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## **The Transfiguration of the Lord (YEAR A) - 6 AUGUST 2023**

**National Vocations Awareness Week 6th—13th August**

### **FIRST READING**

**Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14**

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.**

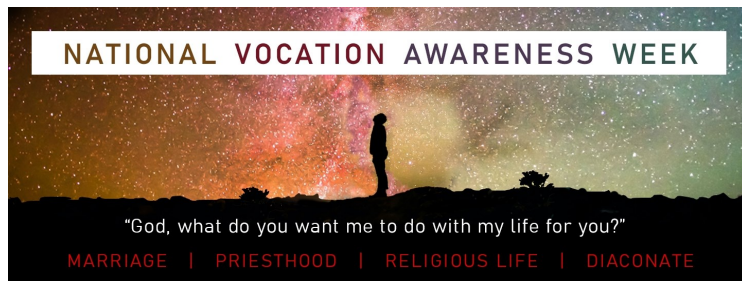
**(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right. (R.)
2. The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory. (R.)
3. For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits. (R.)

### **SECOND READING**

**2 Peter 1:16-19**

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.



### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

***This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.***

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



**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.**

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

In the midst of Ordinary Time we are invited to behold the transfiguration of Christ. By some horrible coincidence, we recall Christ's brilliance on the day that the world marks another cosmic event, its birth into the atomic age at Hiroshima. The paradox of these events should not be lost on us. The white light that shone from Christ was a mere suggestion of the divine splendour that is beyond human comprehension; the flashing light from the atomic explosion was an omen of the destructive force that is within human grasp. It is imperative that the horror of the latter be brought under the control of the glory of the former.

The transfiguration was a moment in time when Jesus' divine glory broke through his humanity and shone with a brilliance that was blinding. We sing of this glory time and again in the psalms. Yet when it really appears we can hardly believe it ourselves. The readings outline three different moments when this glory was revealed.

The first was reported by the visionary in the book of Daniel. The second moment was the scene of the transfiguration. The third is hidden in the resurrection testimony of the author of the Letter of Peter.

We are the ones who today possess the prophetic message; we are the present day eyewitnesses of Christ's majesty. We too have moments when we might behold his glory and hear the voice proclaiming his identity, but we need eyes of faith and ears that are open.



**While Fr Chathura is away at World Youth Day, the Parish is grateful for Fr Ed Travers who celebrated Mass last weekend and for Fr Chris Hope who will celebrate Mass this weekend and next weekend at St Finn Barr's Church and Church of the Apostles. Thank you Fr Ed and Fr Chris for your Ministry.**

### **FEEDBACK FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

- Our **Parish Dinner** is on **Friday 25 August** at the Riverside Golf Club. Everyone is welcome. Make up a table, join a table from your Mass centre or come along and join a table on the night. RSVPs close 14 August.
- A **Laudato Si** initiative to promote recycling has been launched within the Parish. A Recycling Bin is now available in the back of each Church to collect a variety of items, including as examples batteries, CDs and DVDs, toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, printer cartridges etc. (The City of Launceston Recycling Hub is also available, further information can be accessed at <https://www.launceston.tas.gov.au/Natural-Environment-and-Waste/Recycle-Hub>)
- **Save the Date** for our **Advent Retreat - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023** hosted by Maureen O'Halloran and Belinda Chapman. More information will follow.

### **PRAY EACH DAY FOR OUR FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION 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 FOR CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST**

**A reminder to our candidates and their families that the third Faith Sharing session will be held this coming Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th August at Church of the Apostles, 3.30pm - 7.00pm.**

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

**FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED** especially **Freya Connell** (Ashley and Catherine) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

**FOR FR CHATHURA, LAURA AND HUI** as they celebrate World Youth Day this week in Lisbon, Portugal.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Deacon Vinco Muriyaden, Michael Varger, 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:** Carmen Pereira and Lois Forwood who have died recently, John Karas, Rob Rubenach, Cesira Del Pio, Gwen Saunders, Norma Rossetto, Kay Miotto, Christopher Jones, Michael Steer, Jean Rice, Mary Harrington, Paddy Bannon, John Allchin, Michael Towns, Brian Coombe, Francis Josey, Anthony Irwin, Mollie Burton, Milena De Paoli, Winifred Ellis, 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, 6th 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); 2.15 - 3.00pm Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 3.00pm Benediction

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS' AWARENESS WEEK 2023** – A novena of Masses and prayers for vocations to priesthood, permanent diaconate and consecrated life will be offered from **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August** at the Carmelite Monastery, . All are welcome to join the Sisters for Mass at 7.30am each day to pray for this important intention for our Archdiocese.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** The Launceston Branch will meet at **1pm on Tuesday, 8th August, 2023**, at the Parish Centre, Margaret St. Rosary at 12.30 pm. New members welcome. All enquires phone Victoria on mob 0408298785.

**ASSOCIATES OF THE PRESENTATION SISTERS** will be gathering downstairs in the Parish Centre on **Saturday, 12th August, commencing at 2 p.m.**

**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

**LECTO 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 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**



CATHOLIC PARISH  
LAUNCESTON

# PARISH DINNER

2 course meal Entertainment  
Drinks at bar prices

For information and to book,  
scan the QR code and  
pay by direct deposit  
or  
contact the Parish Office  
on (03) 6331 4377 or in person



RSVP  
Mon 14 Aug

This is an inclusive event, should you require assistance to attend (transport, financial etc), please indicate this when booking.


Riverside Golf Club	\$40 Adult, \$20 Child
Friday 25 August, 2023	6pm for 6.30pm

## NATIONAL PRAYER CRUSADE FOR VOCATIONS

The Knights of the Southern Cross prayer crusade coincides with this week's national vocations awareness week. Parishioners are encouraged to pray this special prayer each day this week:

*Heavenly Father, you know the faith, courage and generosity of your people throughout Australia including the men and women serving at home and overseas with the Australian Defence Force, Please provide your people in Australia with sufficient Priests, Deacons and Religious to meet their needs and be with them always as they endeavour to meet the challenges of their daily lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen."*

**Please take a prayer card available in the Church**



Mary MacKillop

Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.

— AZ QUOTES —

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

## WEEKDAY MASSES 7th—12th August

### 7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmel

<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Newstead</b>
	<b>Feast Day—St Mary MacKillop</b>	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Apostles</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Invermay</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Apostles</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Carmel</b>

## RECONCILIATION

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>9.30am -10.30am</b>	Apostles
	<b>5.15pm –5.45pm</b>	Newstead

## 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,*

### CATHOLIC PARISH LAUNCESTON RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Proceeds to Vinnies Winter Appeal

Tickets sold at parish dinner

\$2 each or  
3 for \$5



DONATIONS FOR PRIZES WANTED

e.g. giftcards, wine, chocs

Please drop off donations to Parish Office  
by 11th August

### GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 7th:	Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday 8th:	Matthew 6:25-34
Wednesday 9th:	Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday 10th:	John 12:24-26
Friday 11th:	Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday 12th:	Matthew 17:14-20

### NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Psalms 84:9-14

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33



*Ponder and pray the living Word of God*

### WALK TO RAISE AWARENESS HOMELESSNESS WEEK

Thursday 10th August, leaving at 10am

City Park Rotunda and finishing at Royal Park with

Free Sausages, soup and Coffee available

City Mission Snag Chat Van, Salvation Army Street Beat and  
the Vinnies Van

Enquiries: 63265551 or north@vinniestas.org.au

### Evangelium Conference for 2023

The Annual Conference will be in Bellerive this year, with keynote speaker Jude Hennessy – Director of the office of Renewal and Evangelisation for the Wollongong Diocese, and Catholic musician, song writer and worship leader Stephen Kirk!

**When:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 10 am – 4:30 pm **Cost:** \$35 Early Bird finishing on August 31<sup>st</sup> **Register:**

<https://evangeliumconferencetas23.eventbrite.com.au>

**More information:** [evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au](mailto:evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au)

### Emerging Women and their Encounters with Jesus

**Reflection Day—Saturday 2nd September, 10am—3pm**  
Emmanuel Centre, Newstead

Women of all ages and stages are invited to a day of prayer and reflection. Through Scripture stories of women's encounters with Jesus, discover God's story of life and love emerging through you.

Cost \$40. BYO lunch (morning tea supplied). Facilitated by Belinda Chapman and Maureen O'Halloran. Please book by 29th August by phone (Maureen) 0400 038 095 or email (Belinda) [belindachapman.sd@gmail.com](mailto:belindachapman.sd@gmail.com)

## Children's Corner

By using the words below, can you work out what the voice from the cloud said to the apostles?

**SON AM LISTEN TO SAYS  
BELOVED HIM IS PLEASED**

THIS \_\_ MY

\_\_\_\_\_,

AND I \_\_\_\_\_

WITH \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ WHAT HE \_\_\_\_\_