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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A) - 12TH NOVEMBER 2023

FIRST READING

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air.

So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'



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.

Dear Parish family,

Of all the gifts of the Holy Spirit offers to us, Wisdom is particularly valuable to those who seek to be in relationship with God.

In the Old Testament, Wisdom is likened to a companion of God, and has been present in the world from the beginning. It is easy to miss, but for those who desire her, she makes herself readily seen. We simply have to lift our heads, open our eyes and hearts to find it.

The parable of the bridesmaids, five of whom are wise and five foolish demonstrates to us that Wisdom is necessary for us to be adequately prepared to meet Christ, represented in the bridegroom. If we, like the foolish bridesmaids aren't properly focussed, we risk missing meeting him and being admitted to the banquet.

Let's pray this week, that we may be open to the gift of Wisdom, to be prepared to meet Christ in the various circumstances of our lives.

During this coming week, the priests of the Archdiocese will be at the annual Clergy Retreat, commencing on Monday 13th and concluding on the afternoon of Friday 17th. Consequently, the only weekday Masses in the parish will be celebrated each morning at the Carmelite Monastery at 7:30am.

Please pray for all the priests on retreat, that we will be open to God's grace and gift of Wisdom, and be assured that we will be keeping you all in our prayers this week.

Have a blessed week! Fr Ben Brooks



Feedback from the Parish Pastoral Council

- ◆ Please save the date for our **Parish Sausage Sizzle, Sunday 3rd December** at Riverbend Park. Further detail with registration information to follow.
- ◆ On 4 October Pope Francis issues an apostolic exhortation titled **Laudate Deum (Praise God)**. The Social Justice team is looking at how to share the messages within the Parish.
- ◆ As Advent approaches, a variety of activities are planned:
 - **Advent Reflection Day – Saturday 9th December** facilitated by Mauree O'Halloran and Belinda Chapman
 - **Advent Prayer / Discussion Group** – information to follow
 - **Prayer Tree** – Trees will be placed in each Mass centre where you can place your prayer intentions.

A VOCATION VIEW

We usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings, anniversaries, and parties of all kinds. We should prepare much more for the final banquet in the Kingdom

NOVEMBER MASSES

Names of deceased relatives and friends will be included in the November Book of Remembrance. Envelopes are available in the Church foyers and may be returned on the collection baskets or to the Parish Office.

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Harry Davis** (Callum and Kelsie), **Sophia Bolzonello (James and Emma)**, **Maisie Harmon** (Douglas and Kate) and **George Harvey** (Aimee) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Kitty Russell, Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Merrill Thompson, Deacon Vinco Muriyaden, Fr Terry Yard, Kim Izard, Irene La Palombara, Tina La Palombara, Alana Oehm, Kathy Aldred, 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: Sr Margaret Chandler rsj, and Sue Tholen who have died recently, Gina Battocchio, Brian Hoare,, Sr Mechilde Dillon rsj, Sr Eleanor Dawson, Giuseppe Bolzonella, Zofia Zakrzewski, Francis Remington, Brian Hoare, we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus, all those we have been asked to pray for in our November Mass book, all those 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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE The Launceston Branch will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, 14th November, 2023**, at the Launceston Parish Centre in Margaret St. at 1pm. Rosary at 12.30pm. A reminder to members to bring grocery items. New members & enquires are welcome. Ph Victoria (0408398785) or Rosa (0427692929).

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.**

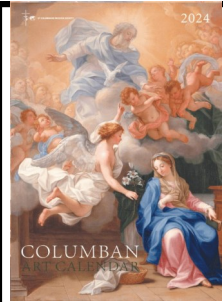
MORNING MEDITATION at the **Emmanuel Centre Tuesdays at 11am**. Newcomers are welcome. Enquiries: ph: 6334 1082

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.

Copies of the latest edition of **The Catholic Standard** are available in the Church and the foyer of the Pastoral Centre or look for the online version on the Archdiocese of Hobart website.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2023

This iconic Calendar has become a feature in homes of generations of Australians and New Zealanders and is a major fundraiser for the St Columban Mission Society.

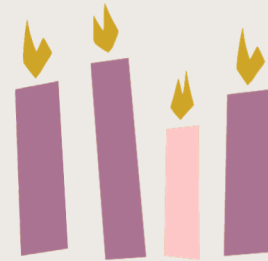
On sale now in the church foyers or the Parish Office at \$10.00 each.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER:

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

PREPARE



Advent Reflection Day

Saturday 9th December
9.30am for a 10.00am start (until 3.00pm)

St Patrick's College Chapel, 282 Westbury Rd, Prospect
BYO Lunch. Morning Tea provided.

Facilitated by Maureen O'Halloran and Belinda Chapman



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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	
6.30pm	Apostles	

WEEKDAY MASSES 13th—18th November

This week: 7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmel

No weekday Masses at Newstead, Apostles and Invermay this week as our Priests will be on Retreat.

Saturday: 7.30am Carmel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9.30am -10.30am Apostles
5.15pm -5.45pm 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/](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. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN..



To celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Office of Life, Marriage & Family presents:

MASS FOR THE UNBORN

7 pm | Tuesday December 12
St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

Please join us to pray for the protection of Human Life in the womb. For more information, contact rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 13th: Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday 14th: Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday 15th: Luke 17:11-19
Thursday 16th: Luke 17:20-25
Friday 17th: Luke 17:26-37
Saturday 18th: Luke 18:1-8

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalms 127:1-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

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 24th November – Sunday 26th November.** Cost of Weekend is \$300 include all meals and accommodation.

Call Sandra on 6331 4991 for more information and bookings.

St Vincent de Paul Society—Dining with Friends

Operating in two locations in the North, Launceston and George Town. Volunteers prepare a meal for, and share a meal with those in the community who may be feeling lonely, want to make new friends, or simply just wish to share a meal with others.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us on 6326 5551 or north@vinniestas.org.au

Children's Corner

What words would you use to describe the wise girls and the foolish girls?

The wise girls



The foolish girls



Light a Candle for Christmas

Archbishop Julian warmly invites you to attend the 2023 Light a Candle for Christmas

Saturday 23 December
10.00am – 2.00pm

Elizabeth St Mall, Hobart

 Archdiocese of Hobart



The Catholic Parish of Launceston embraces and whole-heartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.

Enquiries: Safe Communities officer- Parish Office 63314377 or email: launceston@aohtas.org.au
Safe Communities Information flyer available in the Church