



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 25th – 29th 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 30th September - 1st 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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Email: john.leearcher@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:

Marie Pergande, 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:

Amber Brosnan, Pat Mallis and Fay King

For those whose anniversary occurs about this time: 23rd - 29th September

Mike Downie, Phyliss Arrowsmith, Kaye Jackson, Harold Davis, Betty Lewis, Glenn Harris, Pauline Kennedy, John Mahoney, Harry Desmond, Kathleen Howard, Pauline Jackson, Agnes Bonis, Arokiasamy Xavier, Shiela Mathew, Joyce Landford, Joyce Maxwell, Joan Chettle, Lila Bramich, Adam Huguen and all friends, family & benefactors of Marshall, Speers, Hawes, Pilkinton, 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** or email merseyleven@aohtas.org.au

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!

For **Meriam Murray, Elizabeth Nickols, Pat Barker** and **Roy McDonald** 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 have been fundraising to help rescue children from sexual exploitation and human trafficking and to help them stay free. The response has been incredible and so far we have raised \$2,360 and to keep my end of the bargain I have lost 9.2kgs, starting at 134.5 and now sitting on 125.3kg.

The Fundraiser is running **from Wednesday 6th September until Wednesday 8th November**. I (**Fr Steven**) will continue 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>

Sacramental Update

Our Sacramental Candidates are nearing the end of their Sacramental journey, as they finish their preparations for the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**. Of course, this is just the end of their sacraments of initiation as they become full members of the Catholic Church. The lifelong journey with Jesus Christ is still ahead of them.

On **Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th November** our candidates will be receiving the **Holy Eucharist** for the first time, and the graces that come from this sacrament to support them in life, may we as a parish community continue to support them with our prayers.

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**.

Congratulations dear Gerry Peters!

We congratulate Gerry Peters on his appointment as Deputy Principal: Teaching and Learning at St Brendan-Shaw College, Devonport. Gerry will take up this appointment on 1 January 2024. Gerry has recently been Acting Deputy Principal: He is a dedicated educator with a depth of experience within Catholic Education Tasmania including: ● Coordinator of Ministry and Religious Education Teacher. It's high time staff who are serious about their faith and practice regularly are acknowledged and awarded with key leadership positions in our catholic schools. All the best Gerry for your new adventure!!!

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

Are you a compassionate person?

I (**Elizabeth Little**) am a Melbourne-based speech pathologist (but originally from Devonport) starting a research project involving my cousin, Neville King, who lives at Meercroft due to **Huntington's Disease**. I am using eye gaze equipment to help him communicate and am looking for a team of community members to be involved. No previous experience required, just a compassion for people and an understanding of how dreadful it is to lose all motor abilities and speech while still being of sound mind and capable of following intelligent conversation. For more details please see the flyer at the foyer of the church :

Communication Project Information Session **Devonport Library Thursday 28th September 1:30pm -2:30pm**

Eye gaze equipment to assist people with Huntington's Disease. Seeking community volunteers.

Any interest welcome. Bookings and enquiries: libbyleft@outlook.com

SOLEMNITY OF ST TERESA OF JESUS


A Sung Mass will be celebrated in honour of **St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)**, the foundress of the Discalced Carmelite Order, at the **Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston on Sunday 15th October at 9:30am**. Fr Ed Travers MSC will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Morning tea will follow Mass. All are welcome. A **Novena of Masses and Prayers** will also be offered in preparation for the feast **from 6th – 14th October**. Intentions may be sent to **Mother Teresa Benedicta** at the Monastery by post, **phone 6331 3585** or tascarmelvoc@gmail.com

22nd ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

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Sunday, 15th October 2023

Program:



Port Sorell	8.50am	Joyful Mysteries	Penguin	2pm	Glorious Mysteries
Latrobe	9.45am	Luminous Mysteries	Ulverstone	2.45pm	Exposition
Devonport	10.30am	Joyful Mysteries		2.50pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
Sheffield	11.30am	Mass		3.05pm	Sorrowful Mysteries
	12.30pm	Luminous Mysteries		3.20pm	Benediction
	1.15pm	Lunch break		3.30pm	Tea/Coffee

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Anne Osdieck)

First Reading *Isaiah 55:6-9*

1. "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call on him while he is near." Can God always be near you? What helps you remember the injunction to "find God in all things" in your life?

Second Reading *Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a*

1. Is there someone or some group who "magnifies" the Lord for you? Every time you are around him/her/ them, do you feel Christ is somehow present. Why is that? What is it about them that "clears your eyesight"? Could they be ordinary saints?

Gospel *Matthew 20:1-16a*

1. This Gospel reading is not about strict justice but about outrageous generosity. Are any of us ever "worthy of grace," first hour worker or eleventh? How would grace be handed out if people made the rules? What is the message for you in your everyday life?

2. The landowner went out to hire laborers at nine, noon, three and five o'clock. According to Pope Francis, what happens to the Church if it doesn't keep "going out" to all the places where it's needed? What goes beyond justice when considering a just payment in the parable?

Our communities are also called to go out to the various types of "boundaries" that there might be, to offer everyone the word of salvation that Jesus came to bring. ... The Church needs to be like God: always going out; and when the Church does not go out, she becomes sick with the many evils we have in the Church. And why are these illnesses in the Church? Because she does not go out. It is true that when someone goes out there is the danger of getting into an accident. But better a Church that gets into accidents because she goes out to proclaim the Gospel, than a Church that is sick because she stays in. God always goes out because he is a Father, because he loves. The Church must do the same: always go out.



I told my boss three companies were after me and I needed a raise to stay at my job. We haggled for a few minutes, and he gave me a 5% raise. Leaving his office, he stopped and asked me, "By the way, which companies are after you?" I responded, "The gas, electric, and Cable Company."

Sunday 24th September, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading *Isaiah 55:6-9*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18*

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Philippians 1:20-24. 27*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation *See Acts of the Apostles 16:14*

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!



The Parable of
the Vineyard Workers

Gospel *Matthew 20:1-16* **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at day-break to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Monday 25th September - Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday 26th September - Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday 27th September - St. Vincent de Paul, priest
Luke 9:1-6
Thursday 28th September - Luke 9:7-9
Friday 29th September - Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael,
archangels
Jn:1:47-51
Saturday 30th September - St Jerome, priest, doctor
Luke 9:43-45

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezek 18:25-28 Philippians 2:1-11

Psalm 24:4-9 Matthew 21:28-32

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God