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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 31st July 2022

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1 (R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

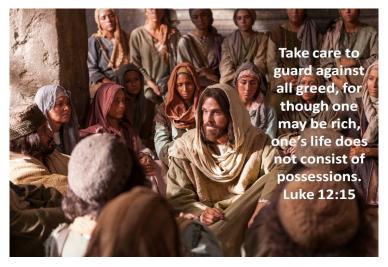
- You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
- 2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
- 3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.

 Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?

 Show pity to your servants. (R.)
- In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

A VOCATION VIEW:

Another sign of Vocation is that your heart is a more intent on things of heaven; rather than on a things of earth. God is everything: the only a thing.

Dear Parish Family

Through our Gospel passages each Sunday we are, during this Ordinary Time of Year C, accompanying Jesus as he makes his way to Jerusalem, to the place where his mission and ministry is fully accomplished. If we reflect on these passages we find ourselves learning about what it really means to be a disciple of Jesus. We have been instructed in compassion, the essential attribute of the disciple (Luke 10:25-37:the Good Samaritan). We have been taught the necessity of listening to God's word, taking it to heart and putting it into practice (Luke 10:38-42: Martha and Mary). Perseverance in prayer and deep trust in God are two more aspects of the disciple's life (Luke 11:1-13: Ask, Seek, Knock). Our Gospel passage this week calls for detachment and poverty of spirit that leaves us free to give our all to the Lord and for the Lord (Luke 12:13-21: rich in the sight of God). We are being welcomed into God's life. May we eagerly embrace the gifts of this life and be ready to give of ourselves to share these gifts of life with all our sisters and brothers.



A small group of parishioners continues to meet to look for ways for all of us to grow in appreciation of the call Pope Francis has made to the whole Church through his 2015 encyclical, **Laudato Si'. The seven Laudato Si' goals** invite us and challenge us to hear and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. For more information and to understand more about these goals go to **http://laudatosiactionplatform.org/laudato-si-goals/** and take the time to reflect on how you can make a contribution to the better stewardship of God's precious gift of creation. A short video is available on youTube providing a clear and useful summary of the Pope's encyclical. Viewing this video at **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNU8fn_ap_U** is an excellent place to start your response to the call of Laudato Si'.

This Sunday, 31st July 2022, is the second anniversary of Fr Chathura's Ordination to the Priesthood. His energy and enthusiasm are a blessing for our parish. May he know God's love and blessing as he continues to deepen his commitment as a priest among us. Let the favour of the Lord be on us all: give success to the work of our hands (Psalm 89:17).

Fr Mark Freeman



PRAY EACH DAY 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



CONFIRMATION and FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAM REMINDER:

for all those participating in this year's program the next

FAITH SHARING SESSION:

Monday 1st or Tuesday 2nd August 2022 3.30pm -7.00pm, Church of the Apostles

Enquiries: Rosie Caelli, Sacramental Co-ordinator, email: pltn-sacraments@aohtas.org.au

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

The Elderly: We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING MILESTONES Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Ray Atley** who celebrated his **100th Birthday** on the **Tuesday, 19th July 2022**.

FOR FR CHATHURA SILVA as he marks the second anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on 31st July 2022.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Brian Nichols, Fr Terry Yard, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, 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, Don Phillips Danielle Clayton who have died recently, Felix Torayno, John Karas, Stefan Dolesny, Kathleen Caswell, Sebastiano Bordin, Jeanette Szolomiak, Mary Di Nisio, Peter Steele, Robert Fergusson, Kathleen Langley, Brian Langford, John Reynolds, Teresa Cericola, Athol Jordan, Cesira Del Pio, Gwen Saunders, Norma Rossetto, all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: During the COVID-19 crisis 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.

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES. INFORMATION AND NEWS

PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM next meeting 6.00pm on Wednesday, 3rd August 2022 upstairs in the Pastoral Centre.

ONE HOUR WITH JESUS: Next Sunday, 7th August 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); 2.15pm - 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. Enquiries: Helen 6344 6382 or email: carmelshop@yahoo.com

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Sacred Heart, Newstead 6.00pm Vigil 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 - 1st—6th August

Monday: 7.30am Carmel Tuesday: 7.30am Carmel 12noon Newstead Wednesday 7.30am Carmel 5.30pm **Apostles** Thursday: Carmel 7.30am 12noon Invermay

7.30am Carmel Friday: **Apostles** 12noon

Carmel Saturday: 9.00am

Saturday: 10.00am - 11.00am **Apostles**

5.15pm-5.45pm Newstead

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

RECONCILIATION

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.





This year's Evangelium Conference which will introduce different pathways for forming missionary disciples inspiring you to bring others to Christ and his Church! Featuring **Daniel Ang**, Director of the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, with prayerful music by Catholic singer and musician Stephen Kirk! The event will be hosted by Sam Clear, Director of Youth Evangelisation in the Archdiocese of Hobart. Various workshops in the afternoon will conclude with a Celebration of Faith including Adoration.

Venue: Sacred Heart Catholic School, Launceston Book your tickets on <u>Eventbrite</u> (Evangelium Conference Tasmania 2022). Registration fee: \$35 includes lunch.

Registrations close 8th August 2022.

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Mission opportunities abroad

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. <u>Palms Australia</u>, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. Enquire online or Phone: 0422 742 567 to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also Register @ https://palms.org.au/event/ celebrate-palms-return-to-global-mission/ for a Webinar on Monday, 1st August at 7:00pm to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

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 mmunities Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework. Archdiocese of Hobart 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.

MARY'S

MANTLE

CONSECRATION

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.

<u>Registrations</u>: www.ThroughOurLady.org/retreat <u>Enquiries</u>: 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 <u>1st & 3rd Thursdays</u>, 6.00pm - 7.30pm St Ailbe's Hall, Margaret Street Next Meeting: Thursday 4th August

Enquires please contact Fr Chatty 0469 661 578

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 1st: Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday 2nd: Matthew 14:22-36
Wednesday 3rd: Matthew 15:21-26
Thursday 4th: Matthew 16:13-23
Friday 5th: Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday 6th Luke 9:28-36

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9 Psalm 32:1,12,18-20,22 Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Luke 12:32-48



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

An initiative of the St Vincent de Paul Society together with the Launceston Parish.



If you are feeling lonely, would like to make new friends, or would just enjoy a FREE home cooked meal prepared by and shared with people who care, please come along to **Dining with Friends**.

Next gathering: Tuesday, 2nd August at 6.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Bookings are essential for catering Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551

<u>CAN YOU PLEASE HELP WELCOME MIGRANT & REFUGEES FAMILIES TO OUR COMMUNITY?</u>

Thank you firstly to all who have donated so generously to the call for warm clothes for women and men. There is now a need for children's winter clothing for three girls aged 8, 5 and 4 and one boy, aged 6. A request also for a coat and a jumper for a teenage girl and boy—both Youth medium size. Clothes can be dropped off to the Parish Office during work hours.

Your help is most appreciated!

Children's Corner

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Set your heart on what is in heaven

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