



# 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 31<sup>st</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Devonport</b>	St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Penguin</b>	St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop,
	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Devonport</b>	doctor
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>no mass</b>	<b>Latrobe</b>	
	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Devonport</b>	
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Devonport</b>	St. Dominic, priest
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Ulverstone</b>	St. JohnVianney, priest
	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Devonport</b>	

### Weekend Masses 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> August

<b>Saturday Vigil:</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Penguin</b>
	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Devonport</b>
<b>Sunday Mass:</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Port Sorell</b>
	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Ulverstone</b>
	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Devonport</b>
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sheffield</b>
	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Latrobe</b>

## 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:**

Margaret Mackey, Tony Jeffries, Damian Griffin, Bill Gadd, Elma Cabbab, Phil McKenzie, Marie Knight, Glenys Lee-Archer, Bro. Vinco, Paddy MacKinnon, Regina Lockett, Merv Tuxworth, Steven Snooks, Joy Dean, Gary Munro, Josie Bailey, Lianna Brielle, Gill Cotterill, Bevan McCullagh, Ruby Wood, Kevin Kelly, Rohan Evans, Fr Terry Yard, Bill Hancock, Robert Eden, Terese Masserot, Daren McHugh, Jean Cotterill, Kathy Aldred, Terry McMullen, Sister Margaret Chandler and Rosalinda Grimes.

### **For those who have died recently:**

Maureen Jurik, Peter Stafford, Florence Dizon, Pat Mackey, Kathleen Pearce and Ismael Portugal.

### **For those whose anniversary occurs about this time: 29<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August**

Molly Walsh, John Brown, Helga Alice Cleone Walker, Fr Timothy Casey, Kathleen Margaret Bellchambers, Mary Bryan, Dorothy Smeaton, Jean Fox, Darrell Carlton, Jack O'Rourke, Nancy Padman, Tadeusz Poludniak, Shirley Fraser, Helena Rimmelzwaan and Nancy Bynon.



**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**

Also for **Tim Cox** (29/7) **Joan Sulzberger** (30/7) 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!*



**PLANNED GIVING**

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.*

**Greeting cards available**

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

**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.. 😊

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL's New Devonport Store**

has just opened. 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)



**EMERGING WOMEN AND THEIR ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2023 At: Emmanuel Conference and Retreat Centre, 123 Abbott Street, Newstead 10 am - 3pm Facilitators: Belinda Chapman & Maureen O'Halloran \$40 BYO lunch (morning tea supplied) Please book by 29<sup>th</sup> August. Bookings: Phone (Maureen) 0400 038 095 Email (Belinda) [belindachapman.sd@gmail.com](mailto:belindachapman.sd@gmail.com) or use the QR Code on the poster.**

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A sixth-grade teacher in the public school called a student to her desk after class, "Why did you say in your essay that you're Jewish? I know your father is a pastor in town." "That's because I can't spell Presbyterian!" the boy replied.

*Thank you Sister Margaret for your faith, friendship and fellowship.*



Thank you to our generous parishioners who helped us to celebrate the farewell party for sister Margaret Chandler. Thank you to **Jan Cox, Margaret Gerrand, Leonie Watson Peters, Toni & Tony Muir, Michael Pieri, Roy McDonald, Maureen Clarke, Gwenda Gregson, Digna French, Mary Davies** for helping to organise, set up and clean up.

We are grateful to those who prepared and donated soup, sandwiches and slices. The Team includes **Ophelia McGinley, Ester Petts, Digna French, Louise Tippett, Christine Williams, Kath Von Bibra, Elaine Eiler, Don Stephenson, Margaret McKenzie, Giuseppe Gigliotti, Maureen O'Halloran, Anne Stegmann, Sue Davies, Grainna Hendrey, Bev Naiker, Julie Phillips and Shur N Smith.**

Thank you to **Michael Pieri** and generosity of **Torquay Dry Cleaners** for table wear. Thanks to **Toni Muir** for coordinating and organising another successful event.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A** (Anne Osdieck)

##### **1 Kings 3:5, 7-12**

1. The Hebrew word "Shema" means listen or hear.\* What impact might "listening" have today on good leadership? How would problems change if leaders in the world earnestly prayed Solomon's prayer: "give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart"? Apply this to race relations, immigration problems, climate crises and wars.

##### **Romans 8:28-30**

1. The New American Bible translation is "all things work for good for those who love God." In what ways did you see examples of this during the pandemic? Did people figure out new ways to solve problems? For example, stepping up to serve others in the daily activities.  
2. How have you experienced in your own life that everything works out when you love God?

##### **Gospel**

##### **Matthew 13:44-52 or 44-46**

According to Pope Francis, how are "getting" and "giving" related when speaking of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price?"

The Kingdom of Heaven is the opposite of the superfluous things that the world offers; it is the opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews life every day and leads it to expand towards wider horizons. Indeed, those who have found this treasure have a creative and inquisitive heart which does not repeat but rather invents, tracing and setting out on new paths which lead us to love God, to love others, and to truly love ourselves. The sign of those who walk this path of the Kingdom is creativity, always seeking more. And creativity is what takes life and gives life, and gives, and gives, and gives. ... It always looks for many different ways to give life. Jesus, who is the hidden treasure and the pearl of great value, cannot but inspire joy, all the joy of the world: the joy of discovering a meaning for one's life, the joy of feeling committed to the adventure of holiness.



# Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

## Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

**First Reading 1 Kings 3:5.7-12** *A reading from the first book of the Kings*

**You have asked for wisdom.**

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97 (R.)** *Lord, I love your commands.*

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **(R.)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **(R.)**
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **(R.)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

**Second Reading Romans 8:28-30** *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

**He predestined us to become true images of his Son.**

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

**Gospel Acclamation See Matthew 11:25**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!**

**Gospel Matthew 13:44-52** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

**He sells everything he owns and buys the field.**

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'