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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 20th October 2024 CATHOLIC MISSION SUNDAY

Dear Parish Family, A Call to Servanthood

In today's Gospel James and John they do not know what they're asking to Jesus. But then again, who of us truly do know what it means when we join the Jesus way? We may know some things, but if we stay on the Jesus way we find that the continuous journey of transformation goes beyond what we could have imagined. James and John, for instance, do stay on the Jesus way after Christ ascends and James becomes an early martyr of the faith. But did they ever truly come to understand the meaning of greatness?

The other disciples also continue to struggle with letting go as they become angry when they hear that James and John have approached Jesus with this request. Here Jesus uses the verb to know again, it's a brilliant play on knowing and not knowing. Jesus picks at the wound of oppression, telling them they know what it's like to be "great" in this age, where the Empire power lords it over the occupied people.

I think that the way to understand it is to care less about where we end up in the power hierarchy and to care more about how we're treating and viewing others as we go about our lives. The Jesus way shapes a different understanding of power and how to wield it. Look at Jesus's final words here, "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." Ransom is the payment made to redeem or free something or someone. As William Placher points out in his Belief Series commentary on Mark, it's like the pawn shop system. Something is given up because of a great need, and there is a price set on getting it back.

In so many different ways, human beings across cultures and times have fallen into a way of thinking about greatness that runs counter to the design God has. Jesus literally gives his whole life (not just his death) to living in the way God intended. His life should be our measure of greatness. If we were to try to live according to that standard, we would discover what it means to be redeemed and a blessing to many. Amen

Fr Vinco



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 6pm 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
6.30pm Church of the Apostles, Launceston

WEEKDAY MASSES 21-26 October

7.30am Monday-Saturday Carmelite Monastery
Monday 7.30am Carmelite Monastery
Tuesday 12noon Newstead
Wednesday 5.30pm Apostles
Thursday 12 noon Invermay
Friday 12 noon Apostles
Saturday 7.30 am Carmelite Monastery

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am-10.30am Apostles
5.15pm -5.45pm Newstead

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Every Sunday at 9am

Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston or:

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/)

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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

YOUTH GROUP

For students in Grade 6 to 12
2nd and 4th Thursdays, St Ailbe's Hall
Enquiries: Parish Office

GO AND INVITE
EVERYONE
to the banquet
Mt 22:9

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

"THE SEARCH" Do you know someone who is searching or questioning their Catholic Faith? **This program continues every Thursday until Thursday 28th November, 7pm-8.30pm, upstairs in the Pastoral Centre.**

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM A series of talks and faith-sharing sessions about living the Catholic faith. Hosted by Couples for Christ Australia. **Every Sunday until 24th November, 12noon to 3pm.** A light lunch is provided. Upstairs in the Pastoral Centre. Enquiries: Christina 0400183341, Rosalinda 0437815325

MORNING AND EVENING MEDITATION will be held in the **Stables, Emmanuel Centre** on **Tuesdays at 11am** and **Wednesdays at 5pm.** All are welcome. **Enquires: Tina: 0417305546**

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY **Every Monday in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm.** Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome.**

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 after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

THE CARMEL SHOP: The Carmel Shop is open between 11am—4pm on Wednesdays.

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.

SAVE THE DATE - Advent Reflection Day - Saturday 7th December. The Launceston Catholic Parish is hosting a reflection day facilitated by Belinda Chapman. Further details will follow.



World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics worldwide in prayer, solidarity, and support for the Church's mission efforts. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is rooted in the Gospel of Matthew: **"Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet,"** reflecting the inclusive and urgent call to bring God's love to everyone. Join us in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and invite all to experience the joy of Christ's message! This year, Catholic Mission is working with vulnerable people requiring social services in Mongolia where support services are limited in number and the demand for assistance is growing. Please take an envelope this weekend and return it over the next two weekends. *Thank you*

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia



SCAN ME

CATHOLIC PARISH OF LAUNCESTON — ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Thursday, 7th November 2024 at 7.30pm in St Finn Barr's Church, 247 Invermay Road

An invitation is extended to everyone who has lost a loved one, especially during the last year to come along to our annual Mass of Remembrance. Relatives and friends are also invited to attend. You may wish to bring a photo or memento of your loved one and there will be an opportunity to place this at the altar during the Mass if you wish.

Invitations will be sent out soon to those families in our parish who have lost a loved one in the last year. If you would like an invitation sent to someone you know would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office 6331 4377 or email: apostles@bigpond.com

All are welcome to join in this very special celebration of our faith.



YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Barbara Barrett, Sr Mary Joseph OCD, Nicholas Perotti, Kees Moolenschot, Egidio Tosello, Dymna McCann, Brigitte, Pat McCarthy, Shirley O'Byrne, Fiona Hood, Ray Atley, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Cheryl Dawtrey, Rowena Villacampa, Kevin Quadros, Will Smith, Merril Thompson, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Maria Holton, Louisa Buttazzoni, Alex Thrower, Alida Moolenschot, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Kristel Latham, 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, Jan McClean, Peter Marshall, Ellen Bortolot.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Denise Gasperino, Mavis O'Callaghan, Michael O'Callaghan, Graham O'Connor, Camillo Claudio, Jo-Ann Cornelius, Colleen Turmine, and we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus.

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.

FAITH AND CATECHESIS

A simple Catholic explanation on devotion to the Blessed Virgin

Invocation of Mary - Not only do we honour Mary; we also invoke her or ask her intercession. Some objectors say that we should pray to God alone. Well, Catholics certainly pray directly to God, for they regard the Our Father as the best and most beautiful of all prayers and frequently recite it. But they pray also to Mary, asking her to intercede for them with her divine Son. Our non-Catholic friends ask one another's prayers, and in this we praise them. But, if I may say to a sinner on this earth, and he may say to me, another sinner, "Pray for me," for what reason may we not say to the sinless Mother of God enthroned in heaven, "Pray for us"? If St. Paul asked the Romans to "help him in their prayers for him to God" (Rom. 15:16); if he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Pray for us," why may we not ask Mary, who is far holier and nearer to God than the Roman and Thessalonian converts, to "pray for us"? In fact, we read in the Old Testament that God positively commanded Eliphaz and his two friends to go to the holy man Job and seek his intercession: "My servant Job shall pray for you; his face I will accept, that folly be not imputed to you" (Job 42:8).

Therefore Catholics act aright when they say: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death."

Statues and Pictures of Mary - But why, someone may ask, do Catholics have statues or pictures of Mary in their churches and homes? Is it not against the first (or second) commandment to make graven images? No, it is against God's laws to adore images, not to make them; otherwise we should have to abolish all such things as dolls, for are they not "graven images"? And does anyone imagine that it is against the first commandment to make dolls or to give them to children? God even commanded the making of certain images in the Old Law, as we read in various parts of the Old Testament. For instance, he ordered Moses to make two cherubim (angels) of beaten gold (Ex. 25:18).

Protestant Poets and Devotion to Mary - Poetry helps men and women to shed prejudice, and so we find certain Protestant poets, in their moments of poetic rapture, writing exquisite things about the Blessed Virgin. The following beautiful lines come from the pen of Wordsworth:

Mother whose virgin bosom was uncrossed
With the least shade of thought to sin allied.
Woman! above all women glorified,
Our tainted nature's solitary boast;
Purer than foam on central ocean tossed;
Brighter than eastern skies at daybreak strewn
With fancied roses; than unblemished moon
Before her wane begins on heaven's blue coast.

Fr Leonard PP

WEEKEND RETREAT ON CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY "The 'Why' and 'How' of Prayer?"

In this weekend retreat we will allow St John of the Cross, the Master of prayer in the Carmelite tradition, to teach us "to pray". It will be held at **the Emmanuel Centre, Launceston from Friday 25th – Sunday 27th October.**

Fr Gerard Moran, Carmelite Friar based in Sydney, will be the Spiritual Director.

Cost of the weekend is \$300 including all meals and accommodation.

For more information / bookings: Sandra on 6331 4991

RECLAIM - Youth gathering for young adults 18+

Powerful talks, Praise & Worship.

Fun & Fellowship

Sunday 20th October, 4pm-8pm

Upstairs, Parish Pastoral Centre.

*Hosted by the Young Apostles Society and
Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries Australia*

STEPHEN KIRK, songwriter and artist

UNPLUGGED CONCERT—Rosny Barn, Friday 8 November 7pm-8.30pm <https://events.humanitix.com/stephen-kirk-unplugged>

MUSIC in the Eucharist Workshop –Saturday 9 November <https://events.humanitix.com/music-in-the-eucharist-workshop>
More information – ruth.sternberg@aohtas.org.au or 0448 537 384

Exploring our Images of God - Reflection day Saturday 2nd November at the Josephite Mission and History Centre, Newtown. Please see the flyer attached. This is the same day Belinda Chapman offered last year at the Emmanuel Center (in case it sounds familiar). Please book by 21st October. Email: admin@sosjspirit.org.au. Ph: 6228 1628

Spiritual Direction Formation and Training

If you, or someone you know, is interested in training as a spiritual director you might like to look at the flyer attached. A four-year program is starting in Tasmania next year!

Enquiries: Belinda Chapman: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com



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

*Enquiries: Safe Communities officer- Parish Office 63314377 or email: launceston@aohtas.org.au
Safe Communities Information flyer available in the Church or visit: SafeCommunitiesTas.com.au*

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on him self.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love. to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

A VOCATION VIEW

Life's rewards are tied up in the spirit of service. Just as the Son of Man came to give His life, so too are we called through our profession of faith to serve others. Lord, we pray, 'Let your mercy be on us as we trust You to do your will.'

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 125
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.' When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'



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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. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN..

