



Mersey Leven Catholic Parish

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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 6th November— 10th November

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| Monday: | 12noon | Devonport |
| Tuesday: | 9:30am | Penguin |
| | 12noon | Devonport |
| Wednesday: | No Mass | |
| Thursday: | 12noon | Devonport |
| Friday: | 9:00am | Ulverstone |
| | 12noon | Devonport |

Weekend Masses 11th – 12th November

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| 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:

Fr Terry Yard, Susan Ryan, Terry McMullen, Donald Griffin, Jacqueline Stephens, Marie Pergande, Willow Bonde, Lorraine McEwan, Tony Jeffries, Gloria Noel, Judy Redgrove, Wendy McMullen, Damian Griffin, Glenys Lee-Archer, Paddy MacKinnon, Gary Munro, Regina Lockett, Steven Snooks, Josie Bailey, Gill Cotterill, Rohan Evans, Robert Eden, Terese Masserot, Jean Cotterill, Kathy Aldred, Rosalinda Grimes.

For those who have died recently:

Sister Margaret Chandler, Kevin Douglas, Mavis Lunson, Jeanette Passlow (Sister of Stella Lucas), Marianne Horvat, Margaret Reece.

For those whose anniversary occurs about this time: 14th–20th October

Win Casey, Aurora Barker, Kevin Tolson, Annie Hood, Mary Theresa Rigney, Dean Turnbull, Nicole Fairbrother, Damian Matthews, Ken Lowry, Haril Watson, Jessie Hope, Shirley Winkle and all friends, family & benefactors of Marshall, Speers, Hawes, Pilkington, Sutton, Staley, Willis & Dyer Families.

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 [64242783](tel:64242783) or email merseyleven@aohtas.org.au

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.

SCHOOL ZONE



Kindergarten 2024 enrolments **Sacred Heart**

Sacred Heart Catholic School is having two Kindergarten classes in 2024. If you have a child turning 5 next year or know of a family in the Parish who may, please have them contact the school office by calling in or phoning 6425 2680. Health Care cards discounts apply and fee assistance is available.

Some vacancies exist in other classes.
Our school community would love to hear from you.

Sacred Heart Fun Run

One of our youngest parishioners, Sophia from Sacred Heart Church/Sacred Heart primary school is participating in a fun run to help raise money for her schools new play equipment. If you would like to donate please visit <https://app.schoolfundraising.com.au/fundraising/sophia-ce54dcdf-1ba1-4bb1-a7e7-84b098ec2bef>

Snippets from **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

The Principals and RECs from the local Catholic schools attended our recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting. At the beginning of the year, this group gathered to discuss ways and means to establish, encourage relationships between parish and schools. Consequently Pastoral Council prepared a Project target map and sample goals. While discussing the sample goals, Council members affirmed and acknowledged many wonderful initiatives already in place. The Parish Pastoral Council appreciated the presence of many more staff for the Sunday worship.

Some of these activities including, staff doing a cleaning up job in the church on their Spirituality day, planting potatoes, doing the reading, cleaning and music ministry. School principals acknowledged support and prayers from the parishioners. We thank the leadership in all our schools for their commitment to Catholic faith.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

For **Stephanie Lawrence** and
Anne Kirkpatrick who are
celebrating their birthdays this week,



*God bless you and may you be granted good health, happiness
and joy for the year ahead!*

Now at rest with God

We were saddened to learn that
Sr Margaret Chandler died last
Sunday afternoon (29th Oct) at
Rosary Gardens after a period of prolonged illness.

Sister Margaret's ministry took her to all corners of Tasmania. During her many years in Catholic education, she taught primary and secondary classes in Devonport, Ulverstone, Smithton, New Town, Rosebery, Geeveston and Newstead.

For the past 22 years, she has touched many lives on the North-West Coast and especially in our Mersey Leven Parish through her ministry in Spiritual Direction and Retreats, Adult Faith Formation, Family Ministry, and Professional Supervision at and from MacKillop Hill, Forth.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at
Sacred Heart Church, New Town,
on Wednesday 8th November at 1.00 p.m.

Saw the worst mind
reader ever last
night.

Mind reader: "think
of a card, any card
and visualize it in
your mind".

Me: "Ok".

Mind reader: "Is it
the Nine of clubs?"

Me: "No".

Mind reader: "Ace
of spades?"

Me: "No".

Mind reader:
"What is it then?"

Me: "Happy Birth-
day".



Sacramental Update
!!! Congratulation's !!!
To our students receiving
First Holy Communion.

Please keep in your prayers:

Oscar Berry
 Charlotte Cornell
 Hugo Costello
 Hugo Douglas
 Jacob Hingston
 Oliver Parry
 Otis Peters



Just as you are blessed with God's love today, May our Parish be blessed by you every day.

No Mass on Wednesday

As Fr Jaison and Fr Steven will be attending the funeral for Sr Margaret Chandler there is no Mass on Wednesday 8th November

Unchanged Saturday Vigil Mass time at Penguin and Devonport

The Mass times at Penguin and Devonport on Saturday are now permanently set to 5 pm

Kid's Corner (and for those young at heart)

Across

- 1: to give assistance
- 3: to do as you are told
- 7: someone who teaches
- 9: these men liked to be greeted as teachers
- 11: Jesus said, "if you put yourselves above others, you will be put d _ _ _"

Down

- 1: modest, lowly
- 2: Jesus said, "obey everything they teach you, but don't do as they _ _"
- 4: better than all others
- 5: the chosen one
- 6: a large feast
- 8: the prophet who received the ten commandments
- 10: higher than those below



Discussion Questions

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time - Anne Osdieck

First Reading - [Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10](#)

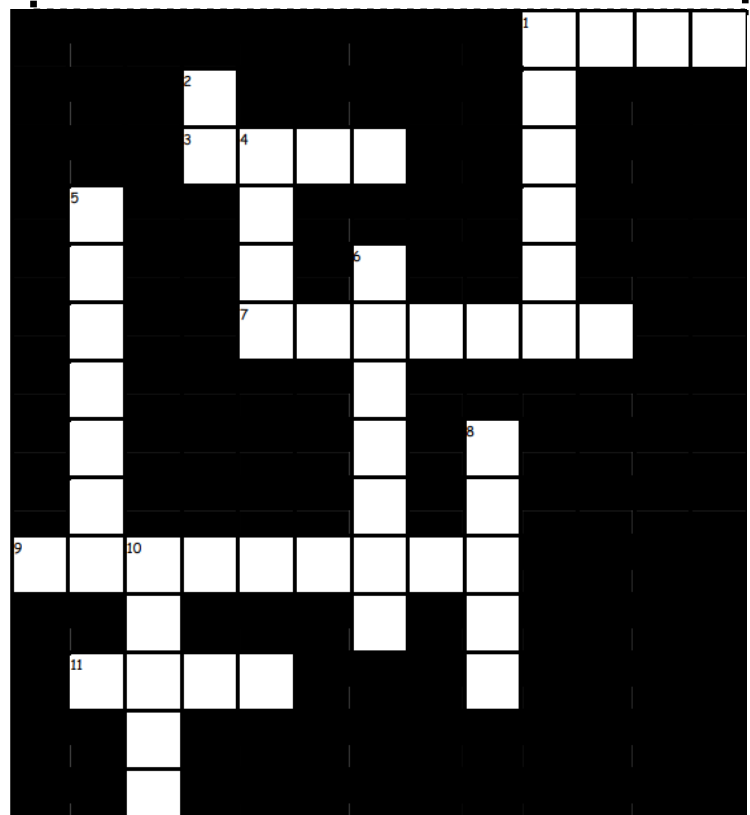
1. The officials in this reading were responsible for an erosion of faith among the people. In general what do you think are some contemporary issues that erode people's faith? In particular what erodes your own faith? What increases it?

Second Reading - [1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13](#)

1. What makes Paul such an effective minister, according to this reading? Explain. In whose message are you going to be more interested one given by someone who cares about you, or one given by someone who doesn't know your name?
2. Think of people you know about whom you can say, "I see God at work in that person." What is it that you "see" in them? How is the word of God at work in you?

Gospel - [Matthew 23:1-12](#)

1. As in [Luke 22:26-27](#), Jesus says, "let the greatest among you become as the youngest and the leader as one who serves." Jesus instituted an office of service. "Wide belts," places of honor and titles helped the scribes and Pharisees increase their social status but were those things a help for serving others better? What helps you serve?



Sunday 5th November, 2023

Thirty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm Ps 130

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. ***(R.)***
2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. ***(R.)***
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. ***(R.)***

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

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

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well.

Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 6th November - Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday 7th November - Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday 8th November - Luke 14:25-33

Thursday 9th November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Jn 2:13-22

Friday 10th November - St Leo the Great, pope, doctor
- Luke 16:1-8

Saturday 11th November - St Martin of Tours, bishop
- Luke 16:9-15

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16

1 Thess 4:13-18

Ps 62:2-8

Mt 25:1-13

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God