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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 26TH JUNE 2022

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:16. 19-21

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:1. 13-18

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community. Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11

(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize. **(R.)**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

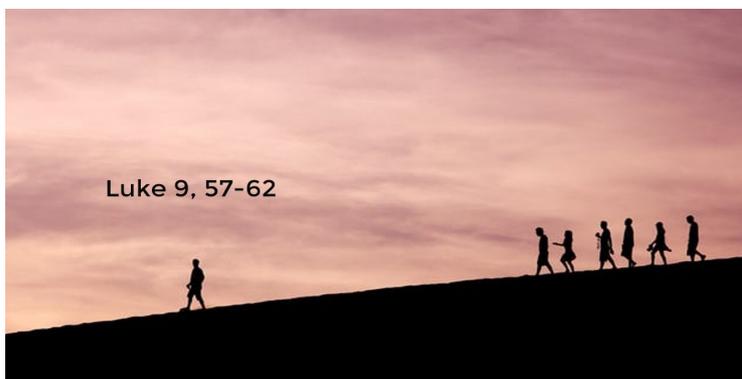
Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

Families: We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Dear Parish Family

The 10th World Meeting of Families has been happening in Rome since Wednesday, 22nd June, and concludes today. COVID challenges has meant for a much smaller gathering than previously. However it has opened up a much wider participation of people at the local diocesan level as well as people accessing reflection material on-line (visit www.family.catholic.org.au). The focus for this 10th Meeting is **Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness**. Along with this focus is an acknowledgement that there are many different ways in which families are comprised. Aunts and uncles, single or married, together with grandparents also contribute to the life of the family unit. Let's ponder and pray for our families. And let's make use of three important words that Pope Francis encourages all of us to use often in family life: **Please, Sorry, Thank you!**

Many thanks to the nearly 50 people who joined in the **Parish Forum** last Sunday, 19th June. Thanks, too, for the many apologies received. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council presented an outline and overview of the Parish Pastoral Plan and invited those present to gather around one of the four pillars of the plan: **Building Community, Faith Formation, Social Justice and Liturgy**. There was lively discussion in each of these groups. Hopefully the enthusiasm expressed on Sunday will translate into action in each of these areas. A couple of gatherings have emanated from the day. Please see the details in this bulletin.

Today's Gospel passage (**Luke 9:51-62**) is a stark reminder of the challenges of following the way of Jesus. It comes after Luke's account of **the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9:11-17 – last Sunday's Gospel)**, **Peter's declaration about Jesus (Luke 9:18-20)**, **the Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-36)** and a number of important examples of the nature of discipleship. It is worth reading over and reflecting upon the whole of Luke 9:1-62. Our psalm provides us with a response to the Lord's challenge to follow along the road of true discipleship: **O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize (Psalm 15:5)**.
Fr Mark Freeman



PETER'S PENCE is an annual collection taken up around the world to support the charitable work undertaken by the pope. Envelopes are available this weekend and may be returned over the next few weekends via the collection basket.



LAUDATO SI' ACTION GROUP: People interested in reflection more deeply on Pope Francis' 2015 Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, and looking at ways of implementing some action in response to the Pope's call to care for the earth, and to care for the poor are encouraged to come to an initial meeting upstairs in the Pastoral Centre this coming **Wednesday, 29th June 2022 at 4.30pm**. All welcome to participate.

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM: Following the Parish Forum, a group of parishioners are forming a team to consider issues of social justice both within our parish and the wider community. The first meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 6th July 2022 at 6.00pm** upstairs in the Pastoral Centre. All interested parishioners are welcome to participate.

PRAY EACH DAY 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*

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **June Cugley** (Dean and Claire) and **Khrisha Parry** (Christopher and Sherlou) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Fr Brian Nichols, Fr Terry Yard, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, Tim O'Sullivan, 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: Mervyn Foon, Serafin Caling, Elizabeth Walsh, Kay Harris, Franco Perotti, Terrence Coyle, Margaret Collins, Sadie Lyall, Donald Bonham, Giuseppe Bolzonello, Eulie Harmon, 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 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

ONE HOUR WITH JESUS Next Sunday, 3rd July 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.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL Sung Mass on Saturday, 16th July at 9.30am. Celebrant and Homilist: Fr Mark Freeman, Dean of Northern Tasmania. Enrolment in the Brown Scapular will take place during Mass. A Novena of Masses and Prayers will be offered at the Carmelite Monastery from 7th – 15th July. Intentions may be sent to Mother Teresa Benedicta via post to: Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St, Launceston or email: tascarmelvoc@gmail.com

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.

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. Enquiries: Helen 6344 6382 or email: carmelshop@yahoo.com

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 - 27th June—2nd July

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.



*"All families
need God.
Every single one.
We need His help,
His strength,
His blessing."*



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: this coming Tuesday, 5th July at 6.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Bookings are essential for catering
Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551

PLEASE NOTE: From 1st July 2022, Dining with Friends will only be held monthly on the 1st Tuesday of the month with a limit of 20 people—RSVP essential each month

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 7th July**

For further information about the next gathering
contact Fr Chatty 0469 661 578



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.*

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The 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. For further information and application forms please visit: <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>
Applications close on 29th July 2022.

Children's Corner

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

I praise you, Lord, for being my guide

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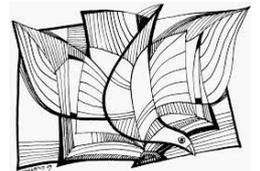
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GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 27th: Matthew 8:18-22
Tuesday 28th: Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday 29th: Matthew 16:13-19
Thursday 30th: Matthew 9:1-8
Friday 1st: Matthew 9: 9-13
Saturday 2nd: Matthew 9:14-17

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 65:1-7,16, 20
Galatians 6:14-18
Luke 10:1-12,17-20



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

Reflection Day on St Therese of Lisieux

10.00am - 3.00pm. Saturday 23rd July, 2022
at Emmanuel Centre, Newstead

An invitation is extended to women for a day of reflection, discovery and prayer drawing upon the real-life journey to sainthood of Therese of Lisieux. The day is entitled '**From Neurosis to Sainthood: a new glimpse at St Therese of Lisieux**' and facilitated by Maureen O'Halloran and Belinda Chapman.

Cost is \$40 including lunch.
Bookings by 18th July to Belinda on 0418 141 171 or by email to: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com.
Further details are on the flyer in the church foyer.

You are my inheritance, O Lord (Ps 15:5)

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM & FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH

With the start of the new financial year in July, Planned Giving envelopes will be distributed soon to those already receiving them.

- ◆ If you would like to join the planned giving program using envelopes, please contact the Parish Office via email: apostles@bigpond.com or phone 6331 4377 during office hours.
- ◆ Regular direct debit donations can also be set up through your internet banking using the following details:
Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish. **BSB:** 067 000; **Account No:** 1031 6153. **Ref:** "your surname"
- ◆ **Eftpos** is also available in the office for donations either via credit or debit cards.

A special '**thank you**' to all parishioners for your continued financial support through donations using the **Tap to Donate** terminals in our churches each weekend and through the **Planned Giving Program**.