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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 14TH AUGUST 2022

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10*

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.'


A VOCATION VIEW:

 **Jesus wants his followers to light a fire on the** 
 **earth. His followers, as His fire, are bright,** 
 **blazing, consuming, enlightening and warm.** 






SECOND READING *Hebrews 12:1-4*

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 shameful 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.

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 ACCLAMATION *John 10:27*

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

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.'



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION
AUGUST: Small Business
 We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Dear Parish Family,

This coming Monday we celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. As we celebrate the Eucharist for this feast we enter into the wondrous mystery of Mary's presence in the fullness of God. Mary is fully with God because she responded fully to God's initiative in her life. She is our great advocate. With a mother's love she intercedes for us on our pilgrim way to the Father. Pope Francis has a great devotion to Mary. He concludes his first encyclical letter to the Church, **The Joy of The Gospel**, reflecting on Mary, mother of evangelization: **she is the Mother of the Church which evangelizes, and without her we could never truly understand the spirit of the new evangelization (EG 284)**. Let's celebrate well this great feast, which affirms the dignity and destiny of all humanity. With Pope Francis we pray: **Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for God's little ones, pray for us!**

Please keep **Fr Richard Ross** in your prayers and thoughts. Last Sunday he announced to the Bellerive-Lindisfarne Parish that **he has resigned as their parish priest in order to take 12 months leave of absence**. During this time he will be caring for his ageing father and seeking to address some personal issues that have remained with him since his battle with cancer. Fr Richard **does not** have a recurrence of the cancer. At the same time, he would very much appreciate your prayerful support and friendship, especially over the next 12 months.

The readings for our Masses this Sunday are very challenging. We are exposed to the persecution of Jeremiah the prophet. We hear seemingly strange statements from the Lord, talking of division rather than peace. What are we to make of these words? Jesus does gift us with peace, a deep peace. But this true peace comes from our deep, uncompromising, "all or nothing" commitment to our Christ. The letter to the Hebrews reassures us of the support of **so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side (Hebrews 12:1)**. We can indeed shake off every thing that hinders us if only we **do not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection (Hebrews 12:2)**.

Fr Mark Freeman



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass this Monday, 15th August:

7.30am: Carmelite Monastery

12noon: Apostles

7.00pm: Apostles

**You are the honour, you are the glory of our people,
Holy Virgin Mary**

PRAY FOR OUR 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



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 TASMANIAN PILGRIMAGE

Launceston Information Evening 6.00pm, Saturday 27th August, Pastoral Centre

WYD 2023 is being held in Lisbon, Portugal from the 1st - 6th of August 2023 with the theme **"Mary arose and went with haste" - Luke 1:39**. The Pilgrimage will visit Rome, the Vatican City and WYD in Lisbon, with a retreat in Fatima! All 16 - 35 year olds are invited to an information evening where further details about the Tasmanian Pilgrimage will be provided. For further details please contact youth@aohatas.org.au or Sam Clear directly on 0448 330 238.

View the World Youth Day launch video on the 'Office of Youth Evangelisation - Tasmania' Facebook page

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Julian Tawmging** (Augustine and Louisa), **Bridie Scheibler** (Holger and Rachel) and **Louie Saunders** (Alexander and Gemma) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Brian Nichols, Fr Terry Yard, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Carole Cleary, Bev Callahan, Nanette Gunton, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Philip Carroll, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Tony Long, Kristel Latham, Joan Keefe, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, Denise Austin, 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, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean, John Bennett, and Peter Marshall.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Kevin Sullivan and Chris Jones who have died recently, Emeliana, Maria, Amador and Jacinto Pechon, Nancy Eileen Foon, Juliana Caling, Alfonso Caling, Jenny Newton, Brenda Hallam, Linda Martin, Eric Radin, Marlene MacMichael, George Bonthorn, Patrick Murray, Steven Bauld, Fioravante Cericola, Miranda Marshall, Mary Taplin, Willy Veldhuis, Joan Fenton, Marjorie Wish, Jonas Malisuskas, Michael Watts, Elizabeth Florence Luck, , all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: As the COVID virus continues to affect our lives, we pray in a special way for all those involved in frontline services. We 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.

Our mission is to love and serve our God, each other and the wider community

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – There will be Exposition following Mass *this Monday 15th August*, at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge, St., West Launceston, concluding at 3pm. All welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE will meet in the Parish Pastoral Centre on *Tuesday 16th August at 12.30pm for the Rosary followed by the meeting at 1pm*. New members are very welcome. Please bring donations of warm clothing. Enquiries Victoria 0408 398 785.

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles. Please come and spend time with the Lord and pray for our parish, our diocese, our nation and our world.

AN INVITATION TO MEDITATION The ancient tradition of contemplative prayer seeks God in silence and stillness, beyond word and thought. *Tuesdays at 10.45 and 5pm at the Emmanuel Centre, Newstead*. All welcome. Phone: 6334 1082.

ROSARY: is recited each and every Monday at 7:30pm in the comfort of your own home. We pray our Blessed Mother will watch over us all at this time of uncertainty and sadness. Enquiries: Jan (0409 175 940) or Adrian & Liz (0407 074 693)

THE CARMEL SHOP: 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmel
	9.00am	St Finn Barr's, Invermay
	10.00am	St Patrick's Chapel
	10.30am	Apostles
	5.30pm	Apostles (April—Sept)

WEEKDAY MASSES - 15th—20th August

Monday:	<i>Feast of the Assumption</i>	
	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Apostles
	7.00pm	Apostles
Tuesday:	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday	7.30am	Carmel
	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Invermay
Friday :	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	9.00am	Carmel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	10.00am - 11.00am	Apostles
	5.15pm-5.45pm	Newstead

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Each and every Sunday at 10.00am



On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston
if you don't have a Facebook account go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.



UPCOMING RETREATS & REFLECTIONS

'Jesus in the Temple: stories of prayer and healing' - Reflection Day, Saturday 3rd September, 2022.

All parishioners are invited to a day of prayer and reflection. Journey with Jesus through temple stories and discover your place of prayer and healing. Emmanuel Conference and Retreat Centre, Newstead. 10am-3pm. Cost \$40 (BYO lunch).

Facilitated by Belinda Chapman and Maureen O'Halloran. Bookings by 29th August please to Belinda Chapman ph: 0418 141 171 email: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com

'One Step at a Time' - walking retreat Freycinet National Park, 4th - 7th October, 2022.

For more information please visit here: <https://belindachapman.square.site/one-step-at-a-time>
Or see the flyer in the foyer. All enquiries to Belinda Chapman ph: 0418 141 171 email: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com

Carmelite Weekend Retreat 21st—23rd October, Emmanuel Centre

The Spiritual Genius of St Therese of the Child Jesus, with her thoughts on God and Prayer.
Retreat Director: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD
Cost of weekend: \$240 includes accommodation and meals.
Enquiries and bookings: Sandra on 6331 4991



Thank you to all who have donated so generously to the call for warm clothes for children, women and men to help our migrant and refugee families. The response has been overwhelming and most appreciated! We will ask for further donations as the need arises.

Bank details for direct debit donations to support the financial needs of your Parish:

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.*



Parishioners are invited to participate in a free Retreat for Spiritual Renewal commencing on 23rd August to the 7th October 2022 finishing on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The retreat is undertaken in the privacy of your home. More information available from the leaflets in the Church.

Registrations: www.ThroughOurLady.org/retreat
Enquiries: Rosa: 0427 692 929 or Coby: 0419 376 660

LAUNCESTON PARISH YOUTH GROUP

For young people from grades 5 to 12
Music, Sport, Adventures, Social Work, Faith



**Regular Meeting 1st & 3rd Thursdays,
6.00pm - 7.30pm
St Ailbe's Hall, Margaret Street
Next Meeting: Thursday 18th August**

Enquires please contact Fr Chatty 0469 661 578

Billings LIFE are presenting a free webinar entitled
**"Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best
use of fertility tracking apps"**

Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm AEST

Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps.

See the Billings LIFE website or Facebook page for details and registration.

website: <https://www.billings.life/en/>



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

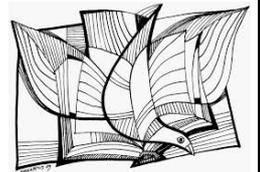
**Respect
Forgive
Blame
Shout
Listen
Ignore
Courage
Argue**

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 15th: Luke 1:39-56
Tuesday 16th: Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday 17th: Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday 18th: Matthew 22:1-14
Friday 19th: Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday 20th: Matthew 23:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 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

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**