



Mersey Leven Catholic Parish

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Archdiocesan Website: www.hobart.catholic.org.au for news, information and details of other Parishes.

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 4th - 8th March

Monday: 12 noon Devonport
Tuesday: 9:30am Penguin
12 noon Devonport
Wednesday **NO MASS** Latrobe
NO MASS Devonport
Thursday: 12 noon Devonport
Friday: 9:30am Ulverstone
NO MASS Devonport

Weekend Masses 9th—10th March

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:

Kim Williamson, Ian Macmahon, George Bugeja, Virginia Dicen, Sr. Joan Cowmeadow RSJ, Margaret Martin, Sue Ryan, Steve Durkin, Terry Stuart, Jacqueline Stephens, Cecilie Murray, Lyndon Bramich, Louise Henderson, Anne Hughes, Marie Pergande, Donald Griffin, Christine Ward, Terese Masserot, Josie Bailey, Paddy MacKinnon, Regina Lockett, Willow Bonde, Judy Redgrove, Wendy McMullen, Robert Eden, Glenys Lee-Archer, Damian Griffin, Gloria Noel, Rohan Evans, Steven Snooks, Jean Cotterill, Kathy Aldred and Rosalinda Grimes.

For those who have died recently:

Fr Terry Yard, Fay Bloomfield, Loretta Hollister, Carey McIver and Remedios Abarquez.

For those whose anniversary occurs about this time: 2nd - 8th March

Darryle Webb, Patricia Mapley, Aileen Hill, Sr. Jodie Hynes, Glen Halley SNR, Pat Chisholm, Pauline Lamprey, Maureen June French, Romualdo Bibera SNR, Barbara Moncrieff, Rose Kirk Patrick, Doris Irene Roberts, Robert McLaren, Betty Waldon Cruse and Graham Nicholson.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY

12:30 pm DEVONPORT 7 pm ULVERSTONE

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@aohatas.org.au

Rest In Peace Fr. Terry Yard.

Fr Terry Yard died peacefully early morning on Wednesday at Fairway Rise Aged Care Facility, Lindisfarne. Fr Terry had a fall and his condition had deteriorated rapidly over the past few days.



Mersey Leven parish was blessed to have him as its parish priest for closer to three years. His faithfulness, humility, and love have blessed countless people around Tasmania since his Ordination to the Priesthood at Deloraine in 1966.

Mass of Christian Burial will be offered for Fr Terry Yard on **Friday, 8th March 2024** at **11.00am in Holy Redeemer Church, Deloraine.**

Let us hold our memories of Fr. Terry close to our hearts and pray for his noble soul. May his soul and souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Pray for us brother

!!Save the Date!!

High Tea on **Sunday 21st April** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall Stewart Street Devonport.**
Save the date in your diaries, more info to come.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

The St Vincent de Paul collection will be held Sunday **10th March** at all Mass Centres to assist the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Please remember to bring some loose change.



Silent Auction

We are seeking donations of **craft/homemade creations** for our Silent Auction to be held during our High Tea. If you are able to make a donation please contact:

**Fr Steven on 0411 522 630 or
Tony Muir on 0438 245 296**

High Tea Assistance Needed

If you are able to assist with cooking, decorating, preparing food, serving tea and coffee, setting up and cleaning up or would like to be involved in the planning of the event please contact the office on **6424 2783** or fill out a form available at the back of the church/Mass Centre.

Thank you Fr. Chris Hope

A big thank you to Fr. Chris Hope for providing ministry to our Parish for the last 5 weeks. Father Chris was kind enough to travel most weeks from Hobart to celebrate Masses for us.

Thank you Fr Chris for your help.



Thanks to Fr Steven

A warm thanks to **Fr Steven** for shouldering the responsibility of the parish in my absence; specifically for watering the plants and keeping them alive 😊

St Brendan-Shaw College

By faith & deed



YEAR 7, 2025

ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

and Guided Tours

THURSDAY 21 MARCH, 2024 5:30PM

Nazareth Centre, St Brendan-Shaw College
127 James Street, Devonport

All welcome!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

For **John Barker** who is celebrating his **85th** birthday this week and for **Des Hiscutt, Andrew Kavic** and **Pia Tucker** who are also celebrating their birthdays this week, **May God bless you all with good health, joy and happiness!!!**



LENTEN PROGRAM 2024

You are welcome to join this program:



- 1) Venue: Parish House, 90 Stewart Street, Devonport
When: **THREE Thursdays 10:00am -11:30am**
March 7, 14, 21
- 2) Venue: Sacred Heart Community Room
4 Alexandra Rd., Ulverstone
When: **THREE Fridays 5pm-6:30pm**
March 8, 15, 22

Booklets at \$9.00 each is available for sale at sessions.
Contact: **Clare Kiely Hoyer: 0418 100 402**

Evening Prayer (Vespers) for Lent

Evening Prayer continues to be recited each Thursday in Lent from **5.15pm to 5.50pm** at **St Joseph the Worker, Wilson St, Port Sorell**. Upcoming dates: **7, 14 & 21 March**. During Holy Week, Evening Prayer will be on Tuesday 26 March.

If you require further information or hope to attend contact **Giuseppe Gigliotti** on **0419 684 134** or on **gigli@comcen.com.au**

Sausages, Salads and Sweets in Penguin

Saturday 16th March 2024 after Mass (approx **6pm**) at the **St Mary's Church Hall** (next to the church).

Everyone is welcome. Sausages will be provided (and cooked to perfection!). If possible, people are asked to bring a salad or sweet dish to share. There will be a board at the back of the church where people may indicate if they are bringing something. Enquiries : **Yvonne - 0427 562 314**.

BINGO



Mersey Leven Catholic Parish runs Bingo night on: **every Thursday from 7:30pm**. 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 **Thursday Nights – OLOL Hall, Devonport. Eyes down 7.30pm!**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS by *Anne Osdieck*

First Reading [Exodus 20:1-17](#)

1. If there were ten commandments, why would Jesus say that there were only two? Why is love—love God and love your neighbor—the basis of all the others?
2. Why do you think the Ten Commandments have survived all the way from the time of Moses? Is there more in each one than we ordinarily see? For instance, could respect for life be extrapolated from “Thou shalt not kill.” Try some others.

Second Reading [1 Corinthians 1:22-25](#)

1. To what do the “foolishness” and “weakness” of God refer? St. Paul says the Jews had a problem accepting Christ crucified. What about you: how do you accept him? And what about the crosses in your own life? Are they “stumbling blocks” or stepping stones for you?

Gospel [John 2:13-25](#)

1. Jesus doesn't want our hearts to be places of turmoil, disorder and confusion. What does Pope Francis say needs to be cleansed from them? With the help of Jesus, how do we do that?

In the Gospel reading we have just heard ([Jn 2:13-25](#)), we see how Jesus drove out from the Temple in Jerusalem the moneychangers and all the buyers and sellers. Why did Jesus do something this forceful and provocative? He did it because the Father sent him to cleanse the temple: not only the Temple of stone, but above all the temple of our heart. Jesus could not tolerate his Father's house becoming a marketplace (cf. [Jn 2:13-25](#)). ...

Our heart must be cleansed, put in order and purified. Of what? Of the falsehoods that stain it, from hypocritical duplicity. ... We need the baneful temptations of power and money to be swept from our hearts and from the Church. To cleanse our hearts, we need to dirty our hands, to feel accountable and not to simply look on while our brothers and sisters are suffering. How do we purify our hearts? By our own efforts, we cannot; we need Jesus. He has the power to conquer our evils, to heal our diseases, to rebuild the temple of our heart.

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:

"Take only ONE. God is watching."

Further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



Sacramental Program 2024

This year our **Sacramental program** runs between **May – October 2024** and will include preparation and celebration of the Sacraments for **first Reconciliation, Confirmation** and **First Communion**.

Each Sacrament will have 4 preparation sessions which will run for 30mins

Parents' Information Session is on Mon 18th March – 5pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Devonport.

If you would like to know more about our Sacramental Program for 2024 please feel free to reach out to **your child's school office or the parish office**.

Please register your attendance at: www.merseylevencatholicparish.com/sacramental

Sunday 3rd March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent Year B

First Reading *Exodus 20:1-17*

A reading from the book of Exodus
The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

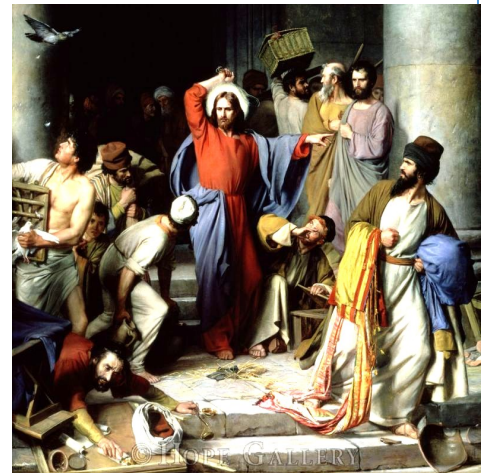
Gospel Acclamation *John 3:16*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his

Gospel *John 2:13-25*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.



During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 4th March - Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday 5th March - Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday 6th March - Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 7th March - Lk 11:14-23

Friday 8th March - Mk 12:28-34

Saturday 9th March - Lk 18:9-14

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

4th SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23 Eph 2:4-10

Ps 136:R Jn 3:14-21

