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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 7TH AUGUST 2022 NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 7TH - 14TH AUGUST

FIRST READING

Wisdom 18:6-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 24:42, 44

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That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once Alleluia, alleluia! they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of You know not when the Son of Man is coming. your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their Alleluia! enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us GOSPEL to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his

- Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
- The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
- 3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

A reading from the letter to the Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

Be watchful and ready:

Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'



Food for thought......

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

Reflection by Sr Diane Bergant CSA





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

Mary's motto for life was "Never see a need without doing something about it"

"I longed for a Religious Life, one in which I could serve God and his poor neglected little ones in poverty and disregard of the world and its fleeting opinions."

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Feast Day 8 August



- "Remember we are but travellers here." (1866)
- "We must teach more by example than by word." (1867)
- "Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God." (1891)
- "Courage, courage, trust in God who helps you in all things"
- "We feel our crosses hard at times, but our courage should rise with them." (1882)
- "Let God's Spirit guide you in your choice." (1898)

NATIONAL PRAYER CRUSADE FOR VOCATIONS

The Knights of the Southern Cross prayer crusade coincides with this week's national vocations awareness week. Parishioners are encouraged to pray this special prayer each day this week:

Heavenly Father, you know the faith, courage and generosity of your people throughout Australia including the men and women serving at home and overseas with the Australian Defence Force, Please provide your people in Australia with sufficient Priests, Deacons and Religious to meet their needs and be with them always as they endeavour to meet the challenges of their daily lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen."

This prayer is also printed on the prayer card available for your collection in each of the churches.

A VOCATION VIEW:

Where is your treasure? There is your heart! Have you considered that God's will is your treasure for you?

Come, follow Him!

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Brian Nichols, Fr Terry Yard, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, 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: Kevin Sullivan, Don Phillips, Danielle Clayton who have died recently, Jean Rice, Michael Steer, Myra Harrington, Paddy Bannon, John Allchin, Michael Towns, Anthony Irwin, Mollie Burton, Milena De Paoili, Kay Miotto, Winifred Ellis, all victims of the 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.

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES. INFORMATION AND NEWS

ONE HOUR WITH JESUS Please note that there will not be Exposition at the Carmelite Monastery this Sunday. The next ONE HOUR WITH JESUS will be Sunday, 4th September.

ASSOCIATES OF THE PRESENTATION SISTERS will be gathering in the Pastoral Centre, 44 Margaret Street on Saturday, 13th July, commencing with Prayer at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea.

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,

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

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Sacred Heart, Newstead 6.00pm Vigil 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 - 8th—13th August

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

Apostles 12noon

Carmel Saturday: 9.00am 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.





This year's Evangelium Conference which will introduce different pathways for forming missionary disciples inspiring you to bring others to Christ and his Church! Featuring Ang, Director of the Daniel Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, with prayerful music by Catholic singer and musician Stephen Kirk! The event will be hosted by Sam Clear, Director of Youth Evangelisation in the Archdiocese of Hobart. Various workshops in the afternoon will conclude with a Celebration of Faith including Adoration.

Venue: Sacred Heart Catholic School, Launceston Book your tickets on Eventbrite (Evangelium Conference Tasmania 2022). Registration fee: \$45 includes lunch.

Registrations close 8th August 2022.

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP WELCOME MIGRANT & REFUGEES FAMILIES TO OUR COMMUNITY?

Thank you firstly to all who have donated so generously to the call for warm clothes for women and men. There is now a need for children's winter clothing for three girls aged 8, 5 and 4 and one boy, aged 6. A request also for a coat and a jumper for a teenage girl and boy-both Youth medium size. Clothes can be dropped off to the Parish Office during work hours.

Your help is most appreciated!

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 mmunities Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework. Archdiocese of Hobart 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.

MARY'S

MANTLE

CONSECRATION

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

LAUNCESTON PARISH YOUTH GROUP

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



Regular Meeting <u>1st & 3rd Thursdays</u>, 6.00pm - 7.30pm St Ailbe's Hall, Margaret Street Next Meeting: Thursday 18th August

Enquires please contact Fr Chatty 0469 661 578

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/
Facebook: https://fb.me/e/10MLh9IHI



Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you in all your life.

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GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 8th: Matthew 6:25-34

Tuesday 9th: Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wednesday 10th: John 12:24-26
Thursday 11th: Matthew 18:21-19:1
Friday 12th: Matthew 19:3-12
Saturday 13th Matthew 19:13-15

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10 Psalm 39:2-4,18 Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

Children's Corner

PRAY What are some things we can pray for?	
Write a prayer about one of them.	FEAST FACTS WITH
Dear God,	ST MARY MACKILLOP
	SHE WAS AN AUSTRALIAN RELIGIOUS WHO FOUNDED THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH OF THE SACRED HEART IN 1866
	2 ST MARY SET UP SCHOOLS IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW TEALAND AS WELL AS HOUSES TO HELP YOUNG AND ELDERLY WOMEN
Amen.	SHE WAS MADE AUSTRALIA'S FIRST SAINT IN OCTOBER 2010 ENGINE COLOR OF EMPLOYERS AND THE FEAT MIT. MIGHT B

ask for forgiveness

When do we need to say "I'm sorry" to others and to God?

