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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A) - 13 AUGUST 2023

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9.11-13 **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) *Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.



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

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God. As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.



Let us learn from the strong and helpful faith of our Mother Mary in order to become living signs of God's mercy.
- Pope Francis

#PrayInMay @catholicbishops

MASS TIMES - FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, 15th August (Holy Day of Obligation)

7.30am	Carmelite Monastery
9.30am	St Peter's Church, Kings Meadows
10am	Holy Redeemer Church, Deloraine
12noon	Sacred Heart Church, Newstead
5pm	St Francis' Church, West Tamar Highway, Riverside
7pm	Church of the Apostles
7pm	Holy Trinity Church, Westbury

You are the honour, you are the glory of our people, Holy Virgin Mary

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.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?

Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

Next weekend we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker, Mary-Anne Johnson, who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters. Mary-Ann will speak at the Vigil Mass at Newstead and the 10.30am Mass and will have some religious items for sale eg: Rosary beads.

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Deacon Vinco Muriyaden, Michael Varger, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Terry Yard, Kim Izard, Alana Oehm, Kathy Aldred, Tina La Palombara, Greg Hopwood, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Teresa McMahon, 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: Maxwell Lewis and Cherril Denton who have died recently, Jenny Newton, Elizabeth Heckscher, Peter Smith, Philip Smith, Emeliana Pechon, Amador Pechon, Jacinto and Maria Pechon, Juliana and Alfonso Caling, Gloria Pechon, Thelma Khan, Allan Bennett, Sr Mary (Margaret Illingworth), Mary Taplin, Willy Veldhuis, Joan Fenton, Marjorie Walsh, Jonas Malisaukas, Michael Watts, Elizabeth Florence Luck, Linda Martin, Marlene MacMichael, George Bonthorn, Patrick Murray, Fioravante Cericola, Margaret Carrick, Miranda Marshall, Brenda Hallam, 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

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION – There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass next **Tuesday 15th August** at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., West Launceston, concluding with Benediction at 3pm. All are welcome

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

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST:

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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 14th—19th August

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmel

Tuesday:	Feast of The Assumption of Mary	
	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Newstead
	7pm	Apostles
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



CATHOLIC PARISH
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RSVP
Mon 14 Aug

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



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

PARISH DINNER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Proceeds to Vinnies Winter Appeal

Tickets sold at the Parish Dinner -\$2 each or 3 for \$5

Donations for Prizes can be left at the Parish Office by
Monday 21st August.

Suggestions: Giftcards, wine, chocolates



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:

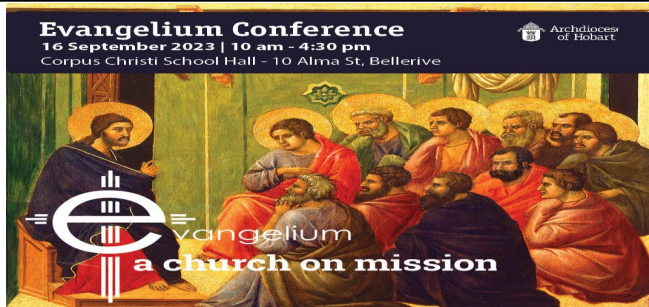
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

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,*



Evangelium Conference
16 September 2023 | 10 am - 4:30 pm
Corpus Christi School Hall - 10 Alma St, Bellerive

Archdiocese
of Hobart

Evangelium Conference for 2023

Saturday 16th September 10 am – 4:30 pm

The Annual Conference will be in Bellerive this year, with key-note 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!

Cost: \$35 Early Bird finishing on August 31st **Register:**

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

More information: evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au

Encountering Christ Retreat

Behold I Make All things New! (Rev. 21:5)

NOVEMBER 3-5th, 2023 @ The Emmanuel Centre

Catholic women, single or married, ages 18+, are invited to a weekend of prayer, talks, silence, and fellowship, hosted by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. This retreat will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. The retreat begins Friday evening, 3 November, and concludes Sunday midday, 5 November. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be part of the retreat. Retreatants may select overnight accommodation or day attendance only. All meals are included. Live in retreat fee: \$300.

Full retreat - Day only attendance: \$150.

Please email emmanuelcentre@aohtas.org.au to register or call (03) 6334 1082 / 0458 003 642.

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 14th:	Matthew 17:22-27
Tuesday 15th:	Luke 1:39-56
Wednesday 16th:	Matthew 18:15-20
Thursday 17th:	Matthew 18:21-19:1
Friday 18th:	Matthew 19:3-12
Saturday 19th:	Matthew 19:3-12

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:6-7

Psalms 66:2,3,5-6

Romans 11:13-15

Matthew 15:21-28



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

Children's Corner

We can have faith that Jesus will always be there to help us in difficult times. Write a prayer asking God to help you when things get tough.

Dear Lord,

Amen.

This year, 2023, marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of Dr John Billings' research in finding a natural, reliable method of Fertility Awareness for couples. During **Natural Fertility Awareness Week**, in August, a special, free webinar in recognition of Dr John Billings' work, entitled "**Understanding Couple Fertility: the Male Perspective**" will be held on Monday 21st August 2023 at 7.30pm AEST.

As well as highlighting the male perspective in using the Billings Ovulation Method®, couples will reflect on how it has helped them in understanding their joint fertility, as well as benefiting their relationships and family life.

Please follow the link to register for the Webinar on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-the-male-perspective-webinar-tickets-678382479257?aff=oddtcreator>



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Enquiries: Safe Communities officer- Parish Office 63314377 or email:

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Safe Communities Information flyer available in the Church