



Mersey Leven Catholic Parish

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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 4th – 8th 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 9th—10th 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

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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:

Ross Williams, Patrick Wainwright, Michael Hope, Max Berryman (Dad of Stephen), Louise Kleckner (sister of Ginny Skulan).

For those whose anniversary occurs about this time: 2nd—8th September

All friends, family & benefactors of Marshall, Speers, Hawes, Pilkinton, Sutton, Staley, Willis & Dyer Families, Ronald Finch, Geoffrey Matthews, Ken Gillard, Maria Jakimow, Jan Horton, Jean Mochrie, Brian Astell, Len Bramich, Jack McLaren, Margaret Wesley, Gwendoline Jessup, Robert James Adkins, Terence Crilley, Terence Doody, Mary Jean Davey, Fransicka Bondy, Edward McCarthy, John Henry Smith, Joan Scully and Jenny Richards.



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.

Dear Parish family,

As priests we have to attend many seminars and conferences. Evangelisation is one subject that invariably finds its way in at every one of these meetings. This includes hours of discussions and deliberations on ways and means to reach out to people. Many of these discussions end up with more questions than answers.

Recently a piece from the newsletter of St. Patrick Catholic School Latrobe caught my attention. Here is what the School Principal **Carmen Aylott** wrote to parents and staff.

"Since we are all called to share in this "Bread of Life", anyone is welcome to attend Mass at a Roman Catholic Church, and if you so choose, take steps towards becoming a Catholic, even if you are not a Christian. Church attendance is both obligatory and beneficial; public worship allows everyone to come together to strengthen our faith and community. It helps you to lead a Christ centred life. When this happens, you may notice changes in your life. Many have experienced an unbelievable shifting of life circumstances, while others have found the strength and grace to move forward in spite of obstacles and struggles. If you haven't been to church for a while or have never been; you are welcome to "Come and See."

But Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." John 1:46

Carmen through her gentle invitation is inviting staff and parents to come and see the beauty of the Eucharist which is central to her life and profession. When the invitation is personal and genuine, it opens up life changing opportunities for people.

As principal of a Catholic school, Carmen wasn't just **representing** her school in the parish but is **participating** in the life and ministry of the church, showing her staff and parents how each one of us can be an agent of evangelisation, a herald of the good news. There is slow but increasing number of attendance at our Sunday worship from staff both St. Patrick Latrobe and Sacred Heart Ulverstone. St. Patrick staff are on the reading and cleaning rosters for the church while Sacred Heart School is on the reading and flower rosters. These are small steps but definitely creating a sense of collaboration and relationship with the Parish Community. Our church family is grateful to you for your leadership and initiatives. (Fr Jaison)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

To **Albert Xavier, Moses & Mary Uche** and **Family** for achieving their Australian citizenship. Wish you all the best and welcome to our Australian Family!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

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



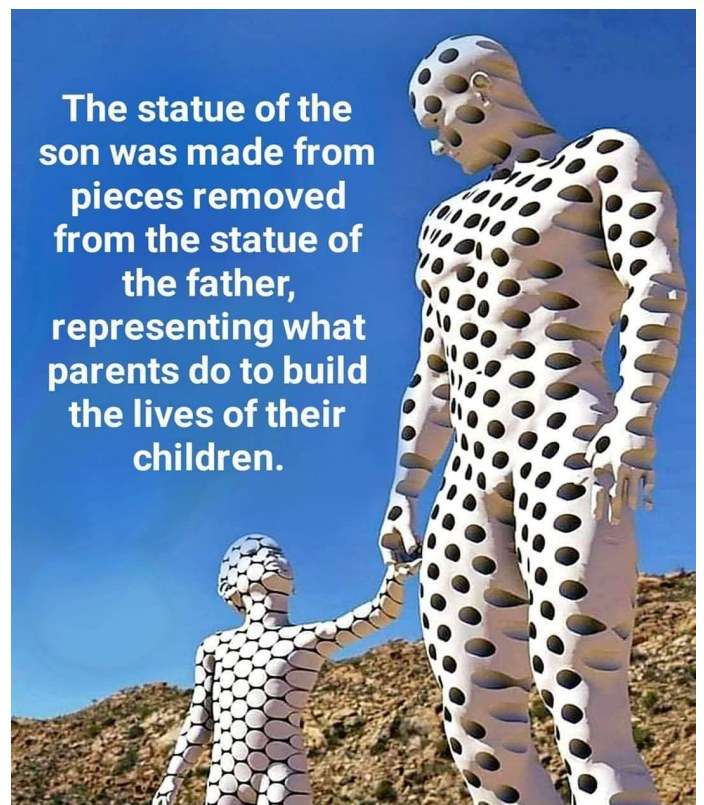
BINGO

Mersey Leven Catholic Parish runs a Bingo night on **every Thursday from 7:30 pm**. It is organised and operated by volunteers. 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!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

The statue of the son was made from pieces removed from the statue of the father, representing what parents do to build the lives of their children.



KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (TASMANIA) CENTENARY

The centenary mass for the Knights of the Southern Cross was celebrated on last Tuesday. We thank the knights past and present for their dedication and commitment to their faith.



May God bless them and their families.



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School Leading the Vigil Mass

- this 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.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to **Ray & Yvonne Downes**, **Kieran Brown** and **Fr Steven** for preparing the ground and planting roses in Penguin at the front of the church. Thank you to **John Barker** for agreeing to care-take.

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

First Reading *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

Jeremiah couldn't ignore the call to prophecy even though it brought him much ridicule. Who today speaks out about injustice in areas like human trafficking, racial discrimination, gun violence, climate change, and death penalty?

Second Reading *Romans 12:1-2*

How do you discern God's will? Does certainty about the will of God's come suddenly? Can it emerge gradually? Do you imagine you have made the decision and then check for feelings of consolation or desolation?

Do you think Christ will use your suffering for the salvation of the world if you unite your trials with His?

Gospel *Matthew 16:21-27*

According to Pope Francis, if we want to be his disciples, how do we imitate Christ? Thus the task of "taking up the cross" becomes participating with Christ in the salvation of the world. Considering this, let us make sure that the cross hanging on the wall at home, or that little one that we wear around our neck, is a sign of our wish to be united with Christ in lovingly serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and most fragile.

Each time we fix our gaze on the image of Christ crucified, let us contemplate that he, as the true Servant of the Lord, has accomplished his mission, giving life, spilling his blood for the pardoning of sins. Therefore, if we want to be his disciples, we are called to imitate him, expending our life unreservedly out of love of God and neighbour.



My daughter brought a friend from school and she said his great-great-great-great-grandfather was coming to pick him up later. I was impressed and asked: "Does he know how his so many greats grandfather lived for so long?" My daughter answered: "It's because of my friend's stutter."

Sunday 3rd September, 2023

Twenty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me,

I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2*

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Romans 12:1-2*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behavior of the world around you, but let your behavior change, modelled by your new mind.

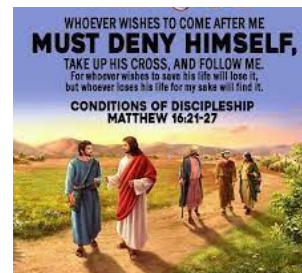
This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation *See Ephesians 1:17-18*
Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 16:21-27* **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behavior.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 4th September - Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday 5th September - Luke 4: 31-37

Wednesday 6th September - Luke 4: 38-44

Thursday 7th September - Luke 5: 1-11

Friday 8th September - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Matthew 1: 1-16, 18-23

Saturday 9th September - Luke 6: 1-5

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Psalms 94:1-2, 6-9

2 Corinthians 5:19

Matthew 18:15-20

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God