

Dear Parish Family,

This week's Gospel passage begins by reminding us that Jesus is **on his way (Luke 14:25)** – on his way to Jerusalem to fulfil his mission by pouring himself out completely, for us and for our salvation. As he responds to the great crowds following him, Jesus challenges them about what it means, in reality, to be a disciple. Jesus' words are strong and confronting when we hear him say: **If any person comes to me without hating his father, mother...(Luke 14:26)**. To be a disciple demands our all. **Those who become disciples of Jesus must be committed exclusively to Him; they cannot be bound to anyone or anything else (Theological Dictionary of the New Testament IV, p.691)**. It is all or nothing. Hence the reference to carrying the cross and following Jesus (**Luke 14:27**), the examples of being properly prepared for the task (**Luke 14:28-32**) and the injunction: **none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions (Luke 14:33)**.



Together with the whole Christian family we have just begun the **Season of Creation**, which is the annual ecumenical Christian celebration of God's gift of Creation. It runs **from 1st September through to 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**. In a special way during this time we unite with all Christians to pray for and protect our common home. This year let us join the global Christian family united in prayer and action around the theme: **Listen to the Voice of Creation**.

Our candidates for First Eucharist will be presented formally with The Lord's Prayer at our Parish Masses this weekend. **We look forward to welcoming them fully to the table of the Lord over the weekend of 17th & 18th September**. Together with their families, may they continue to grow in faith and be able to follow along the way with Jesus our Christ.

We pray in the psalm today: **In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exalt and rejoice all our days (Psalm 89:14)**. No matter what challenges we face, may we remain confident in God's love and rejoice always to follow along the way of discipleship.
Fr Mark Freeman

"EVERY FAMILY NEEDS A FATHER – A FATHER WHO SHARES IN HIS FAMILY'S JOY AND PAIN, HANDS DOWN WISDOM TO HIS CHILDREN AND OFFERS THEM FIRM GUIDANCE AND LOVE."

Pope Francis

Aleteia

PRAYER FOR FATHERS

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless all our fathers. May they be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) ENQUIRY NIGHT



Are you, or is a friend or relative of yours, interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? If so, then the RCIA process is an opportunity to explore the Catholic faith in a friendly, small group environment. Please feel free to bring a friend along to accompany you on the journey, or to help them as they explore the riches of our faith. **If you would like to find out more, please come to our Enquiry night this coming Thursday evening, 8th September 2022 at 7.30pm, upstairs in the Pastoral Centre.**

FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAM REMINDER:

The next FAITH SHARING SESSION will be held on

Monday 4th or Tuesday 5th September 2022

3.30pm -7.00pm, Church of the Apostles

Enquiries: Rosie Caelli, Sacramental Co-ordinator, email: pltn-sacraments@aohtas.org.au



YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Frederick and Harvey Tan** (Ian and Aileen) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sr Teresa OCD, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Brian Nichols, Fr Terry Yard, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izzard, Patsy Heath, 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 who has died recently, Percia McGrath, Dina Bardenhagen, Vito de Liberali, Patrick Shiels, Henry (Jock) and Kay Joyce, Ching Wang, Jean Josey, Raymond Johnstone, Michael Harrington, Stan Siejka, 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

ONE HOUR WITH JESUS *This Sunday, 3rd September 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

ASSOCIATES OF THE PRESENTATION SISTERS will be gathering in the Parish Centre on **Saturday, 10th September**, commencing at 12 midday with a shared lunch followed by prayer.

DINING WITH FRIENDS 6pm, Tuesday 6th September in the Pastoral Centre. Please book with St Vincent de Paul Society on 6326 5551

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

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

PARISH FAREWELL FOR FR MARK FREEMAN — Friday, 30th September 2022

Fr Mark will celebrate Mass in St Finn Barr's Church at 7.00pm followed by supper in the school hall. Further details will follow. Enquiries: Please contact the Parish Office on 6331 4377

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 - 5th—10th September

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.



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.

Please RSVP as soon as possible either by email vocations@aohtas.org.au or by phone 0459 286 278

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.*

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

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 15th September

Enquires please contact Fr Chatty 0469 661 578

Children's Corner

What are some good choices you can make this week?
Tick the good choices and cross the bad ones.



HELP AROUND THE HOUSE WITHOUT BEING ASKED TO

DON'T WORRY ABOUT SAYING MY EVENING PRAYERS

CONTRIBUTE TO THE OFFERATORY PLATE

MAKE FRIENDS WITH SOMEONE NEW

MAKE FUN OF THE TEACHERS

OWN UP TO MAKING A BAD DECISION

TURN OFF THE T.V. AND READ A BOOK

STOP DOING YOUR HOMEWORK AND GO OUTSIDE TO PLAY

DO SOMETHING NICE FOR YOUR PARENTS

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 5th: Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday 6th: Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday 7th: Luke 6:20-26
Thursday 8th : Matthew 1:1-16,18-23
Friday 9th: Luke 6:39-42
Saturday 10th: Luke 6:43-49

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14
Psalm 50:3-4,12-13
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32



Ponder and pray the living Word of God



UPCOMING RETREATS & REFLECTIONS

'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

