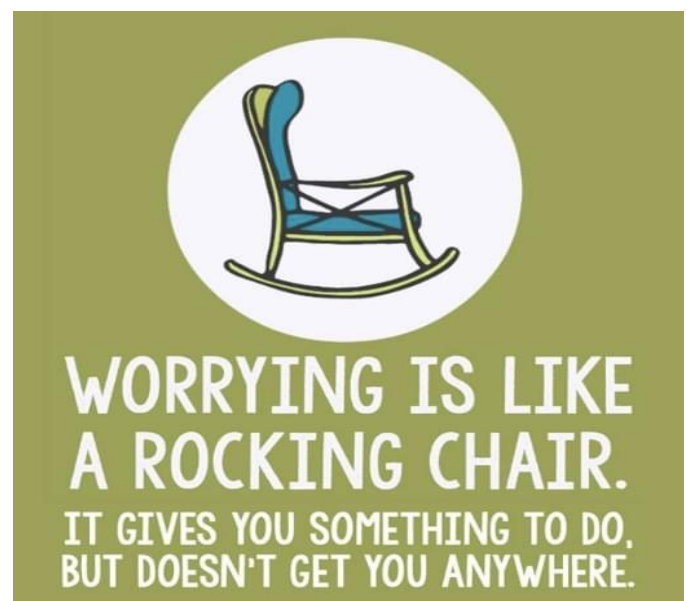
NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE BOOKS:

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**.

6 Day Silent Retreat: Invited to Enter

– a time to be still, to rest and reset, to gently contemplate the “**I AM...**” statements spoken by Jesus about Himself. This retreat offers daily input sessions and spiritual direction (if desired).

Facilitated by **Maureen O'Halloran** and **Belinda Chapman**. **15th – 21st October at Emmanuel Centre Launceston**, all-inclusive cost is \$800. Bookings and information, contact Maureen 0400 038 095 (or mfohalloran@bigpond.com)



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 parishioner, teacher and parent 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.

Welcome new parishioners

We welcome **Emily and Vinny Fatos Qorri**, who are new to Ulverstone community. They own **Lux Beauty Bar**, 23 at Reibey St., Ulverstone. Every one is more than welcome to visit them at their beauty bar for a touch up.

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.



Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow internet to see who they really are.

Sunday 17th September, 2023

Twenty-fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading *Sirach 27:30 – 28:7*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8*

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults **(R.)**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Romans 14:7-9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation *John 13:34*

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 18:21-35* **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 18th September - Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday 19th September - Luke 7: 11-17

Wednesday 20th September - Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest,
martyr, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs
Luke 7: 31-35

Thursday 21st September - Matthew 9: 9-13

Friday 22nd September - Luke 8: 1-3

Saturday 23rd September - St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest
Luke 8: 4-15

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55: 6-9

Psalms 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Matthew 20: 1-16

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God