



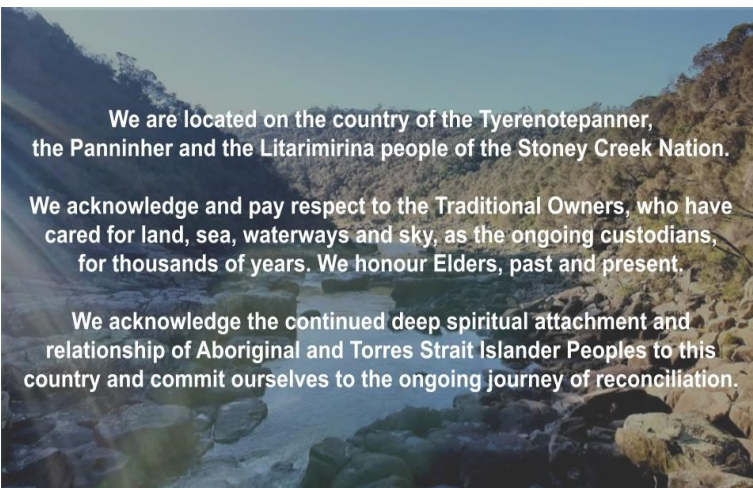
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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A) - 2 JULY 2023 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY**

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-3, 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

SECOND READING

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.



A New Life in Christ: Uniting as One People on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday



Each year, Catholics from all corners of Australia gather on **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday** to celebrate the unique gifts and contributions of Australia's First Peoples. This year's theme, **"A New Life in Christ"** reflects the hope and promise of a brighter future, rooted in unity and shared commitment to positive change. As we commemorate this special day on the Liturgical Calendar, we invite you to listen to our voices and walk alongside us on our journey towards progress. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday symbolizes our unity as one people in Christ, and we urge both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Catholics to come together in every Catholic Parish and School across this great Southern land.

NATSICC Liturgy Team

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Food for thought.....Reflection by Sr Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.



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.

FAITH - SHARING SESSIONS CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

A reminder to our candidates and their families that the second of their faith sharing sessions are this coming Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th July at the Church of the Apostles, 3.30pm - 7.00pm.

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So, Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me."

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Deacon Vinco Muriyaden, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Terry Yard, Alana Oehm, Kathy Aldred, Tina La Palombara, Greg Hopwood, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, Danielle Evans, Louisa Buttazzoni, Lalla Smethurst, Sally Griffin (Smethurst), Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Kristel Latham, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, 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, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean and Peter Marshall..

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Anna Lamonaca and Fay Lewandowski who have died recently, Pauline Kincade, Vittoria Falabella, Margaret Prosser, Tony and Len Furtado, Edwina De Greeff, Colleen Cuthbert, Brian Pratt, Tony Senior, Ray Wells, Keith McCoy, Geertruida Maloney, Francesco Freschi, Antoinette Burke, we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time and for the Holy souls in Purgatory.

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.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

ONE HOUR WITH JESUS *This Sunday, 2nd July 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

ASSOCIATES OF PRESENTATION SISTERS will gather at the Launceston Parish Centre on Saturday 8th July commencing with prayer and 2pm followed by afternoon tea.

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY is being held each Monday night 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.**

MORNING MEDITATION at the **Emmanuel Centre Tuesdays at 11am.** Newcomers are welcome. Enquiries: ph: 6334 1082

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.

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 this weekend.

Morning Tea after 10.30am Mass at Church of the Apostles—All are welcome

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston, **Sung Mass on Sunday 16th July, 9.30am.** Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Julian Porteous. Enrolment in the Brown Scapular will take place during Mass. A Novena of Masses and Prayers July 7th – 15th. Intentions may be sent to Mother Teresa Benedicta via post or tascarmelvoc@gmail.com Morning Tea after Mass All are welcome

CONCERNED CATHOLICS TASMANIA

How should the Synod lead the change in our Church locally and universally? Concerned Catholics Tasmania invites you to engage in a guided reflection and discussion—The Winter Doldrums of our Church, as we reflect on who we are as Catholics in Tasmania in 2023, and the hopes we have for the future.

Saturday 15th July, 10am-12.15pm, Launceston Parish Centre. Registrations: Donna 0418 761 922

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Call for volunteers to become catechists for the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** for 3-6 year old children: Catechist formation for scriptural and liturgical formation of children based on Montessori educational principles. **Where:** Kingston Parish. **When:** July 12-14th for Level 1, Part 1, and July 9-11th for Level 1 Part 2. Beginners can register only for Level 1, Part 1. Volunteers are required at Kingston, Launceston, and Hobart, so if you live nearby and are interested please register. **Information:** <https://youtu.be/RJZyqsjEjwU>
Register: Christine Wood 6208-6236 or email:

christine.wood@aohtas.org.au

Information flyers are in the Church

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES 3rd—8th July

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmel

Tuesday:	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday:	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	12noon	Invermay
Friday:	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	7.30am	Carmel

RECONCILIATION

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

An Introduction to Ignatian Discernment

A reflection day to attune our hearts to Love's song of peace, joy, faith, hope and love.

- ◆ Making decisions in freedom and with integrity
- ◆ Discovering a sense of identity, vocation and mission
- ◆ Listening for the whispers of God and the movement of the Spirit
- ◆ Opening to the grace of life-giving 'more'

Saturday 22nd July 2023, 10am –3pm

Emmanuel Centre, Newstead

Cost: \$40 BYO Lunch (morning tea included)

Facilitated by Belinda Chapman

Bookings by 17th July—belindachapman.sd@gmail.com

Ph: 0418 141 171

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"

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Each and every Sunday at 9am

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.

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.*

DINING WITH FRIENDS

**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, 4th July at 6.00pm in the
Pastoral Centre. Bookings are essential for
catering Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551**

Children's Corner

Write down some ways that you can make others feel welcome...



in your home



in school



in church

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 3rd:	John 20:24-29
Tuesday 4th:	Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday 5th:	Matthew 8:28-34
Thursday 6th:	Matthew 9:1-8
Friday 7th:	Matthew 9:9-13
Saturday 8th:	Matthew 9:14-17

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalms 144:1-2,8-11,13-14
Romans 8:9,11-13
Matthew 11:25-30



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

A Spiritual Retreat in Launceston with Sonja Corbitt from the USA @ July 15-16th

Come along, rest, discover and find healing on this internationally acclaimed retreat opportunity with Sonja Corbitt from the USA. Also known as 'The Bible Evangelista'. No matter how well you know the Bible — a little or a lot — **this retreat** will help you read it with new eyes and connect deeper with God, and His plan for you! Over two days discover in depth what Holy Scripture has to offer YOU, in your own personal journey of life. Come to hear God speak, and feel His touch like never before on this powerful and life changing retreat.

Saturday 15th July (5:30pm) - Sunday 16th July (3:30pm) 2 day live in retreat at The Emmanuel Centre, Newstead Cost: \$180 per person including all meals, talks & accommodation (**Other attendance package options - \$80 2 day talk attendance + including meals, excluding accommodation or \$30 per person for 2 day talk attendance + bring your own meals, excluding accommodation)

For further information & registration, phone The Emmanuel Centre: 03 6334 1082, 0458 003 642 or email: emmanuelcentre@aohtas.org.au

To avoid missing out, Please register by July 12th

'God is waiting for you to turn your gaze towards him' Sonja Corbitt, International Speaker

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