



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.

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 20th - 24th November

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| Monday: | 12noon | Devonport |
| Tuesday: | No Mass | Penguin |
| | No Mass | Devonport |
| Wednesday | 9:30am | Latrobe |
| | 12noon | Devonport |
| Thursday: | 12noon | Devonport |
| Friday: | 9:30am | Ulverstone |
| | 12noon | Devonport |

Weekend Masses 25th - 26th November

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| 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:

Jane Munro, Sue Ryan, Christine Ward, Fr Terry Yard, Terry McMullen, Donald Griffin, Gloria Noel, Willow Bonde, Jacqueline Stephens, Marie Pergande, Lorraine McEwan, 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 and 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: 18th - 24th November

Karen Farr, Geoffrey Woods, Kieran Hofer, Fay Glover, Edith Collis, Marie Keistovskis, Maisie McLaren, David Cooper, George William Carter, Frank Farruge, Shirley Bellchambers, Ena Carter, Mary Clifford, Joyce Winnifred Doherty, Bernadette Bell, Georgina Colliver, Jim Suckling, Christopher Davey, Mark Davey and Laszlo Kiss.



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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

To **Michael & Barbara (Mike & Barb) Hancock** who recently celebrated their **60th Wedding Anniversary!**



Wish you many more years of love and happiness together!

Happy Diamond Anniversary!

Unchanged Saturday Vigil Mass time at 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



Kindergarten 2024 Enrollments Sacred Heart

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-ce54dcd-f1ba1-4bb1-a7e7-84b098ec2bef>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

For **Trista Abbott and Terry Stuart**
who are
celebrating their birthdays this week,



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

Sacred Heart Christmas Party

Share the spirit of Christmas with some entertainment from our parishioners and a lovely afternoon tea.



Venue: Community Room, Sacred Heart Church, Ulverstone

Date: **Tuesday 5th December 2023 1.45pm**

RSVP by 3rd December to:

Debbie Rimmelzwaan 0419 142 374

Elizabeth Cox 0400 179 297

ADVENT 2023



Theme: ***"Unto us a child is born. He shall be called Prince of Peace"***

Session 1: December 7 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Session 2: December 14 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Venue: Parish House Devonport

Bookings: **Clare Kiely Hoyer: 0418 100 402**

Memorial Mass for Sr. Margaret Chandler

As many of our parishioners and friends of Sister Margaret could not be present for her funeral Mass in Hobart, our parish is offering a Requiem Mass in memory of Sister Margaret on **Saturday 25 November at the vigil Mass in Devonport at 5 pm.**

In fact, Sister Margaret always attended the Saturday vigil Mass. This will be an opportunity for us to come together and pay our respect to sister for all her ministry and service in the Mersey Leven Parish.



THE MEANING OF ADVENT:

PART 1



The word Advent is from the Latin *adventus* for "coming" and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas.

It blends together a penitential spirit, very similar to Lent, a liturgical theme of preparation for the Second and Final Coming of the Lord, called the Parousia, and a joyful theme of getting ready for the Bethlehem event.

Since the 900s Advent has been considered the beginning of the Church year. This does not mean that Advent is the most important time of the year. Easter has always had this honor.

The traditional color of Advent is purple or violet which symbolizes the penitential spirit. Religious traditions associated with Advent express all these themes.

TEN FACTS ABOUT ADVENT

The local radio stations are already playing Christmas music and everyone is already talking about the "Christmas" season—but it's not yet Christmas – this Sunday begins Advent, the season for preparing for Christmas.

So what is Advent and why is it important?

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. It has a quasi penitential theme, and this can be a strong antidote against the consumerism of our nation and time.

I was recently wondering about the origins of Advent and its history. So I did a little research and came up with the Top Ten Things You Need to Know about Advent:

1. The first recorded "preparation for Christmas" is found in the acts of the Synod of Saragossa, Spain in A.D. 380. This synod declared that all baptized Christians should be present in Church from December 17 till December 25. If you do the math, that comes out to the eight days before Christmas—not quite a full Advent season, but it's a start.

2. Saint Caesarius of Arles (502-542) is recorded to have delivered the first recorded homilies on Advent.

3. The Synod of Macon in Gaul (modern day France) in A.D. 581 is our first firm witness of what we might call the season of Advent. It states that the liturgical norms for Lent be kept from November 11 to December 24 (about 40 days). The connection made here between Advent and Lent reflects the reason why the penitential color of purple is common to both Advent and Lent.

4. We also have a copy of a sermon given by Pope Saint Gregory the Great (590-604) for the second Sunday of Advent.

5. In the seventh century, Advent was celebrated in Spain with five Sundays! The Gelasian Sacramentary also gives liturgical propers for the "five Sundays of Advent."

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Discussion Questions

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Anne Osdieck

First Reading

[Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31](#)

Do you know some people like the woman in this reading? How are they "reaching out to the needy and extending their arms to the poor?" Are they feeding the hungry and caring for the sick? Are they working to end wars, fix racial justice and climate change? Are they doing something and not just talking?

Second Reading

[1 Thessalonians 5:1-6](#)

Apparently "the day of the Lord" can overtake you "like a thief at night." Are you always ready? Almost ready? Dozing a little?

Gospel

[Matthew 25:14-30](#)

1. Were the gifts of Puccini, Michelangelo and Van Gogh given to them for themselves alone? Do you think your gifts were given to you for yourself, to keep hidden away where no one can see them?

2. Are you willing to take risks, or are you paralyzed by fear? If you were a leader in the Church, what kind of risks would you take to insure the growth of the faithful? Why does Pope Francis say we were given gifts?

We possess a great wealth that depends not on what we possess but on what we are: the life we have received, the good within us, the indelible beauty God has given us by making us in his image. ... All these things make each of us precious in his eyes, each of us is priceless and unique in history! This is how God looks at us, how God feels towards us. This brings us to the *center* of the parable: the work of the servants, which is *service*. Service is our work too; it makes our talents bear fruit and it gives meaning to our lives. ... **THE MEANING OF ADVENT: The word Advent is from the Latin adventus for "coming" and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas.**

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Sunday 19th November, 2023

Thirty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. ***(R.)***
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. ***(R.)***
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. ***(R.)***

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-15. 19-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 20th November - Luke 18:35 - 43

Tuesday 21st November - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday 22nd November - St Cecilia, virgin, martyr
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday 23rd November - Luke 19:41-44

Friday 24th November - St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and companions, martyrs
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday 25th November - Luke 20:27-40

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the Universe

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6

Mt 25:31-46