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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year C - 17 August 2025**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

The Gospel this Sunday is a challenge by Jesus to remain faithful to him at all times. He should be the first and most important person in our lives. "I have come to set the earth on fire." In the context of this Gospel account, fire could mean love – the love that Jesus brings: total self-giving. This love is like that of fire, for it burns with zeal, and consumes all selfishness and pride. Hence, this love transforms. It leads to conversion of hearts. It also purifies. In our life, there may be times when we have to make the most important choice: between Jesus Christ and mere creatures. That is why he talks of fire and division. Following Jesus faithfully has some difficult and painful consequences. But we have to prove that Jesus is the first and only option in our life. After all, the first commandment of God is: "Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and will all your strength." The readings have a common thread that runs throughout: loyalty to God. Jeremiah proved his loyalty against all odds. The Lord rescued and rewarded him. The song in the Responsorial Psalm is an affirmation of this fact. The author of the letter to the Hebrews urges Christ's followers to persevere in running the race, keeping focus on Jesus Christ. The Gospel is a strong challenge to fidelity to Jesus. No creature can compete with Jesus for our loyalty, not even our loved ones. Hence, it can happen that even families can be divided because of Jesus. Always, the right choice is Jesus.

"Blood is thicker than water." This saying has been proven true since time immemorial. But nowadays, this is not true anymore. We see families torn apart because of inheritance and money issues. During elections, family members are turned into bitter political enemies. In short, blood relationship is not anymore, the most important thing in life nowadays. Pope St. John Paul II said, "The greatest misfortune of this age is that people consider money as the highest good." This is what we witness now. There is too much hurt and violence in the world because people are obsessed with having more money, power and worldly things, and they don't care about anybody anymore – "son against father, mother against daughter, three against two, two against three". Unless and until people return to God, and once again make Him the center of their lives and families, there will be no peace in the world. Have a blessed Sunday!

**Fr Leonard**

**Dear Parishioners,**

Last Tuesday we had the privilege of witnessing the installation of Archbishop Tony, please pray for him as he begins his ministry with us.

**First Communion Mass** will be offered next **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August @ 10.30am, in Church of the Apostles** for a number of our parish and public-school children. Please pray for them as they prepare for this momentous event in their spiritual journey.

**Parish Dinner** will be on the **29<sup>th</sup> of August @ 6.30 pm**. Hope to see you all there.

**Final registrations and payment must be made by Monday 18th August**

**Invitation** to parents and Teens to join the **Parish Teens group** every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 4pm, Pastoral Centre, Church of the Apostles.

Faith development, fun and games.

**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 18-23 August**

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**

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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](mailto:carmelshop@yahoo.com)

**Please note: The Parish Office will close at 1pm on Wednesday**



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

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

**Sunday 24th August 2025**

**10.30am Mass, Church of the Apostles.**

**Parishioners are invited to attend the Mass followed by morning tea in St Ailbe's Hall**

(a plate of food to share at the morning tea would be most appreciated)

If you are able to help during the morning tea and with cleaning up, please contact the parish office.



## YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

**FOR SR DOMINIQUE DOUGLAS-SMITH** as she makes her retreat this week in preparation for receiving the habit of the Carmelite Order and beginning her novitiate this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

**FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED** especially **Harry Burt (Zachary and Megan)** and **Henry and Charlie Casey (Jacob and Jodie)** 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** Marie Dunphy, Angela Medwin, Patricia Bowe and Gina Sagol, who have died recently, Eric Radin, Marlene MacMichael, Nick D'Alessandro, Pauline Pennicott, George Bonthorn, Patrick Murray, Steven Bauld, Fioravante Cericola, Margaret Carrick, Miranda Marshall, Brenda Hallam, Cesare Perri, 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.



### Fr Mike Delaney's 50th Jubilee of Ordination

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

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](mailto:kingstonchannel@aohtas.org.au)  
Rachel: 0418 511 124

## YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP NIGHT

20 AUGUST | ST FRANCIS HALL, SOUTH HOBART | 6:45 PM



## Children's Corner

Use the words below to find out what Jesus said to his disciples.

Do you \_\_\_\_\_ that I  
am here to \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_? No, but rather,  
\_\_\_\_\_.



earth  
division  
peace  
suppose  
bring



### 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.

## Save the Date

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School  
is celebrating

**130 Years of Catholic Education!**

Join us for an afternoon and evening filled with memories of the past and a look into the future. Reconnect with old friends, enjoy drinks and dinner. Take a stroll through the school and our Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November

Time: 3:30 pm - 8:00pm

Location: 22 West Goderich St, Deloraine

Let's celebrate the legacy and future of Catholic education together!



Jesus made it clear to his disciples that believing in him would lead to division. Circle the words below that can help us to deal with conflict in a positive way

Respect  
Forgive  
Blame  
Shout  
Listen  
Ignore  
Courage  
Argue



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



## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10:27

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.*

*Alleluia!*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

*(R.) Lord, come to my aid!*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. (R.)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay! (R.)

### GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

### A VOCATION VIEW

*Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so we can  
share His love with zeal. (Luke 12)*



### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm 116

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Luke 13:22-30

*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.*

