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## **Twenty– Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A) - 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

*The Season of Creation—Until 4th October*

### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 55:6-9 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. R. v.18**

***(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.***

1. I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

### **Gospel**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

**SECOND READING Philipians 1:20-24, 27**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

### **A VOCATION VIEW**

***We can never be called "generous". All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us.***



***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

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.



### Education of Future Priests Appeal

Help support our seminarian students who are in preparation for entering the priesthood.  
23 & 24 September 2023

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### Help support our seminarian students who are in preparation for entering the priesthood.

The Education of Future Priests Appeal enables Tasmanians to help fund the training and education of seminarians on their journey to the priesthood. The cost of training each seminarian is approximately \$45,000 per annum, with most students taking up to seven years to complete their studies. Seminarians studying to become priests for the Archdiocese of Hobart must attend theological colleges interstate or overseas for the duration of their studies and formation.

The Education of Future Priests Appeal helps to meet the costs of training our seminarians:

*Tuition fees for theological education; Seminary accommodation and living fees; Health insurance costs; A modest monthly study allowance; Interstate travel between Melbourne & Hobart (Easter, Christmas, pastoral work); Assistance with the costs of pastoral work experience in parishes.*

## WE PRAY THIS WEEKEND FOR OUR FIRST EUCHARIST 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.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY



Daylight Savings Time Begins

**Sunday evening Mass at the Church of the Apostles will be celebrated at 6.30pm from 1st October to 7th April 2024.**

**IT'S ON AGAIN!** Join the *Way to St James Pilgrimage, 13-14 January 2024*, through the stunning Huon Valley in the spirit of the El Camino de Santiago (Spain). After the blessing of the traditional scallop shells, you will walk in meditative fashion in the company of others experiencing the presence of God in the beauty of nature. **Please register your interest at [www.waytostjames.com.au](http://www.waytostjames.com.au) Early Bird bookings until 30 October**

## YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

**FOR OUR FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES** and their families as they rejoice in the gift of the Eucharist and continue to grow in appreciation of the gift of the faith we all share.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Kitty Russell, Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Deacon Vinco Muriyaden, Michael Varger, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Terry Yard, Kim Izard, Irene La Palombara, Alana Oehm, Kathy Aldred, Tina La Palombara, Greg Hopwood, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Teresa McMahon, 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, 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:** Denis Palmer, Graeme Page, Stefania Fedyk and Gerald Sexton who have died recently, Bob Powell, Patricia Ahearn, Noel Callaghan, George Cashion, Dane Sutton, Elizabeth Heckscher, Peter Smith, Philip Smith, John Izard, Frank Buttazzoni, Meg Gurr, Mervyn Slater, Dorothy Williams, Jackie Bannon, Pat Duffy, Patricia Hawksley, Leslie Lavelle, Helen Cunningham, Betty Allen, Damon Ferris, Damien Sheehan, Gina Murphy, Kay Joyce, 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** *Next Sunday, 1st October 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

**SOLEMNITY OF ST TERESA OF JESUS** - A Sung Mass will be celebrated in honour of **St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)**, the foundress of the Discalced Carmelite Order, at the **Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am.** Fr Ed Travers MSC will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Morning tea will follow Mass. All welcome. **A Novena of Masses and Prayers** will also be offered in preparation for the feast from **6<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> October.** Intentions may be sent to Mother Teresa Benedicta at the Monastery by post, phone 6331 3585 or [tascarmelvoc@gmail.com](mailto:tascarmelvoc@gmail.com)

**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

**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 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 next weekend.**

### ROSARY IN THE PARK 2023



will be held this year under the Cross in the grounds of the Church of Apostles on **Saturday 14th October 2023** commencing at 11am. Please come and join us on the Nationwide Public Rally for one hour to recite the Rosary and sing Hymns to honour Our Blessed Mother and ask for God's Blessing on Australia.

**PLEASE BRING A CHAIR AS SEATING IS LIMITED.** (In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the Church)

Enquiries to Rozanne 0498 278 057.

### Mass for all Catholic Medical and Allied Health Professionals.

You are invited to a Mass to celebrate the feast Day of St. Luke on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** at St. Mary's Cathedral, Hobart at 6pm and afterwards to a reception at the Bishop's house, 99 Barrack St.

Please RSVP for catering purposes to [rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au](mailto:rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au) or 0475 222 056

### Please join us for a Kitchen Table Conversation!

**Dates:** **Thursday 28 September** from 3.30pm to 4.45pm or **Tuesday 10 October** from 7pm to 8.15pm

**Location:** Online via Zoom

**What is a Kitchen Table Conversation?** A Kitchen Table Conversation is a wonderful opportunity to join with others to listen, learn and reflect on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament referendum that will be held on Saturday 14th October 2023.

**What is the Referendum?** The referendum is the culmination of a decade-long process that gained momentum with the release of the Uluru Statement from the Heart in 2017, when over 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegates offered an invitation to non-Indigenous Australians to walk with them to create a better future.

**Join us for a Conversation!** These kitchen table conversations are **your** opportunity to come together as a community, better understand the issues and talk about the pathway forward.

Register at: [adultformation@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:adultformation@catholicmission.org.au).

### Catholic Mission

### 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.**

### WEEKEND RETREAT ON CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY AN INTRODUCTION TO PERSONAL PRAYER

**The Way of Perfection: St Teresa of Avila, Mystic and the First Woman Doctor of the Church** will be the topic presented to us by Fr Paul Maunder, Carmelite Friar based in Sydney. **Emmanuel Centre, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Cost of Weekend is \$300 include all meals and accommodation.** Call Sandra on 6331 4991 for more information and bookings.

### 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>6.30pm</b>	<b>Apostles (1 October 2023—7 April 2024)</b>	

### WEEKDAY MASSES 25<sup>th</sup>—30<sup>th</sup> September

#### 7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmel

<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Newstead</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Apostles</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Invermay</b>
<b>Whole School Mass - parishioners welcome</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

# 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..*

## 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, 3rd October at 6.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.**

**Bookings are essential for catering  
Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551**

## GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

- Monday 25th: Luke 8:16-18
- Tuesday 26th: Luke 8:19-21
- Wednesday 27th: Luke 9:1-6
- Thursday 28th: Luke 9:7-9
- Friday 29th: John 1:47-51
- Saturday 30th: Luke 9:43-45

**NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Ezekial 18:25-28
- Psalms 24:4-9
- Philippians 2:1-11
- Matthew 21:28-32



*Ponder and pray the living Word of God*

## Children's Corner

**START**

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**FINISH**



### COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

*"Everyone who is now first will be last!"*

Jesus teaches that in the kingdom of God, those who are treated as least in this world will come first. What kind of people are the 'last' in our world today?

## INVITED TO ENTER

**Silent, Guided and Directed Retreat**

**15th—21st October, 2023**

**Emmanuel Centre, Newstead**

**Directors: Maureen O'Halloran and Belinda Chapman**

Cost: \$800 (includes accommodation, all meals, spiritual direction and prayer resources)

Bookings and Information: Maureen 0400038095

Email: [mjohalloran@bigpond.com](mailto:mjohalloran@bigpond.com)

You are invited to enter the "I am" sayings of Jesus in John's Gospel and discover your corresponding identity within each

- I am the Bread of Life*    *I am the Door*    *I am the Good Shepherd*
- I am the Vine*    *I am the Light of the World*
- I am the Way the Truth and the Life*
- I am the Resurrection and the Life*

Jesus also says that in the kingdom of God, those who put themselves first in this world will be the last. Circle the words that describe someone who always puts themselves first.



- SELFISH**    **CARING**
- VAIN**    **GREEDY**    **KIND**
- GENEROUS**
- SHARING**    **CARELESS**
- JEALOUS**