

Dear Parish Family,

It is with very mixed emotions that I announce to you that ***I have been appointed as the next Parish Priest of the Bellerive/Lindisfarne Parish.*** My appointment is from this weekend, 21/22 August. However, due to a number of pre-existing commitments, I will not be taking up residence in Bellerive until the beginning of November. ***Fr Ben Brooks, while remaining Parish Priest of Meander Valley, has been appointed Administrator of the Launceston Parish for a period of 12 months.*** Fr Ben will take up his new role from the weekend of 8/9 October. It has been my great privilege to serve as your Parish Priest in Launceston since February 2010. I am more than confident that you will continue to be served well by Fr Ben, assisted by Fr Chathura and Fr Jessie. Please pray for your priests during this time of transition. We will be praying for you as well.

This coming ***Thursday evening, 25th August 2022***, Archbishop Porteous will celebrate ***the Sacrament of Confirmation with 44 of our young parishioners.*** Together with their families, our candidates have been preparing for this Sacrament and for their First Eucharist through our Faith Sharing sessions and the various Rites and Blessing at our Sunday Masses. They appreciate the prayerful support you have given so far and they need you to keep praying for them as they continue to grow into the life of faith. All parishioners are very welcome to join in the celebration of Confirmation, which begins at 7.00pm in the Church of the Apostles.

Amid the mixed and varied commentary on issues of ecology and climate change, Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, ***Laudato Si'*** continues to call all people to reflect on our stewardship of Creation and our care for our common home. This consciousness of creation also needs to be part of our prayerfulness. The following link provides a way in which you can use the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, to reflect, pray and nourish your commitment to care for the earth. To learn more, go to: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Pray-the-rosary/Care-of-creation-rosary?#>

As we respond to God's word through today's responsorial psalm, so may we all be confident in God's faithfulness and love. With courage and compassion may we all ***go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Mark 16:15).***

Fr Mark Freeman



PRAY 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

VOCATIONS INFORMATION EVENING

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Rom 8:28)

An opportunity to discuss what a vocation is and to discern the purpose God has for us:

5.30pm—8.30pm, Wednesday 7th September @ Emmanuel Pastoral and Spirituality Centre, Newstead

Have you heard God calling and are wondering how to respond? Is it a call to Holy Orders or Religious life? Married or Single Life? Every vocation is a call to love and holiness! What exactly does that mean? The Vocations Office for the Archdiocese of Hobart invites you to join with other people from around the diocese for a time of Prayer, Sharing and Food. Come along for refreshments, good company, as well as the opportunity for Q and A.

Please RSVP by the Friday 2nd September either by email vocations@aohtas.org.au or by phone 0459 286 278

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially ***William Hardacre*** (Bridget and Broderick) and ***Luka Williams*** (Greer and Samuel) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES We pray for all our Candidates who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation ***this coming Thursday*** that their faith will continue to grow as they are strengthened by the gift of this Sacrament.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Brian Nichols, Fr Terry Yard, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Carole Cleary, Bev Callahan, Nanette Gunton, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Philip Carroll, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Tony Long, Kristel Latham, Joan Keefe, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, Denise Austin, 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, John Bennett, and Peter Marshall.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Margaret Carrick, Rob Rubenach and Peter Ockerby who have died recently, Alan Cocker, Sean Hegarty, Patrick and James McLoughlin, Eric Radin, Marlene MacMichael, Marion Roberts, Tammie McCarthy, Nick D'Alessandro, Patricia Sampson, Molly McGrail, Cherylene Elmer, Bruno and Rosa Spangaro, Margaret Hay, Esther Warburton, George Spiranovic, , all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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.

Our mission is to love and serve our God, each other and the wider community

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

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. Please come and spend time with the Lord and pray for our parish, our diocese, our nation and our world.

AN INVITATION TO MEDITATION The ancient tradition of contemplative prayer seeks God in silence and stillness, beyond word and thought. **Tuesdays at 10.45 and 5pm at the Emmanuel Centre, Newstead.** All welcome. Phone: 6334 1082.

ROSARY: is recited each and every Monday at 7:30pm in the comfort of your own home. We pray our Blessed Mother will watch over us all at this time of uncertainty and sadness. Enquiries: Jan (0409 175 940) or Adrian & Liz (0407 074 693)

THE CARMEL SHOP: 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 TASMANIAN PILGRIMAGE

Launceston Information Evening 6.00pm, Saturday 27th August, Pastoral Centre



WYD 2023 is being held in Lisbon, Portugal from the 1st - 6th of August 2023 with the theme **"Mary arose and went with haste" - Luke 1:39.** The Pilgrimage will visit Rome, the Vatican City and WYD in Lisbon, with a retreat in Fatima! All 16 – 35 year old's are invited to an information evening where further details about the Tasmanian Pilgrimage will be provided.. For further details please contact youth@aohtas.org.au or Sam Clear directly on 0448 330 238.

View the World Youth Day launch video on the 'Office of Youth Evangelisation - Tasmania' Facebook page

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmel
	9.00am	St Finn Barr's, Invermay
	10.00am	St Patrick's Chapel
	10.30am	Apostles
	5.30pm	Apostles (April—Sept)

WEEKDAY MASSES - 22nd—27th August

Monday:	7.30am	Carmel
Tuesday:	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday	7.30am	Carmel
	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Invermay
Friday :	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	9.00am	Carmel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	10.00am - 11.00am	Apostles
	5.15pm-5.45pm	Newstead

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Each and every Sunday at 10.00am



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.



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, 6th September at 6.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Bookings are essential for catering
Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551



Thank you to all who have donated so generously to the call for warm clothes for children, women and men to help our migrant and refugee families. The response has been overwhelming and most appreciated! We will ask for further donations as the need arises.

Request from our weekly planned giving counters:

Please ensure that notes and cheques inserted into the envelopes are well away from the perforated edge to avoid these being torn on opening. Thank you.

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"



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

Further information is available at: <https://hobart.catholic.org.au/safe-communities>



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.*



Parishioners are invited to participate in a free Retreat for Spiritual Renewal commencing on 23rd August to the 7th October 2022 finishing on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The retreat is undertaken in the privacy of your home. More information available from the leaflets in the Church.

Registrations: www.ThroughOurLady.org/retreat
Enquiries: Rosa: 0427 692 929 or Coby: 0419 376 660

The Plenary – been and gone? Or the early stages of a promising journey ahead?

Concerned Catholics Tasmania is organising an opportunity to hear and discuss reflections on the recent Plenary Council that concluded in July. Two members of the Council, John Warhurst and Nimmi Candappa, will share their personal reflections about the experience and implications for our present and future church followed by discussion and Q & A.

Saturday September 10th from 10-12.30
Guilford Young College (GYC) Glenorchy Campus
Register with donna_mcwilliam@yahoo.com.au

Billings LIFE are presenting a free webinar entitled **"Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps"**

Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm AEST

Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps.

See the Billings LIFE website or Facebook page for details and registration.

website: <https://www.billings.life/en/>

Children's Corner

Write or draw someone who is not considered an important person. Then fill in the missing letters.

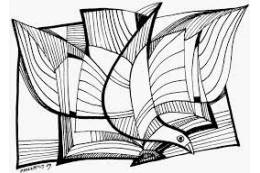
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GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 22nd:	Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday 23rd	Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday 24th:	John 1:45-51
Thursday 25th:	Matthew 24:42-51
Friday 26th:	Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday 27th:	Matthew 25:14-30

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Psalms 67:4-7, 10-11:R
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Luke 14:1, 7-14



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

UPCOMING RETREATS & REFLECTIONS

'Jesus in the Temple: stories of prayer and healing'
Reflection Day, Saturday 3rd September, 2022.

All parishioners are invited to a day of prayer and reflection. Journey with Jesus through temple stories and discover your place of prayer and healing. Emmanuel Conference and Retreat Centre, Newstead.

10.00am-3.00pm. Cost \$40 (BYO lunch).

Facilitated by Belinda Chapman and Maureen O'Halloran.
Bookings by 29th August please to Belinda Chapman ph:
0418 141 171 email: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com

'One Step at a Time' - walking retreat
Freycinet National Park, 4th - 7th October, 2022.

For more information please visit here:
<https://belindachapman.square.site/one-step-at-a-time>

Or see the flyer in the foyer. All enquiries to Belinda Chapman ph: 0418 141 171

email: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com

Carmelite Weekend Retreat
21st—23rd October, Emmanuel Centre

**The Spiritual Genius of St Therese of the Child Jesus,
with her thoughts on God and Prayer.**
Retreat Director: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD
Cost of weekend: \$240 includes accommodation and meals.
Enquiries and bookings: Sandra on 6331 4991

