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## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 11 SEPT 2022

### SEASON OF CREATION 2022 – 1ST SEPTEMBER TO 4TH OCTOBER

#### FIRST READING

**Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14**

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19**

**(R.) I will rise and go to my father.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
3. O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.  
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;  
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **(R.)**

#### SECOND READING

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**2 Corinthians 5:19**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.**

**Alleluia!**

#### GOSPEL

**Luke 15:1-32**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.' He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. **Continued next page.....**

### **Gospel continued:**

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we

### **Food for thought.....**

*The God who spoke to Moses is pained by the depravity of the people yet moved to show them mercy. Who could ever have imagined such a God? The God depicted in the gospel actually searches for what is lost. He seems to abandon the safe ones for the sake of the one who has strayed. She goes to great lengths to find one coin. As a spurned yet loving father, God patiently waits until we come to our senses. Who could ever have conceived of such a God?*

*Our God seems consumed with an insatiable desire to re-establish a relationship with us after we have turned our backs on God, have chosen to commit our loyalties elsewhere, have thoughtlessly wandered off into danger that threatens our well being, not God's. What is it about us that makes us so desirable? The answer has less to do with us than with the magnanimous character of God. It is almost as if unconditional love is not simply a characteristic of God, but God's very essence and no human frailty or depravity can change this.*

*Paul insists that it is through Christ that all of this is accomplished. It is through the sacrifice of Christ that the depraved are forgiven, that sinners are saved, that the lost are found. It is through Christ that we are sought by God, and Christ is the very gift of mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the celebration of our return.*

**Relection by Sr Dianne Bergant CSA**



### **PRAY FOR OUR SACRAMENTAL CANDIDATES WHO WILL RECEIVE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT OUR PARISH MASSES NEXT WEEKEND, 17TH & 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

*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*



### **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION**

**SEPTEMBER:** Abolition of the Death penalty  
We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

### **PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**

**O God of the poor,** help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth who are so precious in your eyes.

**God of love,** show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth.

**God of mercy,** may we receive your forgiveness.

**Pope Francis**



### **YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY**

**FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED** especially **Billy Viney** (Adam and Felicity) and **Sonny Gage** (Henry and Tegan) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Sr Teresa OCD, 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:** Michael Gumley who died recently, Sr Trish Dance, John Freeman, Stan Siejka, Brian Harley, Raymond Strchnetter, Krystyna Siermicka, Rex Viney, Teresa Cericola, Bernice Corino, Graeme Talbot, Rosemarie Formby, Paul Bartlett, Mick Lee, Nancy Peck, Esma Welch, Karolina Ringswandl, Dorothy Cox, Paul Reynolds, Trevor Loone, Mary Kelleher, Winsome Bell, Dane Sutton, Norma Tripp, 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

**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.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** will meet in the Pastoral Centre on **Tuesday 13th September at 12.30pm for the Rosary followed by the meeting at 1pm.** New members are very welcome. Donations of food items and/ or warm clothing would be appreciated. Enquiries: Victoria 0408 398 785

**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

## PARISH FAREWELL FOR FR MARK FREEMAN — Friday, 30th September 2022

All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to join Fr Mark in celebrating Mass in St Finn Barr's Church at 7.00pm followed by supper in the school hall. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. There are very limited food heating facilities in the hall. Due to the hall being in use by the school until 6.00pm, please do not drop food off before 6.25pm which will allow volunteers to set up the hall. Enquiries: Parish Office on 6331 4377

### 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 - 12th—17th September

Monday:	7.30am	Carmel
Tuesday:	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday	7.30am	Carmel
	5.30pm	NO MASS at 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.

### A VOCATION VIEW:

We are like the lost sheep when we have not found our place in life. Are you part of the herd, lost from the herd, or a leader of the herd?

### SAFE-GUARDING SUNDAY

The Parish of Launceston and the Archdiocese of Hobart are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

[www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

### 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 15th September

Enquires please contact Fr Chatty 0469 661 578

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Parishioners are invited to attend the 62nd CWL State Conference to be held at the Stan O'Doherty Parish Hall and Star Centre (Opposite Star of the Sea Church), George Town, **Friday 14th October to Sunday 16th October 2022.** Keynote Speaker: Monica Doumit, Director of Public Affairs, Archdiocese of Sydney. Guest speakers: Archbishop Julian Porteous; Ann Pereira, National President CWL, Mike Doherty, St Vincent de Paul Society, George Town; and Nicole Williams, Care Forward. Registration and advance payment is essential.

Contact: C W L Secretary, Wendy Fittler:  
[wfittler@bigpond.com](mailto:wfittler@bigpond.com) or (M) 0437370217



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.*

God wants us to know that he will always forgive us.  
Draw yourself saying this prayer to God.

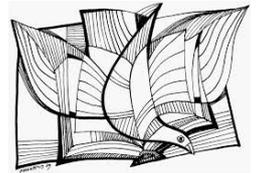
Dear God,  
help me when I turn  
away from you.  
You always call me back,  
help me listen to your voice.  
Give me the strength to  
forgive as you forgive.  
Amen.

### GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 12th: Luke 7:1-10  
Tuesday 13th: Luke 7:11-17  
Wednesday 14th: John 3:13-17  
Thursday 15th: John 19:25-27  
Friday 16th: Luke 8:1-3  
Saturday 17th: Luke 8:4-25

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7  
Psalm 112:1-2,4-8  
1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Luke 16:1-13



*Ponder and pray the living Word of God*

### UPCOMING RETREATS & REFLECTIONS

'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](mailto: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

Complete the Text maze:



"He was lost and now  
has been found."

