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Twenty– Second Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year C - 31 August 2025
SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters, The imitation of Christ

Today in the Gospel we can see that Jesus observes how guests at a banquet seek the places of honour and uses the moment to teach a powerful lesson about humility and hospitality. He challenges not just the social customs of his time but also the deeper attitudes of the heart that still speak to us today.

Jesus begins by addressing the desire for status and recognition. At first glance, it might seem like he's giving practical advice—don't sit at the best seat, in case someone more important arrives. But Jesus isn't promoting a false humility that still seeks recognition; rather, he invites us into a radically different way of living—one shaped by the values of the Kingdom of God, where the last are first, and true greatness is found in humble service.

Then, Jesus turns to the host and challenges him to rethink whom he invites to his table. Instead of friends, relatives, or wealthy neighbours who can return the favour, Jesus calls us to welcome "the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind." In doing so, he is not just speaking of physical condition, but those whom society often overlooks. This is the essence of Christian hospitality: opening our hearts and lives to those who cannot repay us, because that's how God loves us.

In this passage, we are reminded that Christian life isn't about climbing the social ladder or being seen as important. It's about imitating Christ, who "did not come to be served, but to serve" (Mark 10:45). True honour comes not from the approval of others, but from God, who sees what is done in secret and rewards us with eternal joy.

As a parish, we are invited to live this gospel by making room for the outsider, by honouring the dignity of each person, and by embracing humility—not as weakness, but as strength rooted in love. Let us build a community not of status-seeking, but of grace, welcome, and joyful service. Amen

Fr Vinco Muriyadan

Dear Parishioners, With the celebration of our parish diner on Friday, I would like to thank the PPC for the hard work that they put into organizing it, as well as for all who participated.

Next weekend is Father's Day, 06th & 07th September - it is a moment for us to pause and look back at the gift of our fathers and those who have been father figures in our lives. May I invite all fathers to come on that day for mass and a special blessing. Let us also pray for fathers who have gone before us.

Wednesday 03rd September- No Mass @ 12noon - Church of the Apostles as the Priests will be in Hobart for the Pastoral Conference.

See page 3 for parish activities for the next two months. Keep the dates free and get involved.
Fr Leonard

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5pm Sacred Heart Church, Newstead
Sunday 7.30am Carmelite Monastery
9am St Patrick's Chapel, Prospect
9am St Finn Barr's Church, Invermay
10.30am Church of the Apostles, Launceston
5.30pm Church of the Apostles, Launceston
RECONCILIATION
Saturday 9.30am-10.30am Apostles
4.15pm- 4.45pm Newstead

WEEKDAY MASSES 1-6 September

Monday-Saturday **7.30am**
Carmelite Monastery
Tuesday 12noon Newstead
Wednesday **No Mass@12noon** Apostles
Thursday 12noon Mass Invermay
Friday 12noon Mass Apostles

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Every Sunday at 9am
Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston or:
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>
Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday

SACRAMENTAL BOOKINGS

Baptisms, Wedding and Funeral Enquiries
Please contact the Parish Office

Interested in becoming Catholic

(RCIA Programme)
Enquiries: Parish Office

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

1st and 3rd Sundays –9am Invermay
2nd and 4th Sundays –10.30am Apostles

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Teens Group: Gr 6-12
2nd and 4th Sundays, Pastoral Centre
4.30pm-5.30pm
YAS (age 18-35) 2nd and 4th Sundays in
the Pastoral Centre 4.30pm-5.30pm
Enquiries: Parish Office

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.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

ONE HOUR WITH JESUS *Next Sunday, 7th 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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION will be held in the Nano Nagle Room on Wednesdays at 11am and at 5pm. Christian Meditation is a method of prayer to help us set our eyes on God, in silence and grow closer to Him with Gratitude and Love. All are welcome. **Enquires: Tina: 0417305546**

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 takes place for one hour every Friday when the 12noon Mass is held at the Church of the Apostles.

HEALING MASS for all the sick and aged in our parish for all those who are in need of Our Good Lord's anointing and mercy. **Every First Friday at Church of the Apostles at 12 noon.**

THE CARMEL SHOP: The Carmel Shop, 7 Cambridge St, West Launceston is open between 11am—4pm on Wednesdays. Enquiries: carmelshop@yahoo.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY— Signs of Hope on the Edge

The experience of people living with the challenges of homelessness and mental ill-health has been highlighted in the Australian **Catholic Bishops Conference's 2025 Social Justice Statement, Signs of Hope on the Edge.** Conference President, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, says in the foreword to the statement that homelessness and mental health services are stretched and under-resourced, making it harder to provide adequate support for those who need it. The solution lies in Australians offering loving friendship to those in need.

"Many Australians find it embarrassing, uncomfortable or even confronting to see homeless people on the streets," Archbishop Costelloe writes.

"But we encourage all who are baptised to, instead, offer loving friendship to people on the edge of society.

"Instead of walking by and not noticing the plight of our neighbours, pay attention to them and their plight, listen to their stories, and serve them with the love we learn from Jesus."

The statement includes first-hand accounts of people struggling with mental-ill health and homelessness.

Tasmanian dad Michael turned his life around with the help of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

"My family couldn't cope with my drug abuse, and I landed up on the streets. I slept wherever I could find a place. It was tough, scary and very lonely," Michael recounted. "My life has turned around ... I wake up every morning with a smile on my face. My daughter says that I am shining!"

An estimated 280,000 people access homelessness services each year, with one in three having a current mental health issue. The statement lists some of the ways that Catholic entities are engaging with the crisis.

Australians are encouraged to act, such as working with local government councils on ways to address homelessness and mental health, helping street van ministries and advocating to state and federal MPs about better policies.

Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service chair, Bishop Tim Harris, said there was a clear message in the statement.

"We want to encourage Australians to notice homeless people in their communities, to take every chance to listen to their stories and understand what their lives are like," Bishop Harris said.

"To listen to their hopes and dreams, and to truly serve them with love and humility."

The statement and related resources are available for download at socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Please contact the office if you would like to receive a hard copy.

SICK AND AGED PRIESTS FUND ANNUAL COLLECTION

This weekend the annual collection for the support of the sick and aged priests of the Archdiocese of Hobart is being collected. Half the priests of the Archdiocese are supported by this fund that relies in no small part on your contributions. Let your generosity express your gratitude to the priests who have laboured long and hard in our local Church. Please give generously. Please take an envelope and return it over the next 2 weeks.

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Liliana Anderson, Marcus Hughes, Jenny Bowe, Christina Waiss, Kath Aldred, Christopher Chauvet, Elsie Saltmarsh, Ruth Adams, Joanne Foley, Margaret Grossmith, Therese Brennan, Irene La Palombara, Kees Moolenschot, Egidio Tosello, Brigitte, Pat McCarthy, Shirley O'Byrne, Cheryl Dawtrey, Will Smith, Merrill Thompson, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Maria Holton, Louisa Buttazzoni, Alida Moolenschot, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Eduardo Bilanes, 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, and we remember all those anniversaries which occur at this time.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Maria Cettolin, Patricia Masters, Elizabeth (Liz) Saunders and Otto Wimmer who have died recently, Patrick Shiels, Peg Brumby, John O'Brien, Stephen Sajben, Garda Richardson, Geoffrey Byers, Isobel Olding, Felicetta Facchin, Janine Harris, Carolyn Puccinelli, Aleide Taurian, Percia McGrath, Dina Bardenhagen, Dorothy Crumpton, Lorraine McGee, Vito de Liberali, and we remember all those anniversaries which occur at this time.

Dear friends, as the Jubilee year reaches its halfway point. I would like you to reflect on the nature of being a pilgrim. We see in Sacred Scriptures God's chosen people on a pilgrimage to the promised land. From that point onwards, human beings have been on a pilgrimage of discovery and search for the one thing that our hearts long for. St Augustine states; our hearts are restless until they rest in you. We are all on a journey, a pilgrimage of events, experiences, of ups and downs as we try to live the Christian vocation to the best of our ability. I often reflect on this point, that God does not call the qualified but qualifies and equips those whom he has called.

Thus, for the next few months as we build up to our own parish pilgrimage, which will take place in November. I would like to invite you to keep these dates free and come journey with us as a parish community this Jubilee Year.

September 2025 (celebrating our pilgrim journey as parents and spouses)

6 - 7th September – Father's Day weekend with special blessing during all Masses. Morning Tea in St Finn Barr's Church, St Patrick's Chapel and Church of the Apostles.

25th September (Thursday) Jubilee Talk - Marriage as a pilgrimage and partnership, from conflict to healing. (Details in next Sundays Newsletter)

October 2025 (celebrating our pilgrim journey in prayer with the Blessed Virgin and creation)

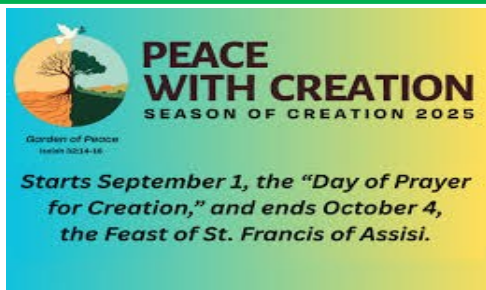
4th October (Saturday) – Blessing of Animals (Feast of St Francis) Church of the Apostles grounds at 11 am.

11th October (Saturday) – Australia needs Fatima Public Rosary, Church of the Apostles grounds at 11 am.

16th October (Thursday) – Jubilee Talk – Overcoming Addictions a Christian perspective.

12th October (Sunday) – Multicultural Day, St Finn Barr's Church, Invermay after the Mass in the school Hall.

Fr Leonard



This week marks the beginning of the Season of Creation - a world wide ecumenical initiative that calls for prayer and action to care for our common home. The theme this year is "Peace with Creation" symbolised by the Garden of Peace picture here.

During this time, we ask God for eyes open to creation's wonders, for the grace to hear the "cry of the earth" and a transformed heart and spirit to care for and protect all life. Our hope is that Creation will find peace when justice is restored to all.

Pope Francis challenged us all in Laudato Si' (#160):

"What is the goal of our work? what need does the Earth have of us? Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is up to us"

What will you do over the next few weeks to make a difference?

Laudato Si': Regenerating an Integral Ecology together

You are invited to join in the Laudato Si' Community Day to grow in faith, understanding and practice towards living an 'Integral Ecology'

Saturday 20 September 2025, 9am-3.30pm. Meet at the Clarence Foreshore Trail, Hobart. Morning tea and talks will follow at John Paul II Catholic School Hall, Rokeby.

Enquiries: luch.brighella@catholic.tas.edu.au

Registrations: <https://forms.gle/orDCeeafaJJGa7uh7>

FOUND: a brooch has been found in the Pastoral Centre over the past weekend. Please call into the office during office hours to collect it.

Endow Women's Group

Study and discussion of the writings and life of St. Edith Stein, Jewish philosopher, later Catholic Carmelite nun and Auschwitz martyr during WWII.

When: Fortnightly on Thursdays 10.30am-12pm for 8 sessions, 4 Sept. – 11 Dec.






Where: Launceston Pastoral Centre.

Cost: \$30, includes study guide.

Registrations: Liz Linnemans 0407 074 693.

Children's Corner

Use the words below to complete these sentences.

-  When you are invited to be a _____, go and sit in the _____ place.
-  If you put yourself _____ others, you will be put down.
-  When you are _____ to a wedding feast, don't sit in the _____ place.
-  If you _____ yourself, you will be honored.
-  When you give a _____, invite the _____, crippled, the lame and the _____. They _____ pay you back.

**CANNOT GUEST
HUMBLE INVITED
BEST BLIND FEAST
ABOVE WORST
WEDDING POOR**



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
Safe Communities Information flyer available in the Church or visit: SafeCommunitiesTas.com.au

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

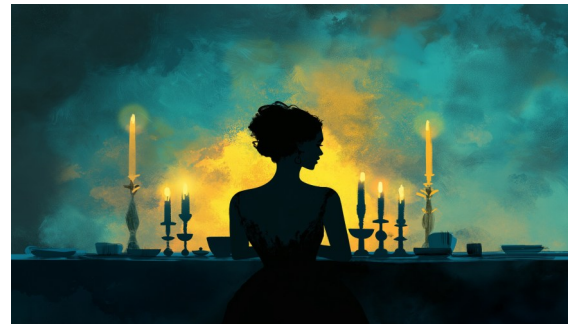
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are



A VOCATION VIEW

Humility is needed for those who choose to serve. Recognize your gifts and offer them in humble service. (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

Next Sunday's readings- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14:25-33

Ponder and pray the living Word of God



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Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish

BSB: 067 000; **Account No:** 1031 6153.

Reference: "your surname"

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.

