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Twenty– Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C– 19th October 2025
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Modern research increasingly confirms what faith has long known that prayer nurtures our well-being. Studies show that regular prayer can reduce stress, improve emotional resilience and foster a deep sense of purpose and belonging. In today's fast-paced Australian life, from the outback to our urban centres, prayer offers a sacred pause and a grounding point. This Sunday, as we mark the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time and celebrate World Mission Sunday, we are reminded that prayer is not just personal; it is profoundly communal. Drawing from Pope Leo's timeless message and our rich readings, we reflect on why prayer remains essential in our lives and in mission.

Prayer is more than a ritual. It is our lifeline to God, a spiritual conversation that strengthens our faith and equips us for mission. In our first reading (Exodus 17:8–13), Moses' raised hands symbolise intercessory prayer, showing that persistence in prayer brings divine support. Likewise, in our gospel according to Luke 18:1–8, our Lord Jesus teaches us not to lose heart but to pray with perseverance, trusting that God hears the cries of His people. This resonates deeply with Pope Leo's enduring message for World Mission Sunday: the mission of the Church must be sustained by prayer. We are reminded that the Church's work is not merely action, but action rooted in spiritual depth.

Pope Leo emphasised that every missionary activity draws strength from prayer and this applies not just to those sent abroad, but to all of us. Whether you are a young Aussie navigating a complex world or an elder rooted in wisdom, prayer connects us to the heart of our mission to be witnesses of the love of God. As St. Paul writes to Timothy in our second reading (2 Tim 3:14–4:2), it is Scripture and prayer that prepare us to face the world with courage, truth and compassion. Through prayer, we are equipped for "every good work."

In a secular and often noisy world, prayer calls us into silence, presence and purpose. It offers healing, hope and clarity, not only for ourselves but for the communities and missions we serve. This World Mission Sunday, let us rekindle our commitment to prayer, not as a task, but as a necessity for a faithful life. Pope Leo's call remains clear: the mission of the Church must begin and be sustained in prayer. Young or old, new in faith or long committed, we are all invited into this sacred routine. Through prayer, we find our voice, our strength and our shared mission in Christ, our Lord. May Mary, the Mother of the Missions and the First Missionary Disciple, accompany and pray for us.

Fr Jonas Donasco MLCC

Dear Parishioners, I encourage all Mass centers to pray the Rosary 20 minutes before the Sunday Mass this month of October. The story of Blessed Bartolo Longo stands as one of the most powerful testimonies to the grace of God and the intercessory power of the Blessed Virgin Mary through Her Holy Rosary. Few conversions in Church history are as dramatic, as complete, and as edifying as that of this 19th-century Italian lawyer, who once served as a "high priest" of Satanism – yet died a faithful Catholic, a Dominican tertiary, and a Knight of the Holy Sepulcher. (see page 3)

16th October (Thursday) – Jubilee Talk – Overcoming Addictions a Christian perspective. Informal, free talk with Jason Bresnehan.

Parish Pilgrimage – will be on Saturday 08th November from 11am to 2pm to the church of the Holy Trinity, Westbury. Details in the newsletter. **Fr Leonard**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 6pm 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
6.30pm Church of the Apostles, Launceston

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am–10.30am Apostles
5.15pm– 5.45pm Newstead

WEEKDAY MASSES 20–24 Oct

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
Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am -

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

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

Copies of the latest edition of The Catholic Standard are available in the Church and the foyer of the Pastoral Centre or look for the online version on the Archdiocese of Hobart website.



CATHOLIC PARISH OF LAUNCESTON — ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Thursday, 6th November 2025 at 7.30pm in St Finn Barr's Church, 247 Invermay Road

An invitation is extended to everyone who has lost a loved one, especially during the last year to come along to our annual Mass of Remembrance. Relatives and friends are also invited to attend. You may wish to bring a photo or memento of your loved one and there will be an opportunity to place this at the altar during the Mass if you wish. All are welcome to join in this very special celebration of our faith.

Envelopes are available in the church for November Mass Intentions.



The theme of for World Mission Sunday this year is "**Missionaries of Hope among the peoples.**" Pope Leo XIV encourages us "I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday, Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories. This October 19th, as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be 'missionaries of hope among the peoples, let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth.'"

Our Parish will host the launch of Catholic Mission on Friday 24th October with Archbishop Tony celebrating Mass at 10.30am in Church of the Apostles with representatives from our Catholic Schools. Parishioners are most welcome to attend.



Freecall: 1800 257 296

catholicmission.org.au/mission



Launceston Catholic Parish presents

OVERCOMING ADDICTIONS— A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE.

Join us for our second informal talk

This talk is for parishioners aged 18+. It is not just about alcohol or smoking addictions but looks at addictive behaviours in our everyday life – phone and screen addictions, addictions to power....

Jason Bresnehan

Jason is a Parishioner who has many years of lived experience in dealing with addictive behaviours and personality types. After an extraordinary encounter with Our Lord, he ultimately discovered hope, direction, healing and purpose for his own life.

Thursday 23rd October, 2025, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Pastoral Centre (upstairs), Church of the Apostles,
Margaret Street, Launceston.

FREE EVENT - Light Meal provided

ALL WELCOME & ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Harry Rattray** (Julian and Amy) and **Nora and Hudson Clark** (James and Maddison) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sr Mary Joseph OCD, Merril Thompson, Bev Callahan, Marcus Hughes, Jenny Bowe, Christina Waiss, Kath Aldred, Carol Cleary, Irene La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Tina La Palombara, Joanne Foley, Brigitte, Louisa Buttazzoni, Alida Moolenschot, Peter Brumby, Pat McCarthy, Shirley O'Byrne, Will Smith, Therese Brennan, Kees Moolenschot, Elsie Saltmarsh, Ruth Adams, Egidio Tosello, Maria Holton, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Alfred Weeding, 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 We pray for Michael Mannion, Denise Moolenschot, Valerie Lawn and Len McKay (brother of Fr John McKay) who have died recently, Sr Stephanie Ellis OCD, Fr Jack Nagle, Mary O'Byrne, Jill Kolody, John Quinlan, Gloria Sewell, Catherine Khan, Allan Khan, Frederick Crumpton, Christopher O'Reilly, Alan Sutton, Gary Stewart, Mavis O'Callaghan, Michael O'Callaghan, Graham O'Connor, Camillo Claudio, Denise Gasperino, Patrick Dunn, Jo-Ann Cornelius, Fr Paul Connolly, and we remember all those anniversaries which occur at this time.

Jubilee Saints - From Satanist Priest to Apostle of the Rosary: The Miraculous Conversion of [Blessed Bartolo Longo](#)

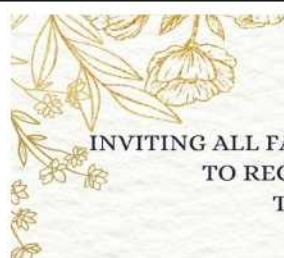
Bartolo Longo was born in 1841 in Latiano (near Brindisi, Italy). Like everyone in this southern village, he was raised in a devout Catholic family. But as a young man, he distanced himself from the Church when his mother died (1851), and he began a long slide into alienation, depression, and hatred. Matters were further compounded when he fell under the sway of the anti-clerical, occultic, and rationalist movements that were sweeping through Italy in the wake of the Enlightenment and Napoleonic Revolutions. Freemasonic sects were extremely active and, along with "liberal nationalists," were pushing for Italian unification, abolition of the papal states, and destruction of papal power.

While studying law at the University of Naples, Longo became involved in drugs, séances, spiritism, and eventually full-blown satanism. He was ordained a "priest" in a satanic sect – a shocking betrayal of the faith in which he was baptized. He believed he could practice "real" magic. He unceasingly ridiculed Christianity. He derived perverse pleasure from convincing Catholics to abandon the True Faith; a skill at which he was quite adept.

But his descent into evil did not bring him peace. On the contrary, Bartolo began to suffer from terrifying hallucinations, paranoia, depression, and suicidal thoughts. He later wrote of this dark time: "I was harassed by devilish visions, voices, nightmares. I went through a profound psychic crisis and was plunged into a dark despair." His family, still fervently praying for his return to the Church, convinced him to seek help from a holy Dominican priest, Fr. Alberto Radente. He helped Bartolo return to the Sacraments and taught him about the Rosary as a spiritual weapon against temptation and despair. His past sins weighed heavily upon him. It was then that he remembered the words attributed to Our Lady through St. Dominic: "He who propagates my Rosary shall be saved." Those words became a lifeline for Longo. He wrote: "As I pondered this promise, I resolved to dedicate my entire life to the Rosary. This is the path by which I shall save my soul." From that moment on, Bartolo Longo's life was consumed with devotion to Our Lady and Her Rosary.

In Pompeii, then a ruined and superstitious countryside, Bartolo found his life's mission. He began to rebuild a crumbling chapel and catechize the local people, many of whom were barely literate in the Faith. He organized public Rosaries, taught children the catechism, and established religious associations dedicated to Our Lady. Bartolo spearheaded the construction of what would become the Basilica of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary of Pompeii. Miracles began to occur. Reports of healings, conversions, and special graces were attributed to Our Lady of Pompeii and the praying of the Rosary. Pilgrims arrived in ever greater numbers. Bartolo Longo died in 1926, poor in worldly goods but rich in grace. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980, who praised him as "a man of the Virgin Mary" and "an example for modern times." His tomb bears the simple inscription he requested: "I have been a slave of satan, but now I am a slave of Mary."

Bartolo Longo will be canonized on Sunday the 19th of October by Pope Leo at the Vatican. Blessed Bartolo Longo, pray for us.



INVITING ALL FAMILIES WITH THE OPPORTUNITY
TO RECONNECT AND GROWING
TOGETHER IN FAITH

Family Retreat

SATURDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2025
10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
PASTORAL CENTRE, 44 MARGARET ST.
LAUNCESTON

LUNCH AND AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED
PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE ASAP
FOR CATERING PURPOSES

RSVP TO ROSA
0437 815 324



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF LAUNCESTON
Invites you to join our parish community
on a local pilgrimage to the
Holy Trinity Church, Westbury

**Pilgrims of Hope:
A Journey of Discipleship**
Saturday, 8 November 2025
11 am - 2 pm

Event Details
A short pilgrimage walk will start from the Westbury
cricket grounds at 11 am towards the church.
Liturgical activities will be followed by a barbecue
lunch on the church grounds.



This is a free event for all ages. Optional
transportation from the Launceston Parish
Centre is available on a first come first serve
basis at \$15 per person. Please contact the
Parish Office for details and to reserve and
pay for a seat by the 26th of October 2025.



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
Safe Communities Information flyer available in the Church or visit: SafeCommunitiesTas.com.au

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 120. R. v.2

**(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **(R.)**
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **(R.)**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'



SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

A VOCATION VIEW

***Pray persistently and God will respond. Ask God to
bless the Church with faith-filled ministers.
(Luke 18:1-8)***

Next Sunday's readings- 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19
Psalm 33:2-3, 17-19, 23
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Ponder and pray the living Word of God



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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.

