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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 28TH AUGUST 2022

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2022

FIRST READING *Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 67:4-7, 10-11, R. v.11*

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

A VOCATION VIEW:

Jesus keeps saying, "Let go. Come, follow me." If your pride is holding you back, or if you're looking for exaltation, let go. Come, follow His way.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

FOR ALL THOSE WHO EXALT THEMSELVES
WILL BE HUMBLLED, AND THOSE WHO
HUMBLE THEMSELVES WILL BE EXALTED.

LUKE 14:11

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2022

The theme of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference annual Social Justice Statement is **Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse** and it invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children. The Statement invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.'

To read a copy of the Statement go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au. Limited hard copies are available in the Pastoral Centre Foyer. **Practical support and advice for people who are experiencing family violence, or are concerned about the risk of it occurring, is available from CatholicCare Tasmania by phoning 1800 819 447.**



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Prayer

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness.

Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse, with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom. Help us to love like you.

Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence.

Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used to justify violent, abusive, or coercive behaviour. Teach us to be people who show tenderness, respect and care for others as you did.

Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way. Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse, and support their call for justice.

Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible, encouraging them to change their behaviour.

AMEN



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Action

How Church Communities Can Confront Violence and Abuse



• **Listen to, support, and believe** those who are experiencing violence and abuse.



• **Speak out** about the sinfulness of family and domestic violence and the responsibility of perpetrators to change.



• **Publicise the support** available in your area for victim-survivors and for perpetrators who want to change their behaviour.



• **Reflect together** on how we might be caught up in structural and cultural violence.



• **Reject spiritual abuse** by debunking the misuse of faith sources to justify violence, abusive behaviour or to coerce women to stay in unsafe situations.



• **Connect with programs**, ensuring our responses are evidence-based and trauma-informed.



• **Promote resources** on responding to family and domestic violence produced by dioceses e.g. Perth, Broken Bay and Parramatta.

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Brian Nichols, Fr Terry Yard, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, Patsy Heath, 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: Margaret Carrick, Ireneo Torayno, Rob Rubenach and Peter Ockerby who have died recently, Peg Brumby, Sr Mary Virgil Virtue rsj, Doreen Pratt, Gavino, Florentino, Felix and Agustino Torayno, Anne Coombe, James Flynn, Katherine Adams, Dulcie McCormack, Bernadine Manshanden, Lucy Toonen, John O'Brien, Peter Freeman, Garda Richardson, Geoffrey Byers, Isobel Olding, Natalie Walker, Edna Smith, Felicetta Facchin, Janine Harris, Carolyn Puccinelli, 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

ONE HOUR WITH JESUS *Next Sunday, 3rd September at the Carmelite Monastery.* You are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in spending some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: 2.00pm Office of None (afternoon prayer of the Church); 2.15 - 3.00pm Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 3.00pm Benediction

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

St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses next weekend.

SICK AND AGED PRIESTS FUND ANNUAL COLLECTION

This weekend the annual collection for the support of the sick and aged priests of the Archdiocese of Hobart is being collected. Half the priests of the Archdiocese are supported by this fund that relies in no small part on your contributions. Let your generosity express your gratitude to the priests who have laboured long and hard in our local Church. Please give generously. Please take an envelope and return it over the next 2 weeks.

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 - 29th August—3rd September

Monday:	7.30am	Carmel
Tuesday:	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	NO MASS
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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Wednesday this coming week

FAREWELL FOR FR MARK

SAVE THE DATE: Friday evening, 30th September
St Finn Barr's Church and Hall
Further details will follow

VOCATIONS INFORMATION EVENING

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Rom 8:28)

An opportunity to discuss what a vocation is and to discern the purpose God has for us:

5.30pm—8.30pm, Wednesday 7th September
Emmanuel Pastoral and Spirituality Centre, Newstead

Have you heard God calling and are wondering how to respond? Is it a call to Holy Orders or Religious life? Married or Single Life? Every vocation is a call to love and holiness! What exactly does that mean? The Vocations Office for the Archdiocese of Hobart invites you to join with other people from around the diocese for a time of Prayer, Sharing and Food. Come along for refreshments, good company, as well as the opportunity for Q and A.

Please RSVP by the Friday 2nd September either by email vocations@aohtas.org.au or by phone 0459 286 278

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"



The Catholic Parish of Launceston embraces and whole-heartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.

Further information is available at: <https://hobart.catholic.org.au/safe-communities>



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.*

The Plenary – been and gone? Or the early stages of a promising journey ahead?

Concerned Catholics Tasmania is organising an opportunity to hear and discuss reflections on the recent Plenary Council that concluded in July. Two members of the Council, John Warhurst and Nimmi Candappa, will share their personal reflections about the experience and implications for our present and future church followed by discussion and Q & A.

Saturday September 10th from 10-12.30
Guilford Young College (GYC) Glenorchy Campus
Register with donna_mcwilliam@yahoo.com.au

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 1st September

Enquires please contact Fr Chatty 0469 661 578

Children's Corner

Use the words below to complete these sentences.

-  When you are invited to be a _____, go and sit in the _____ place.
-  If you put yourself _____ others, you will be put down.
-  When you are _____ to a wedding feast, don't sit in the _____ place.
-  If you _____ yourself, you will be honored.
-  When you give a _____, invite the _____, crippled, the lame and the _____. They _____ pay you back.

CANNOT GUEST
HUMBLE INVITED
BEST BLIND FEAST
ABOVE WORST
WEDDING POOR

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 29th: Mark 6:17-29
Tuesday 30th: Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday 31st: Luke 4:38-44
Thursday 1st : Luke 5:1-11
Friday 2nd: Luke 5:33-39
Saturday 3rd: Luke 6:1-5

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 9:13-18
Psalm 89:3-6,12-14
Philemon 9-10,12-17
Luke 14:25-33



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

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.

10.00am-3.00pm. 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

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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

