



# 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.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August

Monday:	12noon	Devonport	St. Pius X, pope
Tuesday	9:30am	Penguin	The Queenship of the
	12noon	Devonport	Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	9:30am	Latrobe	
	12noon	Devonport	
Thursday:	12noon	Devonport	St. Bartholomew, apostle
Friday:	9:30am	Ulverstone	
	12noon	Devonport	

### Weekend Masses 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August

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, Pat Mallis, Judy Redgrove, Wendy McMullen, Fay King, Margaret Mackey, Tony Jeffries, Damian Griffin, Bill Gadd, Glenys Lee-Archer, Bro. Vinco, Paddy MacKinnon, Gary Munro, Josie Bailey, Regina Lockett, Merv Tuxworth, Steven Snooks, Gill Cotterill, Bevan McCullagh, Rohan Evans, Fr Terry Yard, Robert Eden, Terese Masserot, Jean Cotterill, Kathy Aldred, Terry McMullen, Sister Margaret Chandler and Rosalinda Grimes.

### For those who have died recently:

Joy Dean, Maryanne Lane and Marie Knight

### For those whose anniversary occurs about this time: 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August

Nilda Alojado, Philip Hofmeyer, Colin Hodgson, Nicolaas Knaap, Margaret Sheehan, Nicolle Gillam Barber, Alec Negri, Joyce Barry, Cherylene Elmer, Hedley & Enid Stubbs, Mary Doreen Webb, Muriel Xavier, Fabian Xavier, Joyce Barry, Cheryl Leary, Kathleen Laycock, Rita Groves, Cathy Thuair, Kevin Court, Patricia Anne Smith, Bernard John Hensby, Jean Flight, Vincenzo De Santis, Lyn Chessell, Len Burton, Annette Louise Walker, Clifford Bruce Hughes, Niall McKee, Joseph Hawkes, Natasha Gowans, Helen McLennan and John Doherty.





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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

For **Kay Reilly** and **Rosie Baker** who are celebrating their birthdays this week, *God bless you both and may you be granted good health, happiness and joy for the year ahead!*



**Snippets from recent Finance Committee Meeting**

- Latrobe Convent - Still no feedback from Chris Ryan (AOH) regarding issue of Latrobe Convent and possible transfer/sale/lease?
- Penguin Unit – Have received keys and these will be handed over to One Agency for rental action.
- Latrobe Church – Plumbing issues have been rectified thanks to Stubbs Construction (David Stubbs organised). No charge was made for work performed – again, many thanks to David for organising.
- Sacred Heart Church guttering – Quote was received from Kerry Warren and approved. Work will be carried out in September.
- Tenants in Sacred Heart Presbytery, Ulverstone, have signed a rental extension for another 12 months at same rate. Driveway needs maintenance – probable gravelling or other sealing to prevent bogging and lawn damage.
- Finance Committee Members adjourned to rear of OLOL Church to view Area to be considered for Car Park. There is a real need for additional parking especially during the week when local streets and rear carparks are utilised for school needs. David Stubbs (Stubbs Construction) will inspect site and provide appropriate advice.

**KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

The Order of the Knights of the Southern Cross in Tasmania was established on the 29 August, 1923. The Catholic Laymen's organisation which was supported by Australian Bishops has been a source of fostering Catholic faith and virtue among its members. It has made a significant contribution to Catholic life and its legacy lives on through Southern Cross Care which conducts aged care facilities across Tasmania.

The Knights of the Southern Cross and their families thank the Lord for the faith, courage, generosity and prayers of Tasmanian Catholics who have assisted us in our works. **A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at the 12 pm on Tuesday 29 August** to thank the Lord for the gift of the Knights in our parish both past and present.

**Emerging Women and their Encounters with Jesus - Reflection Day**

*Women of all ages and stages are invited to a day of prayer and reflection. Through Scripture stories of women's encounters with Jesus, discover God's story of life and love emerging through you.*

**Saturday 2nd September, 2023 at Emmanuel Conference and Retreat Centre, 123 Abbott Street, Newstead. 10am - 3pm. Cost \$40.** BYO lunch (morning tea supplied). Facilitated by Belinda Chapman and Maureen O'Halloran. Please book by 29th August by phone (Maureen) 0400 038 095 or email (Belinda) [belindachapman.sd@gmail.com](mailto:belindachapman.sd@gmail.com) or by website using the QR code on the flyer in the church foyer.



I was in my garden when I got the news that my father had fallen from a 20 feet ladder and was in the hospital. I rushed to the hospital expecting that my father had some major fractures, but he was alright except for some minor cuts. When I told him that it was a miracle, he disagreed and told me, "Son, I had just fallen from the first step of the ladder."

### **Rest In Peace Joy Dean**

Joy Dean, a parishioner from Sacred Heart church, passed away peacefully at Karingal surrounded by her loving family. **Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated for Joy at Sacred Heart Church Ulverstone at 11 am on Monday 21 August.** A woman of great faith who endured many challenges in life but shouldered them with great courage and character. We will miss her charming presence in our midst, but may God be gracious and grant her eternal rest. Rest In Peace Joy.

### **Extra page newsletter**

Please see an extra page included in the newsletter which narrates beautiful stories of World Youth Day experience by **Sophie Lansley** and **Natasha Woods**. Both Natasha and Sophie represented our parish for the WYD in Lisbon this month.

### **SICK AND RETIRED PRIEST FUND APPEAL:**

The Sick and Retired Priest Fund was established to ensure that all diocesan priests incardinated into the Archdiocese of Hobart would receive adequate accommodation, health care and support needed in their retirement, or should they become ill.

Retirement expenses are currently met by the Sick and Retired Priest Fund via donations and bequests, and by priests themselves. The Sick and Retired Priest Fund helps to meet the following needs of our diocesan priests:

- A modest monthly allowance
- Nursing home and hostel care for frail priests
- Assistance in transitioning to retirement
- Assistance with out of pocket medical and dental expenses
- Assistance with board and lodging expenses
- Motor vehicle costs.

Please support our diocesan priests through the Sick and Retired Priest Fund Appeal during August. Appeal envelopes will be available or you can securely donate online at [hobart.catholic.org.au](http://hobart.catholic.org.au)

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Anne Osdieck)**

#### **First Reading *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7***

1. "Observe what is right, do what is just." Is Isaiah telling us to look at situations in our lives, discern what is right, and do a just action to change it? Are today's crises—racial, economic and environmental—offering us opportunities to discern and become prophets of change?

#### **Second Reading *Romans 11:13-15, 29-32***

1. "The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." According to this statement of St. Paul, will there ever be a change in God's mind, to stop loving us? "Even if we are faithless he is faithful, because he cannot deny himself" (2 Tim. 2:13). Explain

2. St. Paul says that the Israelites disobeyed yet received mercy; the Gentiles disobeyed and received it too. Mercy is a profound characteristic of God. Trace Jesus' mercy in today's Gospel to the Canaanite woman.

#### **Gospel *Matthew 15:21-28***

1. What is it about her statement, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters" that prompts Jesus to grant her request? Do you think he might have understood his mission from the Father better, during this conversation?

2. What risk did the Canaanite woman take when she cried, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!" Who are the risk takers today? For the environment? For racial justice? For caring for people with the virus? Is anything great gained without risk?

The woman who was sick took a risk when she furtively touched the hem of Jesus' cloak: she risked being ridiculed. But she risked because she wanted to be cured, she wanted to reach Jesus. Remember the Canaanite woman. Women risk more than men do! That's true: they are better at it! We have to admit that.

Do I take risks, or do I follow Jesus according to the rules of my insurance company? ... Do I put my faith in Jesus? Do I entrust my life to Jesus? Am I walking behind Jesus even if sometimes I seem ridiculous? Or am I sitting still, watching what others are doing?

# Sunday 20th August, 2023

## Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

**First Reading** *Isaiah 56:1.6-7* **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

***I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.***

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4 (R.)* ***O God, let all the nations praise you!***

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** *Romans 11:13-15. 29-32* **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

***The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.***

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

**Gospel Acclamation** *Matthew 4:23*

***Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!***

**Gospel** *Matthew 15:21-28* **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

***Woman, you have great faith.***

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.