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Twenty– Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A) - 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK—3RD—9TH SEPTEMBER

The Season of Creation—1st September to 4th October

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, im prisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the Hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Dear Parish family,

In last week's Gospel, Peter proclaims Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God"; and Jesus recognises in him the faith on which to build his church. But in today's Gospel, Jesus brands him "Satan" telling him to get behind him. Why the dramatic change?

After hearing from Jesus the destiny that awaits him, involving suffering and death, Peter tries to talk Jesus into doing what he can to avoid the horrible future that awaits him. What's wrong with that, you may wonder? Surely, it's natural for us to take steps to avoid a future that involves pain, suffering, and death for ourselves and those we love.

Peter, however, misses the point of Jesus' mission – which will eventually result in new life. The passion and death he is to endure is necessary for the redemption of humanity and it is only through the embracing of his cross that he will triumph in the Resurrection.

We all have our crosses in life; some that may be the consequences of choices we have made earlier on in life, others that may be due to the actions of others, and still others that we are faced with, simply due to circumstances we find ourselves in.

To take on the Christian life involves embracing the cross before us, and as we share the crosses of others, we know that Jesus shares our cross too. As we enter into suffering and death with Jesus, we are sustained by the hope that we will rise with him at the end.

Have a blessed week

Fr Ben Brooks



SEASON OF CREATION

"**Let Justice and Peace Flow**" is the theme of this year's ecumenical **Season of Creation**, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (5:24). The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God's children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival. This justice must flow forth wherever it is needed, neither remaining hidden deep beneath the ground nor vanishing like water that evaporates before it can bring sustenance. God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish. When we "seek first the kingdom of God" (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures. **More resources available at: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>**

A VOCATION VIEW

**Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less travelled road.
"What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?"**



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**

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Nina Trow** (Rango and Carmen) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Deacon Vinco Muriyaden, Michael Varger, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Terry Yard, Kim Izard, Irene La Palombara, Alana Oehm, Kathy Aldred, Tina La Palombara, Greg Hopwood, Noeline Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Teresa McMahan, Danielle Evans, Louisa Buttazzoni, Lalla Smethurst, Sally Griffin (Smethurst), Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Kristel Latham, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, 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 and Peter Marshall..

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Bert Van Galen and Agnes Bok who have died recently, Sr Mary Virgil Virtue rsj, Garda Richardson, Geoffrey Byers, Isobel Olding, Natalie Walker, Edna Smith, Felicetta Facchin, Janine Harris, Carolyn Puccinelli, Dulcie McCormack, Bernadine Manshandan, John O'Brien, Peter Freeman, Royce Aldred, Nick D'Alessandro, Peg Brumby, Doreen Pratt, Anne Coombe, James Flynn, Katherine Adams, we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time and for the Holy souls in Purgatory.

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.

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 on **Saturday, 9th September** at the Launceston Parish Centre, at **12 midday** for a shared lunch followed by Prayer.

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY is being held each Monday night in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm. Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome.**

MORNING MEDITATION at the **Emmanuel Centre Tuesdays at 11am.** Newcomers are welcome. Enquiries: ph: 6334 1082

LECTO DIVINA Every Friday morning 10.30 am for 1 hour, at the Pastoral Centre, Lectio Divina - Contemplating and praying the scriptures for the upcoming weekend Mass readings. A time to slow down, to listen with the ears of your heart. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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.

Morning Tea after 10.30am Mass at Church of the Apostles—All are welcome

Copies of the latest edition of Australian Catholics are available for collection in the Church and the foyer of the Pastoral Centre

Limited copies of THE SWAG are available in the church this weekend

Evangelium Conference for 2023

The Annual Conference will be in Bellerive this year, with keynote speaker Jude Hennessy – Director of the office of Renewal and Evangelisation for the Wollongong Diocese, and Catholic musician, song writer and worship leader Stephen Kirk!

When: Saturday 16th September 10 am – 4:30 pm **Cost:** \$35 Early Bird finishing on August 31st

Register:

<https://evangeliumconferencetas23.eventbrite.com.au>

More information:

evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER:

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmel
9.00am	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
9.00am	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
10.30am	Apostles	
5.30pm	<i>Apostles (April—September)</i>	

WEEKDAY MASSES 4th—9th September

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmel

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	9.30am -10.30am	Apostles
	5.15pm –5.45pm	Newstead

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, 5th September at 6.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Bookings are essential for catering

Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551



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"

MASS LIVE-STREAMED *Each and every Sunday at 9am*

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..

LAUNCESTON PARISH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Enquires: please contact Fr Chatty 0469 661 578



YOUTH GROUP for young people from grades 5 to 12 - Music, Sport, Adventures, Social Work, Faith meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6.00pm - 7.30pm St Ailbe's Hall.

Next meeting: Thursday 8th September

Young Adults Group: 2nd and 4th Sundays
12noon @ the Pastoral Centre

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 4th: Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday 5th: Luke 4:31:37
Wednesday 6th: Luke 4:38-44
Thursday 7th: Luke 5:1-11
Friday 8th: Matthew 1:1-16,18-23
Saturday 9th: Luke 6:1-5

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekial 33:7-9
 Psalm 94:1-2,6-9
 Romans 13:8-10
 Matthew 18:15-20



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

Children's Corner

COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"If you want to be my followers you must take up your cross and follow me."

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 E U W T **E** FINISH

Round 1 - Parish History

- Who was the first Catholic priest to be appointed to Launceston in 1838?
Fr James Cotham
- What was the name of the first permanent Catholic church built on the Margaret St site?
St Joseph's
- What year was the Church of the Apostles officially opened?
1866
- List the current four Launceston Parish Schools.
Sacred Heart Catholic School, St Thomas More's Catholic School, St Finn Barr's Catholic School and St Patrick's College.
- What year did the Catholic Parish of Launceston come into existence?
December 2, 2001
- What shape is Sacred Heart Church in Newstead?
Octagon
- After the original church was destroyed by fire in 1925, which current parish church, considered to be a spiritual and architectural asset when built, was opened in 1954?
St Finn Barrs
- What was an interesting fact that came to light about the Church of Apostles during the 150th anniversary?
The church was not consecrated (due to the practice of not consecrating churches until they were free of debt, which was not the case when it was first opened)
- What inspired the triangular shaped roof of the St Patrick's College Chapel?
The Trinity
- Where was the first Carmelite monastery established in Tasmania in 1948?
Longford

Whose Voice Shall We Hear?

Concerned Catholics Tasmania invites you to engage in a guided reflection and discussion, as suggested by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, on how the Uluru Statement and Catholic Social Teachings can help us arrive at our own personal position on the Voice to Parliament.
Saturday September 23rd 10am to 12.15pm, Launceston Parish Centre. Registrations: Kathy 0439 582 949

ANSWERS TO THE TRIVIA QUESTIONS AT THE PARISH DINNER

Round 2 - General Trivia

- What is cynophobia?
Fear of dogs
- Who named the Pacific Ocean?
Ferdinand Magellan
- What is the rarest M&M colour?
Brown
- What is the biggest selling music single of all time?
White Christmas
- Which two countries have not missed one of the modern-day Olympics?
Greece and Australia
- What country has a name that translates to "The Saviour"?
El Salvador
- What is the national animal of Scotland?
The unicorn
- In the state of Georgia, it is illegal to eat what food with a fork?
Fried chicken
- How long (in miles) is New Zealand's Ninety Mile Beach?
55 miles
- What is measured in 'Mickeys'?
The speed of a computer mouse