



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 (5:15pm- 5.45pm)

Prayer Groups:

Charismatic Renewal: Mondays 6pm Ulverstone Community Room

Legion of Mary: Wednesdays 11am Ulverstone Community Room

MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses 19th - 23rd June

Monday:	12noon Devonport	
Tuesday:	9:30am Penguin	
	12noon Devonport	
Wednesday:	- no mass - Latrobe	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious
	12noon Devonport	
Thursday:	12noon Devonport	Sts John Fisher, bishop and Thomas More.
Friday	9:30am Ulverstone	martys
	12noon Devonport	

Weekend Masses 24th - 25th June

Saturday Vigil:	5:00pm	Penguin
	6:00pm	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:

Bro. Vinco, Gary Munro, Josie Bailey, Lianna Brielle, Bevan McCullagh, Ruby Wood, Greg Burrows, Dorota Swiderska, Bill Hancock, Lee Hancock, Gill Cotterill, Kevin Kelly, Maureen Duggan, Rohan Evans, Zoraida Richards, Fr Terry Yard, Robert Eden, Terese Masserot, Daren McHugh, Jean Cotterill, Sister Margaret Chandler, Kathy Aldred, Terry McMullen, Peter Stafford, Florence Dizon and Rosalinda Grimes.



For those who have died recently:

Kathliene Heine, Robert Windebank, Max Mckenna, Renato Sanchez, Sister Ann Condon OP and Baasil Kleynendorst.

For those whose anniversary occurs about this time: 17th - 23rd June

Valmai McIntyre-Baker, Kath Bennett, Geoff Williamson, Joseph Last, Joan Jeffrey, Kevin George, Ruth Lewis, Pauline Croft, John Ellings, Audrey Bound, Moira Rhodes, Geoff Watson, Max Clifford, Therese Lizotte and Lillian Bamjerman.

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.

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 YOUR OFFRINGS FOR MONTH OF MAY

which were:

Envelope Offerings	\$7042.00
Loose Collection	3098.05
Tap and Go	990.00
Direct Giving	2673.00
Total	\$13803.05

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For **Candida Tenaglia** (85th), **Joy Dean** (91st), **Ariane Labrador**, **Damian Griffin**, **Carole Howard** and **Linda Johnson** 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!*



SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON

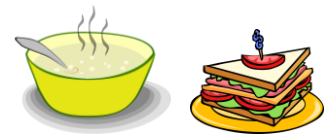
Next **Sunday 25th June 12.00 – 3.00pm** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Hall**.

Please come along and share in home-made soups, sandwiches and slices. The church hall will give a warm, cosy atmosphere that will allow us to mingle with fellow parishioners, families and friends.

Cost: is \$15.00 per person (no charge for children)

We invite you to take this opportunity to help us cope with the forthcoming winter months. RSVPs close this weekend, so be quick and let us know you are coming. For enquiries contact:

Toni Muir 64245296 /mob 0438245 296, Jan Cox 0447080733 Margaret Gerrand 0407877481



Changed MassTime for Saturday Vigil- Penguin

The new Mass time for Saturday Vigil Mass in Penguin is **5pm**.

Greeting cards available

Seasonal greetings cards (birthday and sympathy cards) are available at the foyer of our Mass centres for sale.

Snippets from the recent Finance Committee meeting

- Penguin/Latrobe painting – jobs almost complete in Penguin but have been delayed by bad weather in Latrobe. Penguin has also been delayed by roadworks on site that need to be completed by builder of units.
- OLOL Hall Devonport Dishwasher – should be installed and operating by 22 June.
- Ben Wilson to meet Finance Committee representatives on site (Penguin). Review and confirm our choice of Unit. We will discuss with Ben for follow up on concreting front and driveway (Northern) side of church.
- On behalf of the Mersey Leven Finance Committee, a letter was drafted seeking advice of Chris Ryan, Executive Director, Archdiocese of Hobart, on how to proceed with the future of the Convent building in Latrobe.

At our Committee Meeting on 14 June, 2023, the Committee looked at 4 options for this property considering it's deteriorated condition and the debilitating costs of upkeep or refurbishment just to get the property insured or partially rentable. We will wait for his wisdom and advice on this matter before we proceed further.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:

New sets of Planned Giving Envelopes will be available soon. Contributions to support the work of our parish can be made by weekly envelopes, direct debit from bank accounts on a weekly, fortnightly, quarterly, and half-yearly or annual payments, loose collection and by the “Tap and Go” machine in the church foyer.

If you would like to start a new contribution to the parish planned giving program, please notify the Parish Office 6424:2783 or simply place it on the collection.

Change of Time for Saturday Vigil in Devonport

After discussions with the parishioners in Devonport, we have decided to move the Saturday vigil mass **from 6pm to 5pm**. This change will take effect **from the weekend of 24 June**. Please note that this arrangement is only for the winter months, however long that takes who knows.. 😊

Home Handyman

I have come across a man who is well recommended and is looking for work. His name is **Michael Baldini** and his phone number is **0429594624**. His skills include qualified carpentry, painting, gardening and concreting. It's often difficult to find such a person in today's tight labour market. (Fr Jaison)

SCOTTHAHN REFLECTS

Readings: [Exodus 19:2-6](#); [Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5](#); [Romans 5:6-11](#); [Matthew 9:36-10:8](#);

The words God speaks to Israel in today's First Reading are intended for us as well.

The Church is the fulfillment of God's covenant promises to Israel—a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (see Deuteronomy 26:19; Isaiah 62:12). In the Church, we have been gathered as the new “Israel of God” (see Galatians 6:16). He has made us His own people, the flock He tends, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Moses was Israel's first shepherd (see Exodus 3:1). With the Promised Land in view, he prayed that God would raise up a successor so that God's people would not be left as sheep without a shepherd (see Numbers 27:17). These same words are used in today's Gospel to describe Jesus' pity for the crowds, who are “troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.”

Israel's shepherds—the Pharisees and scribes—had abandoned and misled the people through their hypocrisy and spiritual blindness (see Matthew 23:1-36; Jeremiah 50:6). But God had long before promised that He Himself would come and save His sheep—searching over the whole earth where they had been scattered “for lack of a shepherd” (see Ezekiel 34:1-24). Jesus is the new Moses and new David promised by the prophets, a divine shepherd-king sent to restore God's priestly kingdom (see John 10:11).

As Moses commissioned Joshua as his successor, so we see Jesus today giving the Twelve His powers and authority (see Matthew 9:35; 10:1). In God's plan, they are to seek out the lost sheep of Israel first and then bring all nations into the fold (see Acts 13:46; Romans 1:16).

Together we have been saved and reconciled to God, as we hear in today's Epistle. As He delivered Israel, He has also made us a kingdom of priests in the Church (see Revelation 1:6). So we come in this Mass to serve Him with gladness, to praise His kindness, which endures forever.

CONFUSION & VAGARIES OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE



- ♣ Why do doctors “practice” medicine?
Are they having practice at the cost of the patients?
- ♣ Wonder why the word funeral starts with FUN?
- ♣ Why isn't a Fireman called a Water-man?

Sunday 18th June, 2023

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading *Ex 19:2-6* **A reading from the book of Exodus**

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3* **(R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Rom 5:6-11* **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation *Mk 1:15* **Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!**

Gospel *Mt 9:36 – 10:8* **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'