



Mersey Leven Catholic Parish

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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 7th – 11th August

Monday:	12noon	Devonport	
Tuesday	9:30am	Penguin	St. Mary of the Cross, virgin
	12noon	Devonport	
Wednesday	no mass	Latrobe	
	12noon	Devonport	
Thursday:	12noon	Devonport	St. Lawrence, deacon & martyr
Friday:	9:30am	Ulverstone	St. Clare, virgin
	12noon	Devonport	

Weekend Masses 12th – 13th August

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

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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:

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



For those who have died recently:

Marie Knight, Maureen Jurik, Pat Mackey and Kath Pearce.

For those whose anniversary occurs about this time: 5th – 11th August

Thomas Hays, Mary Ellen Sherriff, Sydney Dooley, John Fennell, Pauline Taylor, Ellen & Stan Woodhouse, Eileen Halley, Carmel Mary Scott, Terry O'Rourke, Lorna Jones, Janice Doreen Nielsen, Dorothy Smith, Kevin Breen, Kenneth Bowles, Stephen French, Mark Gatt, Hilda Griffin and Reginald Poole.



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For **Shirley Ryan, Tony Kiely, Gaye Bellchambers** and **Digna French** who are celebrating their birthdays this week, *God bless you all and may you be granted good health, happiness and joy for the year ahead!*



Many thanks to all parishioners for their offerings for Month of July which were:

Envelopes	6836.65
Loose	5856.90
Planned Giving	2265.00
Tap and Go	820.00
Total	15778.55

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

VOCATION PRAYER:

(Pray DAILY for Vocations)

Lord God,

In your tender mercies you give your holy people every good gift.

We turn to you today in our need, asking that you bless our Diocese with an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, religious life, marriage and single life.

Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to help young men and woman hear your call and respond with joyful hearts.

We also ask that you bless our priests and all who serve us in the Church today. May they know every grace and joy as you bring to completion the many good works begun in them.

We ask this in faith, through Christ our Lord.
Amen



THE MINISTRY

by Chuck Swindoll

The foundation of ministry is **CHARACTER**, not a professional skill.

The nature of ministry is **SERVICE**, not being served.

The motive for ministry is **LOVE**, not money or power.

The measure of ministry is **SACRIFICE**, not success.

The authority of ministry is **SUBMISSION**, not pulling rank.

The purpose of ministry is **TO GLORIFY GOD**, not to glorify ourselves.

The tools of ministry are **PRAYER AND SCRIPTURES**, not marketing handbook.

The privilege of ministry is **GROWTH**, which may be in depth rather than in numbers.

The power of ministry is **THE HOLY SPIRIT**, not programs.

The model for ministry is **JESUS CHRIST**, not a corporation or a man.

ST MARY OF THE CROSS, MACKILLOP FEAST DAY

This coming **Tuesday 8 August 2023** is the Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, founder of the Josephite Order of Nuns. Many of us will have received our early days of Education from the "Brown Joeys." St Mary is also a Patron saint of Australia as well as Patron of the Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC). The KSC Mersey-Leven Branch will celebrate the Feast Day of their Order Patron and have invited fellow Knights from the North West and family to attend the midday Mass.



Parishioners are invited to join them in this Celebration of the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross. Mass will commence at 12noon on Tuesday 8 August 2023 at Our Lady of Lourdes, 59-61 Stewart St Devonport.

A Tribute to Marie Knight

Marie Knight, a long time parishioner of Mersey Leven Parish, passed away peacefully at Karingal last Tuesday. Marie was a month short of 102. Marie was a reader at mass and was a regular member of Catholic Women's League and Legion of Mary.

Marie was always pleasant and happy person. A person of deep faith, a champion of rosary and a friendly person. Marie was known for her sense of humour, exceptional memory and humble nature. Rest In Peace Marie. (Funeral details are not finalized yet.)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

The St Vincent de Paul collection will be held Sunday **13th August** 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

has just opened at **3 Findlaysons Way, Devonport.** 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)



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: The Transfiguration of the Lord (Anne Osdieck)

First Reading

1. Is "the one like a Son of man ... [whose] dominion is an everlasting dominion ..." a foreshadowing of the "beloved Son" in the Gospel? The Gospel tells us to listen to him. Did he speak once for all time or does he continually speak?

Second Reading

1. Peter's letter suggests that his readers "will do well to be attentive" to the prophetic message that he, James, and John received at the transfiguration. Were these three disciples able to be attentive and listen when they were receiving that message? Are you always attentive to inspiration?

Gospel

1. In the Transfiguration the disciples were invited to behold Jesus in his glory--to stop talking and listen to him. Do you ask yourself every night if you saw or heard Jesus during the day?
2. What should the contemplation of the Lord's face, shining like the sun, move us to do? Brothers and sisters, this Gospel traces a path for us too. ... In fact, it is by staying with [Jesus] that we learn to recognize on his face the luminous beauty of love he gives us, even when it bears the marks of the cross. And it is in his school that we learn to glimpse the same beauty on the faces of the people who walk beside us every day — family, friends, colleagues who take care of us in the most varied ways. How many bright faces, how many smiles, how many wrinkles, how many tears and scars reveal love around us! Let us learn to recognize them and to fill our hearts with them. And then let us set out in order to bring the light we have received to others as well, through concrete acts of love (cf 1 Jn 3:18), diving into our daily affairs more generously, loving, serving, and forgiving with greater earnestness and willingness. The contemplation of God's wonders, the contemplation of God's face, of the Lord's face, must move us to the service of others.



An egg and a chicken sit in a doctor's waiting room. A nurse walks out of the office and asks, "Alright which one of you came first?" "Seriously!" shouts the chicken. "Here too?"

Sunday 6th August, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

First Reading *Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14* **A reading from the book of Daniel**

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.*

(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. **(R.)**
2. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. **(R.)**
3. For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. **(R.)**

Second Reading *2 Peter 1:16-19* **A reading from the second letter of St Peter**

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 17:5* **Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!**

Gospel *Matthew 17:1-9* **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'