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Twenty– First Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year C - 24 August 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Have you ever been to a big concert or sports event where everyone has to go through a single door? It can be tiring and frustrating to wait in such a long line. But people still wait because they really want to be there. In today's Gospel (Luke 13:22-30), someone asks Jesus, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus replies, "Try your best to enter by the narrow door."

What is the "narrow door"? It means following Jesus isn't always easy. It takes effort, faith, and a real desire to love God. Jesus calls us to choose the hard path of love and sacrifice over comfort and selfishness.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young man who will become the first millennial saint in September 2025, humbly observed: "You see queues in front of a soccer match or an actor or rock singer concert, but you don't see a queue in front of the tabernacle where there is the Real Presence of God who lives among us."

So many Catholics today skip Sunday Mass. Why? Studies show the main reason is that people don't feel it's important. They don't realize what's really happening at Mass.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the Holy Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life." At every Mass, Jesus becomes truly present in body, blood, soul, and divinity in the form of bread and wine. This is called transubstantiation, a miracle where the substance of the bread and wine is changed into our Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

Sadly, many people miss out on this gift because they don't recognize its value. Blessed Carlo Acutis once said, "I think that many people do not fully understand the value of the Mass, because if they recognized the enormous blessing we have in a Lord who gives Himself as our food and drink in the Sacred Host, they would go to Mass every day to participate in the fruits of the sacrifice and let go of so many superfluous things."

Saint Padre Pio believed, "If people only realize how God the Father regards the sacrifice of His Son now present in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, they would risk their very lives just to attend a single mass."

With Mother Mary's help, let's not take the Holy Mass for granted. Jesus is the narrow door, waiting for us at every Mass to guide us on the usually difficult but certainly the right path to life.

Fr. Jonas, MLCC

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the First Holy Communion of 28 children in our parish; it is a historical and deeply important event in the life of these children. Please pray for them.

Thank you to the generous parishioner who donated for the purchase of the Funeral Pall. It is available for all parishioners who celebrate Funeral Masses and services in our parish church's. A Funeral Pall is a reminder of the baptismal garment of the deceased; the pall is a sign of the Christian dignity of the person. The use of the pall also signifies that all are equal in the eyes of God (James 2:1-9).

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 25-30 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

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.

Prayer for Sacramental Candidates



Loving God, we ask you to bless these children. May they always feel your presence in their hearts and lives. We take them to our hearts as you take them to your heart. We pray that by our word and example we will help them along their journey of faith. May our Parish community always be a place where they feel welcome and cherished. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen

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: 28th November

Time: 3:30 pm - 8:00pm

Location: 22 West Goderich St, Deloraine

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

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

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, 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 Masters, Elizabeth (Liz) Saunders, Otto Wimmer, Marie Dunphy and Maria Radenti who have died recently, Sr Mary Virgil Virtue rsj, Nick D'Ambrosio, Peg Brumby, Kath Gunton, Marion Roberts, Tammie McCarthy, Patricia Sampson, Doreen McGrail, Cherylene Elmer, Margaret Hay, Esther Warburton, George Spiranovic, Rosa and Bruno Spangaro, Doreen Pratt, Anne Coombe, James Flynn, Katherine Adams, Dulcie McCormack, Bernadine Manshanden, 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.



Laudato Si': Regenerating an Integral Ecology Together

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

Saturday, 20 September 2025
9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Arrive by 9.00 am to start on country at the Clarence
Foreshore Trail (Rosny College carpark end).
[Click here for trail map and information](#)

We will move for morning tea and the remainder
of the program to John Paul Catholic School Hall,
161 Mockridge Road, Rokeby

Parking: Available on-site at both venues
Catering: Tea, coffee, light lunch provided
Donation: A minimum of \$20 is suggested

Registration: Please register via the QR code or
weblink provided

Enquiries: luch.brighella@catholic.tas.edu.au



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Jacqui Rémond, event presenter



Jacqui Rémond, Integral Ecology Leader in the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, at the Australian Catholic University, with expertise in Ecological Conversion will facilitate the day. Jacqui is a Co-Founder of the global Laudato Si' Movement (LSM) and an inaugural member of LSM Global Council. Jacqui is Sector Partner of the global Laudato Si' Action Platform, an initiative of the Vatican Dicastery for Integral Human Development. Jacqui is passionate about accompanying communities to live an Integral Ecology through a culture of care for all creation which necessarily includes governance, spirituality, formation, ethical praxis and community relationships. Jacqui is a mother of two teenagers and is undertaking doctoral research focusing on the question, How does a school community live the intent of Laudato Si'?

Cathy Ransom, Aboriginal Education Worker



Cathy is a Palawa woman from the southeast of Lutruwita. She has been an Aboriginal Education Worker for 10 years, sharing cultural knowledge and providing assistance to students in grades 10-12, across 3 local schools.

Cathy continues to learn as much as she can about her culture. She has two adult children and now can spend her free time on Country, hiking in many parts of Australia.

Meet our Dialogue partners



Carmelita Coen is a long time presider of the Belleve-Lindisfarne Parish. She is a teacher and musician, playing regularly at Sunday masses. Carmelita is the current Chair of the Parish Laudato Si' Steering group.



Angela Marquis is the Pastoral Associate of St Joseph's Church, Hobart, where the Passionists have been caretakers for almost 70 years. Rewriting the Trinity, her chapter in a recent publication, was deeply inspired by the work of Passionist, Thomas Berry, and Angela is grateful for the opportunity to reflect on this charism in relation to Laudato Si'.



Tony Brennan is a poet, songwriter and teacher who has worked as a Hospital Leader since 2017. He has always been engaged in the work of social and environmental sustainability. His role as the Regional Director of Mission for Calvary Health Care includes leadership of a Regional Green Team and efforts to reduce carbon foot-print in Calvary's hospitals in energy, water and landfill waste.



Alanna Page is a proud Molukendeo woman, prior primary school teacher and Principal Aboriginal Consultant at CatholicCare Tasmania. She works to strengthen cultural understanding and reconciliation. Guided by Laudato Si' and connection to Country, she advocates for caring for land, people, and spirit.



Luch Brighella is a retired Principal with Catholic Education Tasmania. He is currently working as a Sustainability teacher at John Paul II Catholic School working with students and inspired by Laudato Si'. He is a member of the Belleve-Lindisfarne parish Laudato Si' Steering group.

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Children's Corner

Write or draw someone who is not considered an important person. Then fill in the missing letters.

The o _ es wh _ are _ ow
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be th _ mo _ t i _ po _ tan _ .

Write or draw someone who considers themselves more important than others. Then fill in the missing letters.

Th _ se w _ o a _ _ now
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the _ e _ st _ m _ _ rt _ nt.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

A VOCATION VIEW

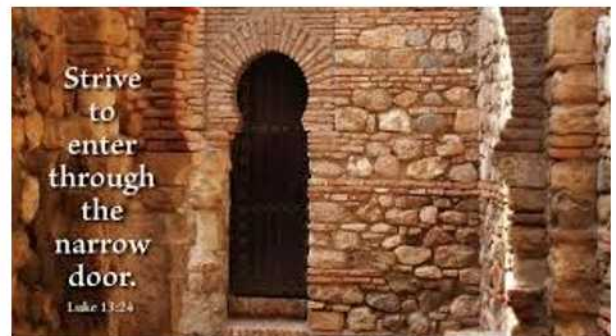
Will you help gather people to be a part of the reign of God? Pay to be open if God calls you to serve as priest, deacon, brother or sisters. (Isaiah 66:18-21)

GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Matthew 11:29

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.

