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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 2 OCTOBER 2022 SEASON OF CREATION 2022 – 1ST SEPTEMBER TO 4TH OCTOBER

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R, v,8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

- Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
- Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
- 3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.



Dear Parish Family,

It is time for us to renew the membership of our Parish Pastoral Council. The Parish Pastoral Council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the Parish, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ. The role of the Parish Pastoral Council is as follows: to listen and respond to the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners; provide opportunities for parishioners to grow in their relationship with God and with each other; support and encourage them in their ongoing efforts to be a Christian influence in the wider community; set long-term and short-term pastoral goals for the parish; contribute towards making parish decisions that reflect the values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church; provide support for the priests in their pastoral care of the parish.

The parish has been blessed by the generosity and commitment of all our parish councillors. A number of our current parish councillors are completing their second 3 year term on the council: Jan Coull, Eve Gauden, Rachael Holloway, Marcus Hughes, Chris Shea, Natale Wani, Ed van Galen and Trish van Galen. They would not be eligible to accept recommendation for the new Council. The following are those who are completing their first term: Christina Fletcher, Stan Gauden, Henry Gebka, Nick Lindsay, Melissa White and Maree Wright. These councillors may be recommended for another 3-year term.



You are being invited to recommend parishioners who you believe have the gifts and generosity to contribute to the work of the Pastoral Council in building up the life of our parish over the next 3 years. Included in the bulletin today is an explanation of the process for finding new members as well as a form you can use to make recommendations for membership of the Parish Pastoral Council. Please give some serious thought and prayer to recommending people for service on the Parish Pastoral Council. Please make your recommendations by Sunday, 23rd October 2022.

As I prepare to go on holidays and then move to the Bellerive-Lindisfarne Parish, I want to express my profound gratitude for all the encouragement, love and support I have received over the past 12½ years as the parish priest of Launceston. In particular, I have been deeply moved by the very generous expressions of farewell I have received in recent weeks. You have encouraged and challenged me to use well my gifts in the service of you, the People of God in this place. Be assured that you have a special place in my heart and in my prayers.

Let us all ask the Lord to increase our faith (Luke 17:5) remembering always that God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control (2.Timothy 1:7). May we all be blessed!

Fr Mark Freeman

A VOCATION VIEW:

■ Oh, that today you would hear His voice! ■ **■** Listening brings faith; faith brings hope. **■**

■ Hope brings trust; trust brings courage to ■

■ follow the Lord

PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth who are so precious in your eyes.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth. God of mercy, my we receive your forgiveness.

Pope Francis

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY(

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially Stephanie Esho (John and Jarred Lou) and Lukas Dagis (Adam and Allison) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING MILESTONES Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Lois Forwood who celebrated her 99th Birthday on the Saturday 3rd September.

FOR THE NEWLY MARRIED Congratulations, prayers and encouragement to Dat Nguyen and Huyen Nguyen who celebrate their Marriage in 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 Izard, 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, 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: Philip Carroll, Rick Gesler, Fr Lawrie Moate SDB, Mary Siejka, Margaret Niekamp and Arden McGuinness who have died recently, Fr Frank Gibson, Jack Chambers, Eustacchio De Paoli, Rex and Dulcie McCormack, Helen Walker, Joan Bird, Bill De Jong, Michael Cattigan, Eileen Elms, Douglas Ling, Alison Jackson, Gabrielle Sage, Patricia O'Toole, 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.

Cur 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, 2nd October 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 ST TERESA OF JESUS A Sung Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), the foundress of the Discalced Carmelite Order, at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston on Saturday 15th October at 9:30am. Archbishop Julian will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Morning tea will follow Mass. All welcome. A Novena of Masses and Prayers will also be offered in preparation for the feast from 6th - 14th October. Intentions may be sent to Mother Teresa Benedicta at the Monastery by post, phone 6331 3585 or 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.

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

ASSOCIATES OF THE PRESENTATION SISTERS will gather in the downstairs meeting room at the Church of Apostles parish centre on Saturday 8th October commencing at 2.00pm with prayer followed by afternoon tea.

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

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 (Oct-March)

WEEKDAY MASSES - 3rd—8th October

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

<u>RECONCILIATION</u>

12noon

9am

Saturday:

10.00am - 11.00am Saturday: **Apostles**

5.15pm - 5.45pm Newstead

Apostles

Carmel

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church with a view to becoming part of the Church, please come and join our RCIA group which is meeting again this coming Thursday evening, 22nd September at 7.30pm, upstairs in the Pastoral Centre. For further enquiries contact the Parish Office, 6331 4377

ROSARY IN THE PARK

will be held under the Cross in the grounds of Church of the Apostles, Launceston, on Saturday, 15th October, 2022, at 11.00 am. Please join us on the day for a nationwide Public Rally for one hour to recite the Rosary and sing Hymns to honour Our Blessed Mother and ask for

God's Blessing on Australia. to honour Our Blessed Mother. Please bring your own chair, as seating is limited. Enquires to Rozanne 0498 278 057. (In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the Church)

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Parishioners are invited to attend the 62nd CWL State Conference to be held at the Stan O'Doherty Parish Hall and Star Centre (Opposite Star of the Sea Church), George Town, Friday 14th October to Sunday 16th October 2022. Keynote Speaker: Monica Doumit, Director of Public Affairs, Archdiocese of Sydney. Registration and advance payment is essential. Contact: C W L Secretary, Wendy Fittler: wfittler@bigpond.com or (M) 0437370217





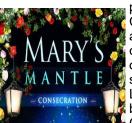
The Catholic Parish of Launceston embraces and whole-heartedly supports the Communities Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework. Archdiocese of Hobart Further information is available at: https://hobart.catholic.org.au/safe-communities

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 RETREAT For any



parishioner doing the Mary's Mantle Consecration Retreat, you, your family and friends are invited to celebrate the conclusion of the retreat and join with other participants in consecrating yourselves to Our Lady on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Friday, 7th October in St Francis Church Riverside. Celebrations will commence with the

recitation of the Rosary at 5.30pm, followed by Holy Mass.

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, 4th October at 6.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

<u>Bookings are essential for catering</u> Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551

Children's Corner

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Show your faithfulness to the Lord

J D Z U B Y T X B O G S B O L
A D Y J I N R S H E E P M S O
E F Y V G D X W A T C H C O Q
S Z N S G M E A L S P V O D J
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Try to find these words:

ashamed bigger cowards faithful gift meal message mulberry seed servants sheep

watch

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

 Monday 3rd:
 Luke 10:25-37

 Tuesday 4th:
 Luke 10:38-42

 Wednesday 5th:
 Luke 11:1-4

 Thursday 6th:
 Luke 11:5-13

 Friday 7th:
 Luke 11:15-26

 Saturday 8th:
 Luke 11:27-28

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17 Psalm 97:1-4 2Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

2022 JOHN WALLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE

How we, as Church, engage today as discerning and evangelising Spirit-filled, joyful People of God, will be explored in the 2022 John Wallis Memorial lecture to be delivered by Dr Elissa Roper, of Melbourne, in an inperson presentation at Guilford Young College, Glenorchy on *Thursday, 6th October, 7.00pm*. This uplifting and inspiring event will be live-streamed.

Further information: graciousgenerosity.com.au or Eva Dunn 0417 734 503. Register for the link eva.dunn@gmail.com

UPCOMING RETREATS & REFLECTIONS

<u>Carmelite Weekend Retreat</u> 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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

OCTOBER: A Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.