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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - Year B - 2nd June 2024



FIRST READING

Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

**(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.**

1. How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. (R.)
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. (R.)

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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,

When words are not enough to get the attention of a crying child, or to correct a child having tantrums, a parent uses the human gestures of human touch. It could be a consoling touch of hands, a pat on a shoulder or a gesture of embrace and kiss. A baby crying may not understand what consoling words are, but when parents begin to carry and hold him or her into their arms, certainly, the baby will stop from crying. Touch has its power.

This Feast of Corpus Christi reminds us of the love that God wants to reach us by a kiss and an embrace. The Corpus in the form of bread and wine is tangible to remind us that God comes in humility, so that we can handle and touch Him physically.

We may wonder that the bread is a simple bread, the unleavened bread, not in a form of a delicious cake, or a sweet pudding or an expensive pastry. It is in the simple form of bread to remind us of the simplicity of the loving the "Real Presence" of God revealing to humanity. A God who longs to kiss and embrace His creatures. Every time we come in the Eucharist, receiving the bread and wine, we are reminded by the human encounter and an embrace by a loving God.

Fr. Jessie Banez



**PRAY EACH DAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION AND
FIRST EUCHARIST & CANDIDATES**

Loving God,

We ask you to bless these candidates.

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



**THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART
OF JESUS**

Will be celebrated on Friday, **7th June 2024** at the Church of Apostles.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will commence after the 12noon Mass concluding with Benediction at 6pm.

Please join in praying for peace in our world, for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, especially here in Tasmania, and praying for the homeless.

Will you come and watch one hour with him?

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

1ST FAITH SHARING SESSION:

This Monday 3rd or Tuesday 4th May

3pm -7.00pm, Church of the Apostles

Enquiries: Rosie Caelli, Sacramental Co-ordinator

email: pltn-sacraments@aohtas.org.au

A VOCATION VIEW

That we can collaborate with God is a humbling truth. That God lives among us is startling. That we are the Body of Christ is our vocation.

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Finn and Bowie Beechey** (Michael and Emma) and **Noah Butler** (Josh and Hannah) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Marlene Bilowus, Egidio Tosello, Ray Atley, Sr Mary Joseph OCD, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Kathy Aldred, Cheryl Dawtrey, Rowena Villacampa, Kevin Quadros, Will Smith, Merril Thompson, 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, Peter Marshall, Ellen Bortolot.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: John Meyer who has died recently, Robert McLaine, Bob Kiely, Mary Bennett, Kathleen Maloney, Keitha Bennett, Maria Furfaro, Judith Hollinsworth, Peter MacMichael, Peter Bird, Rex Boxhall, Barbara Helen Barrett, Wanda Tigme, Steven Taylor, Walter Moss, Peter Spinks, Helen Youd 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

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI: This Sunday 2nd June at the Carmelite Monastery (7 Cambridge Street, Launceston): 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- 4.30pm** Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
4.30pm Office of Vespers **5.00 -5.45pm** Silent Prayer **5.45pm** Benediction
PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES will next meet in the Parish Meeting Room, on Saturday, **8th June**, at **12 midday** for a soup and sandwich lunch followed by prayer.
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.

LAUNCESTON PARISH YOUTH PROGRAM

For young students from grades 5 to 12

Merin, Aleena & Fr Jesse invite you to join the Launceston Youth Group; a fun and vibrant evening filled with games, food, and Sainly content every second Thursday!
When: Thursday 6th & 20th June from 6pm - 7:30pm
Who: Any young person between 12 & 18 years of age (Grade 6 - 12)
Where: St Albies Hall, 46 Margaret Street, Launceston
 For more information, contact the Launceston Parish Office



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture and inspire –the power to change lives– is in everyone.

As we enter this winter season, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

If you are able to make a donation to Winter Appeal, please take a envelope from the church and return it soon or visit:

www.donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 3:9-15

Psalms 129

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3: 20-35



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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| Saturday | 5.00pm Vigil | Sacred Heart, Newstead |
| | <i>(5pm from Saturday 1st June—5th October)</i> | |
| 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 | <i>(April to September)</i> |

WEEKDAY MASSES 3rd –8th June

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 |
| | 4.15pm –4.45pm | Newstead |

DINING WITH FRIENDS: Tuesday 4th June, 6pm in the Pastoral Centre. Please book with St Vincent de Paul office: 6326 5551

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, 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..



Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis announces 2025 Jubilee Year theme: 'Holy Year of Hope'

As a means of preparation for the Jubilee, Pope Francis established that 2024 would be the **Year of Prayer**, a call to recover the desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and worship him. Thus, we as the church are invited to draw closer to God as His sons and daughters. A call to silence ourselves and be aware of the presence of God in everything that we do in our lives and to listen to him.



Launceston Catholic Parish – simple activities for this Year of Prayer

Sign of the Cross – we Catholics have forgotten the need of invoking God Protection daily, in all we do by marking ourselves with the sign of the Cross. Remember to make the sign of the Cross before you leave your house, before you have your meals, make it your first act in the morning and the last act of surrender before you go to sleep.

Sacred Spaces – the best way we are reminded about God's presence in our life is through visually creating sacred spaces, especially through sacred art, a statue or a Cross. I would like you to make a conscious decision to create a sacred space in your house or garden where you can retreat into, to spend time in prayer.

Sticking to a routine – if we are to get the most of a relationship with God, we need to spend time with him, let him speak to you in the intimacy and solitude of prayer.

Reading Scriptures – get a book of Gospels, if not, there is the **podcast by Fr Mike Schmitz** – called a Bible in a year or you can download the **Hollow app**, where it will guide you daily in prayer, morning and evening prayer with scripture quotes to help you reflect.

Join the Parish in its liturgical activities – don't limit yourselves only to the Sunday Masses, if possible, come for a daily Mass, join the Rosary on a Monday evening or for Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every Friday at the Church of the Apostles or Carmel and Emmanuel Centre at other times.

Invite – gently invite family members or friends who have stopped coming to church to give it another go. Speak of the joy, peace and blessings that you experience in drawing closer to God in prayer and worship.

As we begin this journey to the Jubilee year as a parish family, I hope this will be helpful in your spiritual preparation, this Year of Prayer. I plan to organise more activities as we proceed and I invite you to be part of this moment of grace, as we gradually step towards the embrace of a loving God as Pilgrims of Hope.

"Of you my heart has spoken: Seek His face. It is your face, O Lord that I seek; hide not your face from me". (Psalm 26: 8-9)

Fr Leonard Caldera PP

Caritas Australia's Papua New Guinea Landslide Disaster

Caritas has launched an urgent appeal for the disaster in PNG which has affected remote communities. Please consider donating to this appeal: online at www.caritas.org.au/png or phone 1800 024 413

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

Inviting all young adults (18-35years old) to join us for an evening of Catholic Bible study and prayer at the Emmanuel Centre on Thursday June 6th, from 6-7pm. Let's grow in the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.

Presented by Anointing fire Catholic ministries. Contact The Emmanuel Centre for more information - 0458 003 642

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

More information and Applications Forms are available on our website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship.

Closing Date 31 July 2024

Children's Corner

Dear Lord,

Amen.

Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God that you can say before every meal.



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