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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) - 13TH FEBRUARY 2022



FIRST READING *Jeremiah 17:5-8*

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5*

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. *(R.)*
2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. *(R.)*
3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. *(R.)*

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Luke 6:23*

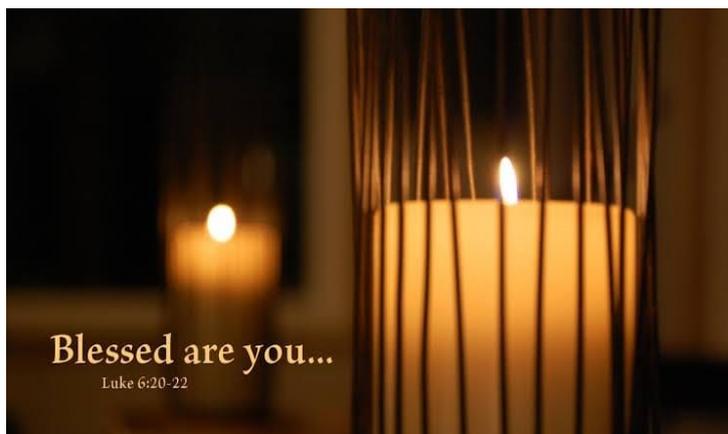
*Alleluia, alleluia!
 Rejoice and be glad;
 your reward is great in heaven.
 Alleluia!*

GOSPEL *Luke 6:17. 20-26*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

A VOCATION VIEW

Try not to pray for an easy life; instead, pray to be a strong person. Strong in trust, hope, care, love. Follow the Master.



Food for thought.....

Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

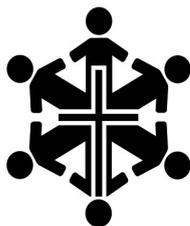


MARRIAGE MASS FOR THE RENEWAL OF VOWS



will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous **next Sunday, 20th February, 2022 at Church of the Apostles, at 10.30am**. Couples celebrating milestones including couples in the early years of marriage (1st, 5th and 10th anniversaries) are invited to RSVP to the Office of Life, Marriage and Family by emailing ben.smith@aohtas.org.au or by phoning **6208 6036**. Couples will receive a special acknowledgement from Archbishop Julian on the day.

INFORMATION NIGHT FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



We invite parents and carers of children in Grade 3 and above who have not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation to join us for an information evening on **Tuesday, 1st March at 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead**. Your child will have been baptised and now seeking to continue on their faith journey and this step prepares them to continue on with Confirmation and First Eucharist in following years. **The meeting is essential for enrolment of your child in this year's program.**

For enquiries please call the Launceston Parish Office on 6331 4377 or email Rosie, our Sacramental Co-Ordinator at pltn-sacraments@aohtas.org.au

Please collect a Sacramental Preparation information leaflet from the Church.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2022: "REMEMBER" - Commencing Monday 28th February

Lent is a time of prayer and refocusing on God in our life and you are invited to join one of the following groups for prayer and sharing based on the Gospels as we journey through Lent to Easter:

Mondays: 10.00am in the Pastoral Centre (downstairs)

Mondays: 7.00pm in the Pastoral Centre (upstairs)

Thursdays: 10.30am in the Pastoral Centre (downstairs)

(\$10.00 donation for materials provided)

For more information and to register your interest please contact the **Parish Office 6331 4377**.

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Tom Holloway** (Brett and Rose) and **Phoebe Barbeau** (Guillaume and Jemma) who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Gaye Heath, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Elizabeth Roberts, Shirley Ambrose, Annette Poropat, Helen Wright, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Carole Cleary, Philip Carroll, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Bev Callahan, Tony Long, Kristel Latham, Nanette Gunton, Joan Keefe, Lyn Butt, Maureen Symons, Alfred Weeding, Jennifer Dowell, Maureen Saunders, Andrew Campbell, Pat and Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Mary Morgan, Brian Beardwood, Denise Austin, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Mary Carter, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Marion Winterson-Jowett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean, John Bennett, and Peter Marshall.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Jan Siejka, Marica Drazenovic, Liam Flanagan, Gertrude MacMichael, Raymond Bailey, Joan Greer, Peggy Bresnehan, Pat McCormack, Maria Soroka, Patricia Clark, Laura Di Giammarino, Patricia Laird, all victims of COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: During the COVID-19 crisis with its restrictions on our lives we remember each other in prayer. We pray in a special way for all those involved in frontline services. May we all keep safe and stay well during this time. We pray for the gift of peace, especially for those who are ill and for their families.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

MORNING MEDITATION at Emmanuel Centre, Newstead commences on **Tuesday 15th February at 10.30am**. Newcomers are welcome. Enquiries: 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 now open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm. Enquiries: Helen 6344 6382 or email: carmelshop@yahoo.com

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.



SYNOD OF BISHOPS: Hundreds of groups and individuals across the country have shared their stories about how all members of the Catholic Church can walk together to carry out our mission as Christians. Have you? The local consultation process for the global Synod on Synodality is open for two more weeks – until February 27. Join with family, friends, parishioners or participate yourself. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



St Helen's Catholic Church Celebrates 100 years Saturday 5th March, 2022

Church opens at 1.30pm for viewing of photos and displays followed by **Mass at 3pm** celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous.

**Afternoon tea will follow.
Masks Mandatory**

LAUNCESTON PARISH YOUTH GROUP

For young people from grades 5 to 12
Music, Sport, Adventures, Social Work, Faith



**Regular Meeting 1st & 3rd Thursdays
6.00pm - 7.30pm
St Ailbe's Hall, Margaret Street**

Next Meeting: Thursday 17th February
For further information about the next gathering
contact Fr Chatty on: 0469 661 578

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, 15th February at 6.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Bookings are essential for catering and Covid requirements—limit of 16 people

Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551
Dining with Friends gather on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

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
	6.30pm	Apostles

WEEKDAY MASSES - 14th—19th February

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays:	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.

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..*

PRAYER IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Opening Prayer from the special new Mass In Time of Pandemic which has been promulgated especially for the COVID-19 Pandemic.

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 14th:	Mark 8:11-1
Tuesday 15th:	Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday 16th:	Mark 8:22-26
Thursday 17th:	Mark 8:27-33
Friday 18th:	Mark 8:34-9:1
Saturday 19th:	Mark 9:2-13

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23
Psalm 102:1-4,8,10,12-13
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38



Children's Corner

Find the opposites of the following words, then use the circled letters to make a word we use that describes heaven.

__ o < HAPPY

WEAK > _ _ _ _ o

o _ _ _ < FULL

ASLEEP > _ _ _ _ o

HEAVY > _ _ _ _ o

LITTLE > _ _ _ _ o

o _ _ _ < OPEN

Heaven is God's _ _ _ _ _ .

Fill in the missing words for each of Jesus' teachings using the pictures as clues. Draw Jesus preaching.

God will bless you people who are _ _ _ _ .

His _ _ _ _ _ will belong to you.



God will bless you _ _ _ _ _ people.

You will have _ _ _ _ _ to eat.

God will bless you people who are _ _ _ _ _ .

You will _ _ _ _ _ !

