



Mersey Leven Catholic Parish

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Parish Office: 90 Stewart Street, Devonport (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am - 2pm)

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Parish website www.merseylevenatholicparish.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 3rd - 7th July

Monday:	12noon	Devonport	St. Thomas, apostle
Tuesday:	9:30am	Penguin	
	12noon	Devonport	
Wednesday:	- no mass -	Latrobe	
	12noon	Devonport	
Thursday:	12noon	Devonport	
Friday:	9:30am	Ulverstone	
	12noon	Devonport	

Weekend Masses 8th - 9th July

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

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:

Patrick Pinney, Joy Dean, Bro. Vinco, Gary Munro, Josie Bailey, Lianna Brielle, Bevan McCullagh, Ruby Wood, Greg Burrows, Dorota Swiderska, Zoraida Richards Lee Hancock, Gill Cotterill, Kevin Kelly, Maureen Duggan, Rohan Evans, Fr Terry Yard Bill Hancock, Robert Eden, Terese Masserot, Daren McHugh, Jean Cotterill, Kathy Aldrea, Sister Margaret Chandler, Terry McMullen, Peter Stafford, Florence Dizon and Rosalinda Grimes.

For those who have died recently:

Jan Fraser, Katalin Heine and Robert Windebank

For those whose anniversary occurs about this time: 1st - 7th July

Ellen Joyce, Frances Preston, John Csoka, Charlie Sanford, Mary Woodcock, Pamela Withers, Kora Pembleton, Paul Mulcahy, Charles Desire, Benjamin Fairbrother, Charlie Sanford, Laurance Gibbons, Maud Powell, John Cochrane, Ruby Desire, Marcella Rech, Marjorie Parsissons, Donald Barry, Lyell Wilcox, Frank Post, Jean Dynan, Margaret McCormack, Geoffrey Jamiesan, Judith Polga, Catherina Girdauskas and Malcolm Dubock.



**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@ahtas.org.au

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For **Jean Barber** (4th July) and **Zita Omogba Musa** (6th July) who are celebrating their birthdays this week, *God bless you and may you be granted good health, happiness and joy for the year ahead!*



PLANNED GIVING

New planned giving envelopes have been distributed through our parish churches. Envelopes are NOT required for parishioners who make their offerings by direct debit from their financial institution. If you would like a set of envelopes, simply:

- call the parish office on 6424:2783 (10.00AM to 3.00PM Wed to Fri), or
- complete the form (Request to Start Planned Giving Envelopes) in church foyers now.

If you would like to start Direct Giving from your bank or credit union, here are the account details you will need to set up a program of regular transfers:

Bank BSB : 067000
Parish Account : 10315724
Account Name : Mersey Leven Parish

Please do notify us if you have switched from planned-giving envelopes to other modes of offering so we can assign the envelopes to new planned givers.

Thank you for your continued generous support of the Parish.

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

A big thank you to our wonderful team who once again showed their leadership skills in organising Soup and Sandwich luncheon on last Sunday. There were over eighty people in attendance and all enjoyed a relaxing time catching up with friends and families and enjoying tasty hot soup with slices on a cold, rainy day. **TONI MUIR** has once again efficiently lead the troop that included **ROSEMARY BAKER, JAN COX, MARGARET GERRAND, LEONIE WATSON PETERS, GERRY PETERS, MICHAEL PIERI, KIM GARNSEY, LACHLAN CLOUGH, ROY McDONALD, KASIA & PETER HOFFLER, PHILLIP MYERS, DANIEL SAUNDERS and TONY MUIR.** Not to forget everyone who contributed by making Soups and baking Slices. May God reward your generosity and goodwill. We made \$1450 from the event.



Fr. Steven is on holidays

Fr Steven is taking his annual holidays for next three weeks. We wish him a well-deserved break and some relaxing time with his family and friends. Two priests from the Dads Army are supplying for the weekends while Fr Steven is away. **Fr. Peter O' Loughlin** will be helping us out in the next two weekends while **Fr. Chris Hope** will be here on the third weekend. They are retired priests from the Archdiocese of Hobart.

Thank you from Rookery Penguin Community Op shop.

Thank you to **Pam Lade**, for dropping off vouchers today for us to use, from St. Mary's Catholic Church Penguin. We really value the support of our generous local churches...a blessing to us all. 😊

Change of Time for Saturday Vigil in Devonport and Penguin

The new Mass time for Saturday Vigil Mass in Devonport and Penguin is **5pm**. Please note that this arrangement is only for the winter months, however long that takes who knows.. 😊

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First People in the Catholic Church. In Australia we are blessed to be home to the world's oldest continuing Culture. Today we join with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in honouring their Elders and remembering the treasures of knowledge they have handed down to the rich heritage and history we possess.



No First Friday Benediction with Adoration in July.

We will not hold Benediction with Adoration on the first Friday in July. However, we will still have the Eucharistic Adoration from 10 am-12 noon, followed by Mass.

Greeting cards available

Seasonal greetings cards (birthday and sympathy cards) are available at the foyer of our Mass centres for sale.

Sacred Heart Church Volunteers

New volunteer rosters are available for collection in the Church foyer, near the bottles of sanitizer.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

The St Vincent de Paul collection will be held Sunday **9th July** at all Mass Centres to assist the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Please remember to bring some loose change.



BINGO Mersey Leven Catholic Parish runs a Bingo night on **every Thursday from 7:30 pm**. It is organised and operated by volunteers. Some of our parishioners and few others generously give their time for running this event every week. We thank them for their generosity and kindness. Please feel free to call in if you have some spare time on Thursday evening.



Thursday Nights – OLOL Hall, Devonport. Eyes down 7.30pm!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL's New Devonport Store

is opening in early July. We would love to hear from you if you would like to help make this store a success by volunteering. Opening hours will be: 9a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays.

A little of your time will go a long way for continuing the good works of the Society. For details, please contact **Rhonda Brooks**, phone [0447 412 548](tel:0447412548)



A blonde gets a job as a physical education teacher of 16 year olds. She notices a boy at the end of the field standing alone, while all the other kids are running around having fun kicking a ball. She takes pity on him and decided to speak to him, 'You ok?' she says, 'you can go and play with the other kids you know' she says. "It's best I stay here", he says. 'Why's that sweetie?' says the blonde. The boy looks at her incredulously and says....."Because I'm the Goalie!"

Sunday 2nd July, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading *2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16* **A reading from the second book of the Kings**

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2 (R.)* **Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Rom 6:3-4. 8-11* **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation *1 Pt 2:9* **Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!**

Gospel *Mt 10:37-42* **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'