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## Twenty– Third Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year C - 7 September 2025

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

*“WHOEVER does not take up his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple” (Lk 14:27). Throughout his life, Jesus gradually revealed his identity, as well as the identity of anyone who wants to be his disciple. The liberation he was going to offer humanity did not consist, as many thought, in rebelling against the political authorities of the time. The path he followed was rather the opposite: giving himself up to death on the cross. The fact that Christ associated the cross with being his disciple must have shocked his listeners, since it was the most atrocious sentence possible, reserved by the Roman Empire for outcasts. People probably viewed liberation and the cross as opposing realities. “How can victory and death be compatible?” they must have asked. But the truth is that “we cannot understand Christ our Lord without the cross. We might even come to think of him as a great prophet, that he does good things, that he is a saint. But we cannot understand Christ our Lord without the cross.”*

*Therefore, step by step, Jesus was preparing the hearts of the people so that his death on the cross would not be seen as a defeat, but a triumph; so that, over the years, even decades and centuries, the difficulties of life would not be seen as inevitable misfortunes, but as what can help us to identify ourselves with God made man. Christ warns his disciples that they will suffer persecution and setbacks. “But with persevering hope in the victory of the cross, the human heart will always find firm ground, authentic peace, in the constant presence of the Lord, the true goal of all things, and whose help never abandons us.” Secondly, he tells us;*

*“FOR WHICH OF YOU, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it” (Lk 14:28). These words of Jesus are full of common sense. When embarking on a project, the logical thing to do is to first stop and analyze the situation: What means do I have to carry it out? What is making it difficult? Our Lord encourages his listeners, especially those who want to follow Him closely, to ask themselves these same questions. After having pointed to two characteristics of a disciple (detachment and love for the Cross), Jesus wants us to personally consider whether we are willing to take up this path. Our Lord wants us, before making a decision, to be clear about what we can rely on, and where we should place our trust. This is what Saint John of the Cross saw as “the first step a soul must take to arrive at the knowledge of God.”*

**Fr Leonard**

**Dear Parishioners,**

This **weekend is Father's Day**, it is a moment for us to pause and look back at the gift of our fathers and those who have been father figures in our lives. Let us also pray for fathers who have gone before us.

This month of September I would like to invite you to reflect on the topic of celebrating our pilgrim journey as parents and spouses. I would like to invite you to a talk on - **25th September (Thursday) - Marriage as a pilgrimage and partnership, from conflict to healing**. Open to all Married, single, in new relationships or want to know about how to deal with relationships in a Christian perspective. See inside for details. **Fr Leonard**

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday 5pm** Sacred Heart Church, Newstead  
**Sunday 7.30am** Carmelite Monastery  
9am St Patrick's Chapel, Prospect  
9am St Finn Barr's Church, Invermay  
10.30am Church of the Apostles, Launceston  
**5.30pm** Church of the Apostles, Launceston

### RECONCILIATION

**Saturday** 9.30am-10.30am Apostles  
4.15pm– 4.45pm Newstead

### WEEKDAY MASSES 1-6 September

Monday-Saturday **7.30am**  
Carmelite Monastery

Tuesday 12noon Newstead  
Wednesday 12noon Apostles  
Thursday 12noon Mass Invermay  
Friday 12noon Mass Apostles

### MASS LIVE-STREAMED

**Every Sunday at 9am**

Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston or:  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday

### SACRAMENTAL BOOKINGS

Baptisms, Wedding and Funeral Enquiries  
Please contact the Parish Office

### Interested in becoming Catholic

(RCIA Programme)

Enquiries: Parish Office

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

1st and 3rd Sundays –9am Invermay  
2nd and 4th Sundays –10.30am Apostles

### FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Teens Group: Gr 6-12

2nd and 4th Sundays, Pastoral Centre  
**4.30pm-5.30pm**

**YAS** (age 18-35) 2nd and 4th Sundays in  
the Pastoral Centre 4.30pm-5.30pm  
Enquiries: Parish Office

We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



## PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

**ONE HOUR WITH JESUS** *This Sunday, 7th September at the Carmelite Monastery.* You are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in spending some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: 2.00pm Office of None (afternoon prayer of the Church); 2.15 - 3.00pm Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 3.00pm Benediction

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** will be holding their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, 9th September, 2025**, at the Parish Centre, Margaret Street. The Rosary will be recited from 12.30 pm, with the meeting proper starting at 1 pm. Newcomers Welcome. Enquires to Victoria: 0408398785 or Rosa 0427692929

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** will be held in the Nano Nagle Room on Wednesdays at 11am and at 5pm. Christian Meditation is a method of prayer to help us set our eyes on God, in silence and grow closer to Him with Gratitude and Love. All are welcome. Enquires: Tina: 0417305546

**LECTIO DIVINA** Every Friday morning 10.30 am for 1 hour, at the Pastoral Centre, Lectio Divina - Contemplating and praying the scriptures for the upcoming weekend Mass readings. A time to slow down, to listen with the ears of your heart. Everyone is welcome.

**FRIDAY HOLY HOUR** Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for one hour every Friday when the 12noon Mass is held at the Church of the Apostles.

**HEALING MASS** for all the sick and aged in our parish for all those who are in need of Our Good Lord's anointing and mercy. **Every First Friday at Church of the Apostles at 12 noon.**

**THE CARMEL SHOP:** The Carmel Shop, 7 Cambridge St, West Launceston is open between 11am—4pm on Wednesdays. Enquiries: carmelshop@yahoo.com

**St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses this weekend.**



### PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of fathers, who guide, protect, and nurture their families with love and dedication. On this special day, we lift up all fathers, asking for Your blessings upon them. May they be filled with strength, wisdom, and compassion as they fulfill their roles. Help them to lead their families in faith and love, reflecting Your grace in their actions. Let them know how deeply they are loved, not only by their families but also by You. May their lives be a testament to Your faithfulness. Amen.



**Starts September 1, the "Day of Prayer for Creation," and ends October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.**

In his powerful encyclical "Laudato Si" Pope Francis called on us all to accept responsibility for caring for the great gift of God's Creation by setting seven goals

These goals provide guidance on urgent and immediate actions each one of us can take in the care of our common home. "All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents" (Laudato Si' 14)

The Season of Creation provides the perfect time to consider each of them again and see how we are measuring up:

#1 Response to the Cry of the Earth #2 Response to the Cry of the Poor

**What steps, however small, have you taken to meet these goals?**

### YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

**FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED** especially **Natalie Strickland-Hill** (Raymond and Caitlin) and **Halle Jessup** (Dane and Georgia) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Liliana Anderson, Marcus Hughes, Jenny Bowe, Christina Waiss, Kath Aldred, Christopher Chauvet, Elsie Saltmarsh, Ruth Adams, Joanne Foley, Margaret Grossmith, Therese Brennan, Irene La Palombara, Kees Moolenschot, Egidio Tosello, Brigitte, Pat McCarthy, Shirley O'Byrne, Cheryl Dawtrey, Will Smith, Merril Thompson, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Maria Holton, Louisa Buttazzoni, Alida Moolenschot, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, and we remember all those anniversaries which occur at this time.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** Anna Armillei, Dominic Piang Sut Sang, Maria Cettolin and Sean Forrest who have died recently, Tushana Moolenschot, Nick D'Alessandro, deceased members of the Cousins family—Sarah and Edgar; Bob and Marie; Brian and Jan, Gillian Tweehuysen, Henry (Jock) Joyce, Stan Siejka, Quing Wang, Jean Josey, Raymond Johnstone, Michael Harrington, Raymond Strochnetter, Krystyna Siermicka, Rex Thomas, Ardan McGuinness, Teresa Cericola, Bernice Corino, Graeme Talbot, Rosemarie Formby, Perc Greer, Paul Bartlett and we remember all those anniversaries which occur at this time.



**Dear friends**, for the next few months as we build up to our own parish pilgrimage, which will take place in November, I would like to invite you to keep these dates free and come journey with us as a parish community this Jubilee Year.

**Dates for your diary:**

**25<sup>th</sup> September (Thursday) Jubilee Talk - Marriage as a pilgrimage and partnership, from conflict to healing.**

**October 2025 (celebrating our pilgrim journey in prayer with the Blessed Virgin and creation)**

**4<sup>th</sup> October (Saturday) – Blessing of Animals** (Feast of St Francis) Church of the Apostles grounds at 11 am.

**11<sup>th</sup> October (Saturday) – Australia needs Fatima Public Rosary**, Church of the Apostles grounds at 11 am.

**16<sup>th</sup> October (Thursday) – Jubilee Talk – Overcoming Addictions a Christian perspective.**

**12<sup>th</sup> October (Sunday) – Multicultural Day**, St Finn Barr's Church, Invermay after the Mass in the school Hall.

**Fr Leonard**

**Launceston Catholic Parish presents**

**JUBILEE PILGRIM TALK SERIES**

**Join us for our first informal talk on Marriage as a Pilgrimage and Partnership- from Conflict to Healing.**

**Fellowship, Food and Fabulous speakers**

**Peter and Sue McKenzie, Tony and Heidi Portugal**

**Peter and Sue** are responsible for the preparation and formation of young couples through the Parish Marriage Preparation Program.

**Tony and Heidi** come to us from Ulverstone as active members of our Tasmanian Couples for Christ.

**25th September, 2025**

**Pastoral Centre @ Church of the Apostles**

**From 6.00pm – 8.00pm**

**This is a FREE event**

**Laudato Si': Regenerating an Integral Ecology together**

You are invited to join in the Laudato Si' Community Day to grow in faith, understanding and practice towards living an 'Integral Ecology'

**Saturday 20 September 2025, 9am-3.30pm. Meet at the Clarence Foreshore Trail, Hobart. Morning tea and talks will follow at John Paul II Catholic School Hall, Rokeby.**

**Enquiries:** [luch.brighella@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:luch.brighella@catholic.tas.edu.au)

**Registrations:** <https://forms.gle/orDCeeafaJJGa7uh7>

**Children's Corner**

What are some good choices you can make this week?  
Tick the good choices and cross the bad ones.



**HELP AROUND THE HOUSE WITHOUT BEING ASKED TO**

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**DON'T WORRY ABOUT SAYING MY EVENING PRAYERS**

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**CONTRIBUTE TO THE OFFERTORY PLATE**

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**MAKE FRIENDS WITH SOMEONE NEW**

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**MAKE FUN OF THE TEACHERS**

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**OWN UP TO MAKING A BAD DECISION**

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**TURN OFF THE T.V. AND READ A BOOK**

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**STOP DOING YOUR HOMEWORK AND GO OUTSIDE TO PLAY**

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**DO SOMETHING NICE FOR YOUR PARENTS**

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**Caritas Australia – Season of Creation**

The Season of Creation's call for *Peace with Creation* aligns powerfully with the Turn Debt into Hope campaign, as communities burdened by debt are often those facing the worst environmental challenges.

This Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October), Caritas Australia is inviting parishes to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal by: signing the **Turn Debt into Hope** petition – [caritas.org.au/debt](https://caritas.org.au/debt) committing to practical, everyday actions that promote ecological sustainability and care for creation by registering to become a **Catholic Earthcare Household** -

[caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/](https://caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/)



The Catholic Parish of Launceston embraces and whole-heartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.

**Enquiries:** Safe Communities officer- Parish Office 63314377 or email: [launceston@aohtas.org.au](mailto:launceston@aohtas.org.au)

**Safe Communities Information flyer available in the Church or visit:** [SafeCommunitiesTas.com.au](https://SafeCommunitiesTas.com.au)



## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING

Wisdom 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

*(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

1. You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

### SECOND READING Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as

a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 118:135

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

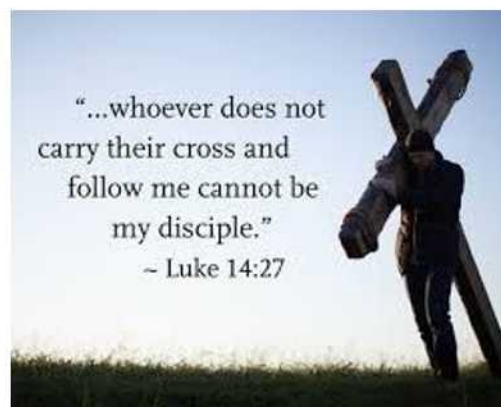
*Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.*

*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'



### A VOCATION VIEW

*You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship. (Luke 14:25-33)*

**Next Sunday's readings- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Numbers 21:4-9**  
**Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7**  
**Philippians 2:6-11**  
**John 3:13-17**

*Ponder and pray the living Word of God*



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**Account Name:** Launceston Catholic Parish  
**BSB:** 067 000; **Account No:** 1031 6153.  
**Reference:** "your surname"

### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.*

