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Twenty– Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A) - 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

***(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.***

1. 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.)
2. 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.)

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

***God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted
to us.***

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

A VOCATION VIEW

How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them!

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,

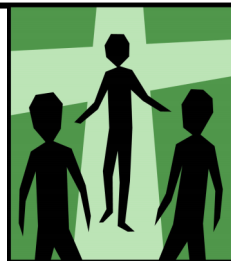
Today's readings refer somewhat to the dynamics of the Christian community alive and acting in the world. The first reading reminds us that as members of the community we have a certain responsibility for the spiritual welfare of each other. In fact, if we fail to assist our neighbour when they need guidance, we share in their guilt if they fall into sin. When discord occurs, the Gospel reading suggests a process involving dialogue between the involved parties, and again, the community has a role in giving guidance in bringing about reconciliation, through discernment, prayer and the sacramental life.

Dialogue, Discernment, Prayer and the celebration of the Sacraments are at the heart of how a parish community works effectively together, being a sign to the wider community of God's presence. There are times when a parish community is called to share the sacredness of all creation through its activity, animated by the Holy Spirit, and to bring about reconciliation. Issues such as the dignity of life from conception to natural death; advocating for the poor and the oppressed; protecting the vulnerable, and reaching out to those in our community who have been excluded; are aspects of our world that we are called to uphold by our prayer and actions.

A current issue before us is the upcoming referendum on constitutional recognition of indigenous peoples and the voice to the Australian parliament. While many views are held on this, we are called to approach our responsibility of casting our vote in the referendum in a way that promotes justice and ensures that the dignity of all people is upheld.

St Paul reminds us in today's second reading that **love** is the one thing that underpins who we are and what we do as a parish. May our prayers and dialogue around this topic, together and within the wider community, be grounded in the love God has for each of us and may we always be open to new ways of sharing that love with those around us.

Have a blessed week *Fr Ben Brooks*



FEEDBACK FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Our recent Parish Dinner was a great success with over 100 parishioners enjoying the evening. Thank you very much to everyone involved and we are already looking forward to the next Dinner!
- **Our Children's Liturgy is commencing on Sunday 17 September at Church of the Apostles 10:30am Mass.** If you have children interested in attending, or would like be on a volunteer roster, please contact the Parish Office.
Upcoming events: World Youth Day presentation – date to be advised;
Advent Retreat - Saturday 9th December 2023 hosted by Maureen O'Halloran and Belinda Chapman.
More information will follow.



SEASON OF CREATION

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of the Season of Creation. As you will remember from last week, this season celebrates God as Creator of the vast cosmic universe. It explores God's revelation in creation and our calling to care for Earth, to protect its rich diversity, to end the destructive violence of humans, and to address the urgent crises threatening Earth's health and future – and our survival. The readings today remind us of the essential importance of calling each

other to conversion. And Jesus offers guidance in approaching each other with gentle respect in these times of deep social division and too-often violent conflict. **More resources available at: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>**

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 **Hazel O'Brien** (Jarrod and Caitlin) and **Millie Kerrison** (Matthew and Bronwyn) 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 McMahon, 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: Stephen Sajben who has died recently, Sr Trish Dance, Stan Siejka, Mary and Jan Siejka, Arden McGuinness, Paul Reynolds, Brian Harley, John Freeman, Dina Bardenhagen, Percia McGrath, Lorraine McGee, Dorothy Crumpton, Edwin Habel, Vito de liberali, Patrick Shiels, Jock Joyce, Raymond Johnstone, Jean Pearce, Ching Wang, Queen Elizabeth, Michael Harrington, Krystyna Siernicka, Raymond Strochnetter, Rex Viney, Teresa Cericola, Bernice Corino, Graeme Talbot, Rosemarie Formby, Paul Bartlett, Perc Greer, Marjorie Ransley, Dorothy Cox, Trevor Loone, 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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE The monthly meeting of the Launceston Branch of the will be held at the Launceston Parish centre on **Tuesday, 12th September, 2023**, starting at 1pm. Rosary at 12.30pm. New members welcome. Enquires to Victoria on 0408398785

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

LECTIO 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

Safeguarding Sunday 2023

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September -- at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week.

Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

catholic.au/articles/safeguardingsunday2023

Supporting Safe Communities

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023
10 SEPTEMBER

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

Register:

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

More information:

evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au

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



Church Working Bee

NEXT SUNDAY 17th September

St Finn Barr's Church after the 9am Mass

Please bring along your hammer/ pliers and tools to remove the worn wood on the backs of the pews.

Enquiries: Parish Office 6331 4377

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	Apostles (April—September)	

WEEKDAY MASSES 11th—16th 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

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 14th September

Young Adults Group: 2nd and 4th Sundays

Next meeting: Sunday 10th September

7pm @ the Pastoral Centre

Encountering Christ Retreat

Behold I Make All things New! (Rev. 21:5)
NOVEMBER 3-5th, 2023 @ The Emmanuel Centre

Catholic women, single or married, ages 18+, are invited to a weekend of prayer, talks, silence, and fellowship, hosted by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. This retreat will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. The retreat begins Friday evening, 3 November, and concludes Sunday midday, 5 November. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be part of the retreat. Retreatants may select overnight accommodation or day attendance only. All meals are included. Live in retreat fee: \$300.

Full retreat - Day only attendance: \$150.

Please email emmanuelcentre@aohtas.org.au to register or call (03) 6334 1082 / 0458 003 642.

INVITED TO ENTER

Silent, Guided and Directed Retreat

15th—21st October, 2023

Emmanuel Centre, Newstead

Directors: Maureen O'Halloran and Belinda Chapman

Cost: \$800 (includes accommodation, all meals, spiritual direction and prayer resources)

Bookings and Information: Maureen 0400038095

Email: mjohalloran@bigpond.com

You are invited to enter the "I am" sayings of Jesus in John's Gospel and discover your corresponding identity within each

I am the Bread of Life I am the Door I am the Good Shepherd I am the Vine I am the Light of the World I am the Way the Truth and the Life I am the Resurrection and the Life

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 11th:	Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday 12th:	Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday 13th:	Luke 6:20-26
Thursday 14th:	John 3:13-17
Friday 15th:	John 19:25-27
Saturday 16th:	Luke 6:43-49

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30—28:7

Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12: R

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

Children's Corner

Jesus wants us to be peacemakers

When someone does wrong things against me, I can be a peacemaker by....

When I do wrong things against someone, I can be a peacemaker by....



If someone sins against you, speak to them and tell them what was wrong. If they listen to you, you will have won them back.