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Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B - 5th May 2024

FIRST READING

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)

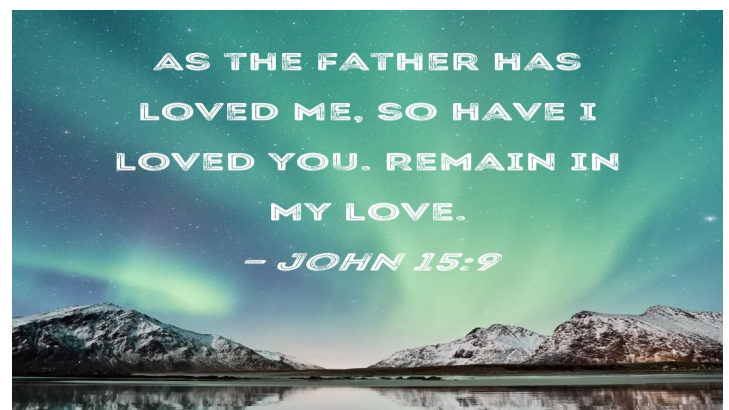
GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

A VOCATION VIEW

***That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith.
That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.***



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, Some thoughts to ponder for this week,

Nowadays, cyber networks are considered new cultural phenomena. What makes "Facebook" and "Instagram" a big success in the virtual generation? What makes cellular phones an untiring passion among the old and young? The activity that ignites our passion is to connect with others- to have friends

It's amazing how technology brings people from the other world see each other through the window of screens- most of the time, hidden and faceless, yet exciting. Though not physically present, the virtual person we meet online, we consider them as our "friends."

Today, we experience an evolution of the meaning of the word "friend." A friend is someone linked to us by technology through computer, gadgets or cellular phones. Someone we spend in the chat rooms. Someone with whom we engage in sports and hobbies. But what is a real friend?

The Gospel today challenges our shallow concept and definition of friendship. Jesus describes friendship in terms of love, a deep love, a real love, someone who is willing to die for others. When the Lord says there is no greater love than to lay down your life for a friend, we are challenged that a friend is not an ordinary buddy we spend for hobbies or parties. Jesus brings us to the deeper level of friendship, who has the capacity, the willingness and the desire to make the life of the other better through sacrifice. When Jesus calls His disciples his friends, He knows that he will lay down his life for them. You are also called by Jesus to be His friend and He is willing to make a sacrifice for you. But how about us in return, are we considering Jesus as our friend?

This Easter time is the best moment to examine how much we appreciate our friendship with God as He offers us His Son who continues his personal contact with us in the depths of our hearts.

Fr. Jessie Banez



NEXT SUNDAY is Mothers Day and also Ascension Sunday. There will be a special blessing during all the Masses to celebrate mothers in our parish. I would like to invite all mothers to attend a parish Mass that weekend and celebrate with us the beautiful gift of motherhood. We will be having a special morning or evening tea and encourage you to bring a plate of food to share on that day at all Mass centres.

Fr Leonard

FIRST RECONCILIATION REMINDER!

3RD FAITH SHARING SESSION:

This Monday 6th or Tuesday 7th May

3.30pm - 7.00pm, Church of the Apostles

Enquiries: Rosie Caelli, Sacramental Co-ordinator

email: pltn-sacraments@aohtas.org.au



Pray the Rosary during May

Monday 7.30pm - Apostles

Saturday 5.40pm - Newstead

(before the Vigil Mass)

Sacred Heart Church, Newstead

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION **FOR MAY**

Intention for evangelisation – For the formation of men and women religious and seminarians

Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Hazel Welsh** (Marcus and Aleisha) and **Elisa and Alivia Cario** (Peter and Madeline) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Ray Atley, Sr Mary Joseph OCD, Kathy Aldred, Cheryl Dawtrey, Rowena Villacampa, Kevin Quadros, Will Smith, Merrill Thompson, Irene La Palombara, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Louisa Buttazzoni, Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Alida Moolenschot, 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 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, Ellen Bortolot..

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Frank Wood and Joan Keefe who have died recently, Fr John Williams, Michael Brock, John De Wit, Rosa Arvia, Matteo Arvia, Grant Arnold, Irene Hudson, Wayne Harris, Christina Coombe, Brian Welch, Maurice Scully, Leo Leyden, John Virtue, Ella Earley, Geoffrey Murray, Lino Quagliotto, Frances Heritage, Lino and Maria Rossi, Mario and Angelina Colla, Pechon family—Amador, Emeliana, Gloria, Archivaldo, Maria, Jacinto and Romitacio, and we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: We continue to 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, 5th May 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

MORNING AND EVENING MEDITATION will be held in the **Stables, Emmanuel Centre** on **Tuesdays at 10.30am** and **Wednesdays at 5pm.** All are welcome. Enquires: **Tina: 0417305546**

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY *Every Monday 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.**

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 takes place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

THE CARMEL SHOP: The Carmel Shop is open between 11am—4pm on Wednesdays.

St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses this weekend.

The **Catholic Women's League** will be hosting the **World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO)** Prayer day on **Tuesday 12th May at the 12noon Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead.**

Lunch at Olive's Restaurant, Newstead will follow.

Enquiries: **Victoria 0408398785**

St Vincent de Paul Society are in urgent need of grocery items to assist families in need. Please consider donating items on the flyers available from the church and all items must be within 'use-by' dates.

Please drop off your donations to the Parish Office by Tuesday 7th May.

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS: ASCENSION SUNDAY

Acts 1: 1-11

Psalms 46:2-3, 6-9

Ephesians 4:1-13

Mark 16:15-20



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES 29th April—4th May

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmelite Monastery

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

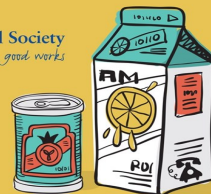
RECONCILIATION

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

food donations Shopping List.



St Vincent de Paul Society
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good works



The next time you go shopping, please could you purchase a few extra items from Vinnie's Shopping List? A few extra items in your shopping trolley will go a long way to help alleviate hunger and assist a family or person in need.

BEVERAGES

- ✓ Coffee
- ✓ Long Life Milk
- ✓ Tea

QUICK & EASY MEALS

- ✓ Cup of Soups
- ✓ Instant noodles, rice, pasta
- ✓ Packaged meals (non-perishable)

TINNED GOODS

- ✓ Baked beans
- ✓ Fruit - all types
- ✓ Soups - all types
- ✓ Spaghetti
- ✓ Tuna
- ✓ Vegetables - all types

PANTRY ITEMS

- ✓ Biscuits - savoury & sweet
- ✓ Cereals
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Pasta Sauces
- ✓ Porridge
- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Spreads: vegemite, jams, honey, etc
- ✓ Sugar

SNACKS

- ✓ Dried fruit
- ✓ Energy bars
- ✓ Muesli bars
- ✓ Nuts
- ✓ Shapes biscuits



Thank you

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. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN..



150th Anniversary of Holy Trinity Church, Westbury

The Meander Valley Catholic Parish invite parishioners, past and present, together with friends around Tasmania and beyond, to join us in celebrating the

**150th Anniversary of the opening of
Holy Trinity Church, Westbury, on the weekend of
24th – 26th May 2024**

This joyful occasion will be marked by a number of events across the weekend:



• **Friday 24th May**
6:30 for 7pm Celebratory Dinner at the Westbury Hotel

• **Saturday 25th May**
9am – 4pm Historical Display in Holy Trinity Church
2 – 3:30pm Music Recital in Holy Trinity Church

• **Sunday 26th May**
10:30am Sunday Mass – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

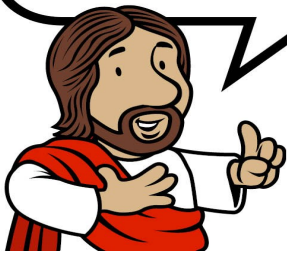
All are welcome, although note that there is a maximum of 80 seats for the celebratory dinner. *Please RSVP for the dinner by Friday 10th May: email meandervalley@aohtas.org.au, or phone 0448 527140.

Children's Corner

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FINISH



**COMPLETE THE
TEXT MAZE**

"The Father will keep
loving me because
I have obeyed him"

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2025

Catholic Primary Schools, Launceston

Please enquire with the following schools for
Kindergarten enrolments for 2025

Sacred Heart Primary:
www.sacredheartl.tas.edu.au

St Thomas More's Primary:
www.stm.tas.edu.au

St Finn Barr's Primary:
www.stfinnbarrs.tas.edu.au

Enrolment applications will close at the end of May 2024

Not Perfect, But Whole - Silent retreat

(2nd date available)

You are invited to discover the beauty of your imperfection and the holiness of your wholeness through a 3-day silent prayer retreat.

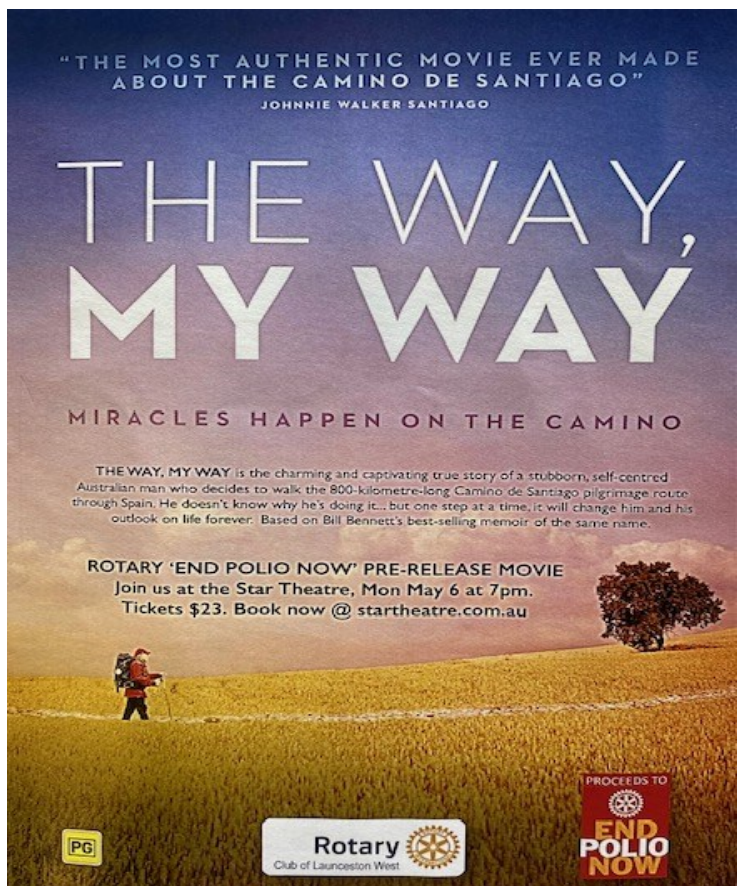
Friday 5th July (7pm) until Sunday 7th July (3pm).

At Emmanuel Conference and Retreat Centre 123 Abbott Street, Newstead.

Directors: Maureen O'Halloran & Belinda Chapman

Cost: \$350 (includes accommodation, all meals, prayer resources and spiritual direction).

To register please phone Maureen: 0400 038 095 or email Belinda: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com or complete the online registration form (or use the QR code on the flyer in the church foyer).



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