



# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<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 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</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

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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 Douglas, 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:**

Margaret Reece, Pamela Porteous, David McEwan, Brian O'Sullivan (Brother of Anne Stegmann)

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

Nellie Walsh, Betty Wells, Margaret Williams, Paul McNamara, Denise O'Rourke and Margaret Mary Watson, Hilda Peters, Francis McQueen, Robert Grantham, Carroll Anderson Jedd, Patrick Clarke, Esma Mibus, David Murray, Brenda Wyatt, Bridget Monaghan

## **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)



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 the new Deputy Principal at St. Brendan- Shaw College.**

St. Brendan- Shaw College welcomes the appointment of Debra Bonde as Deputy Principal: Wellbeing and Administration. Debra will take up this appointment on 1 January 2024. Debra, originally from Ulverstone, has most recently been the Director of Students at Thomas Carr College, Melbourne. Debra is a dedicated educator with a depth of experience within Catholic Education in Melbourne and Darwin. We welcome Debra back home and pray and wish her every blessings on this new appointment. Looking forward to working with Debra and forming a relationship with our parish community.

### **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.*

### **Obituary**

Margaret Reece, a long time parishioner passed away peacefully at Tendara Lodge, Nursing Home, Sheffield. Margaret, was known for her kindness and hospitality. Our prayers and condolences to her children, their families and extended families.

Rest in Peace Margaret.

[Funeral date is yet to be confirmed]

### **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



### **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.

### **Congratulations to Sophie Lansley, Director of Faith and Mission.**

Sophie Lansley has been appointed as the Director of Faith and Mission at St. Brendan-Shaw College. Sophie will be responsible for promoting opportunities for spiritual growth and development for all in the school community. Sophie represented her college in the recent World Youth day and is regular at Sunday worship in Devonport. We wish and pray that this new role will enable Sophie to grow in her personal and spiritual life, and both school and parish will benefit immensely from it.

### **Catholic Mission 2023: "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move"**

Inspired by the Pope's message for World Mission Sunday, this year Catholic Mission is raising awareness of the life-giving work of lay and religious missionaries around the world with the theme

"Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move".

Throughout 2023, Catholic Mission aims to encourage everyone to engage in both a physical and spiritual journey, to share the message of love and hope not only through their words, but also through their actions, building up momentum for the celebration of World Mission Month in October.

Envelopes are available at the back of the church for anyone wishing to donate to this noble mission

### **BAPTISM**

#### **Mersey Leven Catholic Parish**

would like to welcome and congratulate  
**Isla Jane Gould**

Who is receiving the  
Sacrament of  
Baptism this weekend.  
May this sacred day bring  
many blessings and much  
happiness to you  
and your family.



### **Update on the Synod**

The **Synod on Synodality** hit a stride this week as delegates not only walked the catacombs but elected a commission to oversee the drafting of a "synthesis report,"

The choice of commission members hinted at the varying sensitivities involved in shaping the document culminating this part of the Synod. For instance, the inclusion of Cardinal Marc Aveline of Marseille and Cardinal Giorgio Marengo of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, in the "synthesis report" commission hinted at a broader geographical and thematic scope which some might see as a nod towards the peripheries.

The task before the synthesis commission involves assiduous listening to the insights from smaller circles — garnering a two-thirds majority vote — and gauging reactions within the general congregation to craft a document resonating with the assembly's sentiments.

### **Congratulations to Angela Cooper on her Sacrament of Confirmation**

Congratulations and God's blessings dear Angela. May this special day of commitment, celebration and joy be remembered for ever. May the Spirit of God always be in your life, so that you have someone to lean on as you grow, learn and become what God has promised you on the day of your Baptism. Special blessings on this special day.

### **Unchanged Saturday Vigil Mass time at Penguin and Devonport**

Many parishioners are happy and suggested to keep the Saturday Vigil Mass time to 5 pm. Therefore we are now permanently keeping 5 pm as our Mass times at Penguin and Devonport on Saturday.

## **Discussion Questions-29th Sunday of Ordinary Time- Anne Osdieck**

### **First Reading**

[Isaiah 45:1,4-60](#)

1. Cyrus was a Gentile, yet he permitted the Israelites to return from captivity in Babylon to their homeland. Which people in the last hundred and fifty years have broken down the walls of prejudice and freed oppressed peoples? Were they all Christian? Do you think God chose them? Has God ever chosen you? If so, were you aware of it?
2. Could God be "grasping the right hand" of scientists "though they know him not" who are trying to find solutions for the global warming crisis, and of activists trying to stop racial injustice?

### **Second Reading**

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

1. St. Paul says, "For our Gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction." What is more important? Thinking about the word or acting on it? Where does the power to act come from?

### **Gospel**

[Matthew 22:15-21](#)

1. Are the Pharisees in this Gospel reading more interested in taxes or in undermining Jesus' influence? Do God's and Caesar's worlds have to be separated? "Can we divorce spiritual obligation from political policies ... or social issues?"
2. Caesar's image is on the coin, so tribute should be paid to Caesar. But Pope Francis asks whose image is in our hearts? How do you contribute according to that image?

**PUPIL** – "Would you punish me for something I didn't do?"

**TEACHER** – "Of course not."

**PUPIL** – "Good, because I haven't done my homework."

**When I was a kid, my parents would always say "Excuse my french" after a swearword. I'll never forget that first day at school when the teacher asked did we know any french.**





**Sunday 22nd October, 2023**

# **Twenty-ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A**

## **First Reading Isaiah 45:1.4-6**

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

***I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.***

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

## **Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7**

*(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.*

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

## **Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

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

***We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.***

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

## **Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15. 16**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.

***Alleluia!***

## **Gospel Matthew 22:15-21**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

***Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.***

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?'

But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'



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

Monday 23rd October	- Luke 12: 13-21
Tuesday 24th October	- Luke 12: 35-38
Wednesday 25th October	- Luke 12: 39-48
Thursday 26th October	- Luke 12: 49-53
Friday 27th October	- Luke 12: 54-59
Saturday 28th October	- Sts Simon & Jude Luke 6: 12-19

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26	Psalm 17:2-4, 47, 51
1 Thess 1:5-10	Matthew 22: 34-40

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