



# Mersey Leven Catholic Parish

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**Parish Website:** [www.merseylevenatholicparish.com](http://www.merseylevenatholicparish.com)

## 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

## MASS TIMES

### Weekday Masses 28th August – 1st 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> September

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

John Lee-Archer 0419 523 867

Email: [john.learcher@gmail.com](mailto: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:**

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, 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:**

Patrick Wainwright, Michael Hope, Max Berryman (Dad of Stephen), Louise Kleckner (sister of Ginny Skulan), Joy Dean, Maryanne Lane and Marie Knight.

### **For those whose anniversary occurs about this time: 26<sup>th</sup> August - 1st September**

James, Doreen & Christina Smith, Mollie Burdon, Michael Cassidy, Mary Doreen Webb, Hedley & Ennid Stubbs, Terry McKenna, Jack Page, Tommy Jones, Robert Charles Lee, Rita Stokes, Dulcie McCormack, Lynette Otley, Maurice Vanderfeen, Fabian Xavier, Robert Sheehan, Mary Adkins, Ruth Healey, Margaret Newell, Laurance George Kelcey, Warren Milfull, Dorothy Leonard, Margaret Hayes, Theodore Clarke, Maxine Milton, Audrey Ennis and John Coad.



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

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

For **Cathy Newton** who is celebrating her birthday this week, **God bless you and may you be granted good health, happiness and joy for the year ahead!**



### **Sacramental Update**

Last week our Sacramental Candidates began their journey of preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time is an important moment for Catholics, the Eucharist is the most important part of every Mass, serving as the moment in which Jesus Christ presents himself to his followers.

The celebration of first communion will also complete our candidate's initiation as they become full members of our Parish.

Please keep them in your prayers!

### **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)

### **TRIVIA NIGHT—St. Brendan-Shaw College**

Get your friends together and put your thinking caps on for the St Brendan Shaw College SRC's Trivia Night Fundraiser. All funds raised will go to Warrabee Women's Shelter, which provides vital service to the community supporting women and children.

 Date: Friday 8 September, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

 Where: Genesis Centre, St Brendan-Shaw College

BYO food and drinks.

You can secure your spot now and book a table for up to 10 people at just \$50. (8-10 people per team). Registration and payment can be made at the College Reception or by phone on **6424 7622** by Monday 4 September.

It would be great to have a parish table or two. If you want to be part of the parish table, please register your interest to the parish office.

Don't miss out on an evening of trivia fun – we look forward to seeing you there!

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School Leading the Vigil Mass**

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School is leading the vigil mass on **Saturday 2nd September**. The students will be leading the reading, music, offertory and greeter ministry. We thank **Stewart Farr**, the deputy principal for this incredible initiative.

### **In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage**

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on **17 October**, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

For any questions and to receive an itinerary and application form, please contact: [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or on **89124818**.

## **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. The Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) celebrate their Tasmanian centenary this **Tuesday 29 August 2023**. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at midday this Tuesday. Parishioners and past KSC members are invited to attend. Past KSC members in attendance are also invited to join current members for lunch after Mass.

For further information contact **Giuseppe Gigliotti on (0419) 684-134** or via email: [gigli@comcen.com.au](mailto:gigli@comcen.com.au)

## **EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE 2023**

The Evangelium Conference which will be held on **Saturday, 16 September, at Corpus Christi school hall, Bellerive**. The keynote speaker will be **Jude Hennessy, who is Director of the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation in the Diocese of Wollongong**. He has had extensive experience in evangelisation and the bishop has asked him to foster missionary activity in parishes across the diocese. What he has to offer will be directly relevant to our situation here in Tasmania.

For more details and bookings; please see the notice board of the church.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Anne Osdieck)**

#### **First Reading *Isaiah 22:19-23***

1. This reading, from Isaiah, says, "he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem." How can the Church act as father in the present crises: racial, immigration, environmental, martial? Besides continuing to have a solid faith, what other qualities or virtues do we look for in Church leadership?

#### **Second Reading *Romans 11:33-36***

1. "For who has known the mind of the Lord?" Are you good at recognizing the Lord in your life? Are you able to know where God is leading you, or what God is doing in your life?

#### **Gospel *Matthew 16:13-20***

1. To answer Jesus' question, "who do you say I am," you have to know him. Which of the following could help you know Jesus?—take whatever time you wish with any of these:

Music by Vivaldi; Michelangelo's David; Van Gogh's Irises; a good homily; a good book; good friends; suffering; joy; meditation; successes; weaknesses; family; flowers; people without a home.

Can you find (and get to know) God in many of these [and more]?

2. When the disciples answered Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" they went from admiring Jesus to following him. What do you think Pope Francis meant when he said that in following Jesus we are "looking ahead and welcoming the kairos [moment of grace]"?

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" ... They had to take that decisive step, from admiring Jesus to imitating Jesus. Today too, the Lord looks at each of us personally and asks: "Who am I for you?" This question, addressed to each of us, calls for more than a quick answer straight out of the catechism. It requires a vital, personal response.

That response renews us as disciples. It takes place in three steps, steps that the disciples took and that we too can take. It involves first, proclaiming Jesus; second, discerning with Jesus and third, following Jesus....



Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were on safari in Africa, walking through the jungle. Suddenly a huge lion sprang out of the bushes and seized Mrs. Shaw, dragging her off. "Shoot!" she screamed to her husband. "Shoot!" "I can't!" he shouted back. "I've run out of film!"

Sunday 27th August, 2023

## Twenty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

### **First Reading** *Isaiah 22:19-23*

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

### **Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8*

**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading** *Romans 11:33-36*

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

*From him, through him, and in him are all things.*

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything?

All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

### **Gospel Acclamation** *Matthew 16:18*

**Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!**

### **Gospel** *Matthew 16:13-20*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

*You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



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

Monday 28th August - St Augustine, bishop, doctor  
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday 29th August - The Passion of St. John the Baptist, martyr  
Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday 30th August - Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday 31st August - Matthew 24:42-51

Friday 1st September - Matthew 25: 1-13

Saturday 2nd September - Matthew 25:14-30

- Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalms 66:2-6, 8-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

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