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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year C - 10 August 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In 1907, Robert Baden-Powell used his initials BP to create the motto Be Prepared for the Scouting movement. He thought that scouts (and everyone else), should always be ready to meet any duty and any challenge.

This is good advice, but it came too late for Captain Sir John Franklin. In 1845 he led a British Arctic expedition to Canada's Northwest Passage. He set off with two ships and 138 men on a dangerous journey expected to last for 2 to 3 years. And how did Franklin prepare for it? He packed 12-days' worth of coal, 1,200 books, a hand-organ, lots of fine china, cut-glass wine goblets and sterling silver cutlery. And he and his officers were clothed in fine blue cloth uniforms. They must have been horrified when they discovered that they were totally unprepared for the deadly ice ahead. They all perished.

What about you? Have you ever been caught unprepared?

In last week's gospel, the Rich Man was so busy enjoying his treasure that he found himself completely unprepared for his sudden death. This is what Jesus warns us about in today's gospel. He says, 'You, too, must stand ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Now, we know that Jesus will return one day. He has said so himself, and it's recorded in John 14, Acts 1, Luke 21, Matthew 24 and many other places. We affirm this belief whenever we recite the Creed and whenever we proclaim the mystery of our faith, 'Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again'.

So, here's the question: are we ready to meet Jesus face to face? Are we ready to meet him at the end of our lives and at the end of all time? And are we ready to receive Jesus in the many other ways he comes to us – through our prayer and reflection, in the Eucharist, in the faces of the people we meet, and in those sacred mystical moments when Jesus actually touches our souls? As W.C. Fields once said, it's easy for a dead fish to float downstream, but it takes a live one to swim upstream. And to swim against the current today you really need backbone, strength and commitment. Jesus is coming. Benjamin Franklin used to say that if you fail to prepare, then you're preparing to fail. Are you ready to meet Jesus? If not, it's time to prepare. If we're not ready, then it's time to do something about it.

Excerpts from the blog of Deacon Peter McCulloch.

Fr Leonard

Dear Parishioners,

LATE NEWS -We will welcome Archbishop Ireland this weekend at the 5pm Mass at Newstead and 10.30am Mass at Apostles. It will be a lovely chance to meet our new Archbishop. There will be morning tea after Mass at Apostles.

This week we as a church celebrate the installation of Archbishop Anthony Ireland as the 12th Bishop of Hobart, at St Mary Cathedral Hobart on the 12th of August at 11am. Please keep him in our prayers. **Please note – No Mass next Tuesday at 12 noon in Newstead Church** due to the installation Mass in Hobart and parish clergy being in attendance.

Parish Dinner will be on the 29th of August, May I welcome you to register at the parish office. Further details in the parish newsletter.

Parish celebrations next week –

Friday, 15th August 2025 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) Holy Day of Obligation - Mass Times - Church of the Apostles @12noon and 6pm. Please note – **Rosary, will be prayed before each of the Masses.**

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 10-16 August

Monday-Saturday **7.30am**
Carmelite Monastery

Tuesday **NO MASS** Newstead

Wednesday 12noon Apostles

Thursday 12noon Mass Invermay

Friday 12noon Mass Apostles

6 pm Apostles

(Solemnity) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Every Sunday at 9am

Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston or:

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/)

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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 Thursdays, Pastoral Centre
4pm-6pm**

**YAS (age 18-35) 2nd and 4th Sundays in
the Pastoral Centre**

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

Feedback from the Parish Pastoral Council

- Our **Parish Dinner is on Friday 29 August** at the Launceston Golf Club. Please **RSVP with full payment by Monday 18th August.**

- On behalf of our Parish community we have a welcome and a farewell:

We warmly welcome Fr Jonas Donasco who has joined us from Sydney. We look forward to your ministry within the Parish.

We take this opportunity to farewell to Fr Vinco Muriyadan who will be leaving us in the coming weeks. We thank Fr Vinco for the contribution he has made during his time with us, especially for his work with the young people in the Parish.



The Most Reverend Julian Porteous DD
Apostolic Administrator, Archdiocese of Hobart

Is delighted to invite you to the Installation
of

The Most Reverend Anthony John Ireland
DD BTheol STL MA STD as

Twelfth Bishop of Hobart / Eleventh Archbishop of Hobart

To be held at **St Mary's Cathedral 180 Harrington St,
Hobart at 11.00am on Tuesday 12 August 2025**

Followed by a reception at 1.00pm
at the Best Western Hotel, 156 Bathurst St, Hobart

Please register your attendance by
email: archbishopinstallation@aohtas.org.au



CATHOLIC PARISH
LAUNCESTON

PARISH DINNER

2 course buffet meal

Drinks at bar prices

For information and to book,
scan the QR code and
pay by direct deposit
or
contact the Parish Office
on (03) 6331 4377 or in person



Launceston Golf Club | \$50 Adult, \$25 Child

Friday 29 August, 2025 | 6pm for 6.30pm

RSVP
Mon 18 Aug

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Marcus Hughes, Jenny Bowe (sister of Mother Teresa-Benedicta OCD), 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, Merrill 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 Patricia Bowe (Mother of Mother Teresa-Benedicta OCD), Marie Dunphy, Angela Medwin, Gina Sagol, Shirley Coppe and Maria Radenti who have died recently, Jenny Newton, Rowena Villacampa, Michael Towns, Agnes Bok, Anthony Irwin, Mollie Burton, Milena De Paoli, Kay Miotto, Winifred Ellis, Mary Taplin, Willy Veldhuis, Joan Fenton, Marjorie Walsh, Jonas Malisauskas, Michael Watts, Elizabeth Florence Luck, Adelen Kauzlaric, Linda Martin, and we remember all those anniversaries which occur at this time.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: We continue to pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

FIRST EUCHARIST FAITH SHARING SESSIONS

A reminder to our candidates and their families that **Faith Sharing** will be held this coming **Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th August** at the Church of the Apostles, 3pm - 7.00pm.

First Eucharist Mass—Sunday 24th August, 10.30am Mass, Church of the Apostles

Enquiries to the Office or Email:

pltn-sacraments@aohtas.org.au

Fr Mike Delaney's 50th Jubilee of Ordination

All are welcome to attend any (or all) of the Masses for Fr Mike Delaney's 50th Jubilee of Ordination.

Sunday, 17 August – 10:30am Christ the Priest Church, Kingston

Wednesday, 20 August – 7pm Christ the Priest Church, Kingston followed by a light supper

Friday, 22 August – 11am Christ the Priest Church, Kingston (Clergy Mass for Fr Mike and Fr John Murphy SDB)

Kingston-Channel Parish: kingstonchannel@aohtas.org.au

Rachel: 0418 511 124

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom

LUKE 12:32



Natural Fertility Awareness Week 2025.

Billings LIFE invites you to join a special one-hour webinar on **Monday 18th August at 7.30pm**

If you are dreaming of growing your family join us to discover how the **Billings Ovulation Method®** can support your journey to pregnancy.

To register and to find more information please click on the link:

<https://events.humanitix.com/boost-your-baby-odds-naturally-with-the-billings-method>

An invitation email will be sent to prior to the webinar on **Monday 18th August**.

Endow Women's Group

Study and discussion of the writings and life of St. Edith Stein, Jewish philosopher, later Catholic Carmelite nun and Auschwitz martyr during WWII.

When: Fortnightly on Thursdays 10.30am-12pm for 8 sessions, 4 Sept. – 11 Dec.

Where: Launceston Pastoral Centre.

Cost: \$30, includes study guide.

Registrations: Liz Linnemans 0407 074 693.

A VOCATION VIEW

Be alert to God's presence even in the least expected times, places and events. You will be ready to respond to God's call. (Luke 12:32-48)

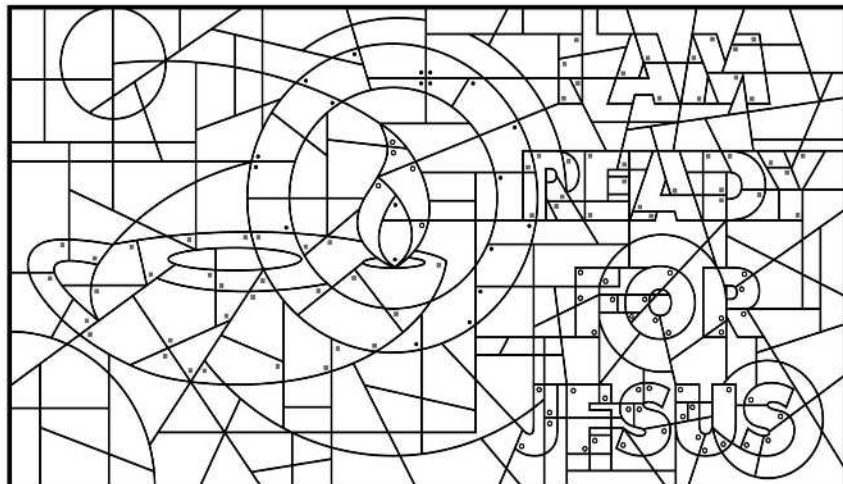
Children's Corner

ASK FOR FORGIVENESS

When do we need to say "I'm sorry" to others and to God?



Color in the shapes with a dot • yellow, shapes with a ring ○ orange, and shapes with a square ■ purple.



PRAY

What are some things we can pray for?



Write a prayer about one of them.

Dear God,

_____. Amen.



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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was by faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Psalms 39:2-4, 18

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

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.

