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## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A) - 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

### **FIRST READING      Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31      GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband’s heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM      Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1**

**(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. (R.)

### **SECOND READING      1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about ‘times and seasons’, since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, ‘How quiet and peaceful it is’ that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;**  
**my branches bear much fruit.**  
**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL      Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir”, he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”’

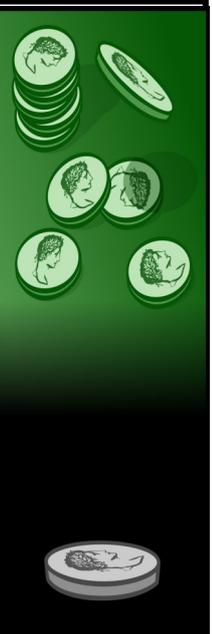
*We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, 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.*

## **Food for thought.....Reflection by Sr Dianne Bergant CSA**

*It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.*

*Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.*

*If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.*



### **Events coming up in the Parish**

- ◆ **Parish Sausage Sizzle, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** at Riverbend Park. Details for registration are in the bulletin or contact the Parish Office.
- ◆ As Advent approaches, a variety of activities are planned:
  - **Advent Reflection Day – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December** facilitated by Maureen O'Halloran and Belinda Chapman. Please RSVP to the Parish Office
  - **Advent Prayer / Discussion Group** – information to follow
  - **Prayer Tree** – Trees will be placed in each Mass centre where you can place your prayer intentions.

### **A VOCATION VIEW**

***Don't just bury your talents. Dream your best dream about your life and then live it to the full. God calls you to live in happiness.***

### **NOVEMBER MASSES**

*Names of deceased relatives and friends will be included in the November Book of Remembrance. Envelopes are available in the Church foyers and may be returned on the collection baskets or to the Parish Office.*

### **Mass for the Unborn**

*To celebrate the feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, the Office of Life, Marriage and Family presents this special Mass in **St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart on Tuesday 12th December, at 7pm**  
Please pray for the protection of Human Life in the womb. Enquiries: [rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au](mailto:rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au)*

### **YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY**

**FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED** especially **Vincent Fraser** (Hamish and Jenna) and **Mabel and Ivy Wright** (Bradley and Lauren ), who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Greg Hopwood, Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Merril Thompson, Deacon Vinco Muriyaden, Fr Terry Yard, Kim Izard, Irene La Palombara, Tina La Palombara, Alana Oehm, Kathy Aldred, Greg Hopwood, Noeline Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Teresa McMahon, 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, 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:** Kitty Russell and Sr Margaret Chandler rsj, who have died recently, Robert Freeman, Gabriella Colpo, Allan Tobin, Barbara Davern, Ronald Fraser, Ilona Siewruk, we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus, all those we have been asked to pray for in our November Mass book, all those 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**

**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.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS** are available to purchase in the Church or Parish Office \$10 each

*Please collect a Prayer Card for Peace in the Middle East prepared by Aid to the Church in Need*  
[www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org)

# Parish Sausage Sizzle

Sunday 3 December, 12noon

Riverbend Park, Launceston

An opportunity for our Parish community to gather and celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent, (new liturgical year) and our Parish's 22nd anniversary.

Sausages will be gluten free. Gluten free bread available. For other dietary requirements please self cater.

BYO chair and/or picnic rug.

For catering purposes please RSVP by

**Wednesday 29 November**

via the QR code or contact the Parish Office on 6331 4377



# PREPARE



## Advent Reflection Day

Saturday 9th December  
 9.30am for a 10.00am start (until 3.00pm)

St Patrick's College Chapel, 282 Westbury Rd, Prospect  
 BYO Lunch. Morning Tea provided.

Facilitated by Maureen O'Halloran and Belinda Chapman



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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm Vigil</b>	Sacred Heart, Newstead
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	Carmel
<b>9.00am</b>	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
<b>9.00am</b>	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
<b>10.30am</b>	Apostles	
<b>6.30pm</b>	Apostles	

### WEEKDAY MASSES 20th—25th November

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

### RECONCILIATION

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>9.30am -10.30am</b>	Apostles
	<b>5.15pm -5.45pm</b>	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..*



## Children's Corner



### COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

*"Come and share in my happiness!"*

START

**C O M N R Y I L E J**  
**N M S D S H N D O M**  
**L E A N L A K X T I**  
**V X R I E R S I N E**  
**T I D N J A P P L S**  
**M E O M Y H R E K S**

FINISH



### GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 20th: Luke 18:35-43  
 Tuesday 21st: Luke 19:1-10  
 Wednesday 22nd: Luke 19:11-28  
 Thursday 23rd: Luke 19:41-44  
 Friday 24th: Luke 19:45-48  
 Saturday 25th: Luke 20:27-40

### NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

*Feast of Christ the King*

Ezekial 24:11-12,15-17  
 Psalm 22:1-3,5-6  
 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28  
 Matthew 25:31-46



*Ponder and pray the living Word of God*

### St Vincent de Paul Society—Dining with Friends

Operating in two locations in the North, Launceston and George Town. Volunteers prepare a meal for, and share a meal with those in the community who may be feeling lonely, want to make new friends, or simply just wish to share a meal with others.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us on 6326 5551 or [north@vinniestas.org.au](mailto:north@vinniestas.org.au)

**We would open our arms to those who could share some of their time, knowledge and skills with us as we;**

- Participate together as a follower of our Lord.
- Collect bread from a local bakery for distribution to those in need.
- Sit with those in need to listen and offer assistance.
- Distribute breakfast and open washing facilities at the old YMCA centre in Kingsmeadows
- Be part of our Team on the Vinnies van
- Other emerging works as they are occur and you may suggest

**All works are relatively small and are taken on when members are able to within their own personal circumstances and capabilities.**

To talk to us about the works of your local St Vincent de Paul conference please call;

\*Marcus Hughes 0438 265 047

\*Warren Dargusch 0419 266 556

\*Vyvyan Allchin 0428 655 592

Or any other member you know



**Our membership is presently drawn from the Apostles and St Finn Barr Mass centres.**

## St Vincent de Paul Society

Launceston Conference



Your local St Vincent de Paul conference is seeking new members to share the call of Our Lord to help those most in need.



**The Catholic Parish of Launceston embraces and whole-heartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.**

**Enquiries: Safe Communities officer- Parish Office 63314377 or email: [launceston@aohtas.org.au](mailto:launceston@aohtas.org.au)**  
**Safe Communities Information flyer available in the Church**