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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C - 2 March 2025

Dear Parish Family,

Integrity of character is of vital importance to all disciples of Jesus. Thus the church continues to remind us of the virtues and qualities that should characterize our lives as Christians. Today's readings have many words of correction. If a blind man leads a blind man they will both fall into a pit. This question made me wonder: how many of us could lead someone to Heaven? The young St John Vianney, lost on his way to his new parish, said to a young man, "If you show me the way to Ars (his new parish), I will show you the way to Heaven." The young man responded, "How can you show me the way to Heaven? You don't even know the way to Ars". But seriously, think of this: could you show someone the way to Heaven? If you could not, how do you know you are on the right path? We may be so busy looking at others' faults that we are not correcting our own.

One line in the Gospel really called me to correction this week: Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. I like this because it gave me something that I want to work on for Lent. Sure, we all have filters and we don't say certain things in front of our parents or children, but what comes out of our mouth around friends, around alcohol? That is really what is in our heart. Our gossip, our slander, our judgement, our crude jokes. Our tongues are revealing our hearts. Our first reading is a call to be very careful in evaluating people based on their appearances rather than on the wisdom that comes from them. It says: "The test of a man is in his conversation. A man's word's betrays what he feels. Do not praise him before he speaks."

Despite this, it suffices to note that one needs a lot of wisdom to discern the truth in someone's word. This is true, especially given that many people say beautiful words to please and deceive others while their hearts are far from the truth. In today's gospel, Jesus also teaches us that the quality of our heart determines the quality of our words and actions. He says, "A good person, out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, while an evil person, out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

As Christians, if we live according to the good news, our actions and words would be guided by it. Consequently, it will affect others positively. On the contrary, if we fill our hearts with superficial things, our words and actions would be filled with nothingness. What does all this mean and how does this help us? Well, we are coming up to Lent. It is just a few days away now. In Lent we are called to death and in Easter to resurrection. What are you doing? If you are merely giving up something, why are you giving up something? It is important that we give up something that will correct our hearts. We usually work with the three areas – prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Look at what your heart does when it is weak. What does it say or do or think and use this Lent to correct it. Remember this: we might think that the people who killed Jesus were really evil, despicable people, but in truth they were the regular people of Jerusalem. You and I, and what caused them to kill Him was that they did not want to be changed by Him. Let us not be like them, but have a change of heart this Lent. ***Fr Leonard***

Dear Parish Family,

One of the key disciplines during a Jubilee year ***is the gaining of Jubilee Indulgences,*** which is of great benefit for our spiritual life. As you are aware the Archdiocese of Hobart under the direction of Pope Francis has named four Diocesan Sacred Sites for this Jubilee year. Two in the south ***(shrine of Our Lady of Victories – Lutana and St John the Evangelist – Richmond)***, and two sacred sites in the north of our Archdiocese ***(Our Lady of the Sacred Heart – Ross and Holy Trinity Church -Westbury).*** We as a parish plan to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Trinity Church, Westbury in a few months' time. I will keep you posted on this in the next few weeks. (Please note it will after the Lenten and Easter season). This week I would like you to reflect on how to gain Jubilee indulgences. (page 3 and flyer)

Fr Leonard

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 6pm 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
6.30pm Church of the Apostles, Launceston

WEEKDAY MASSES 3– 8 March

7.30am Monday-Saturday Carmelite Monastery
Tuesday 12noon Newstead
Wednesday **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Apostles 12noon and 6.30pm
Thursday 12noon Invermay
Friday 12 noon Apostles

RECONCILIATION

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

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Every Sunday at 9am
Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston or:
https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/
Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.

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 Thursdays, St Ailbe's Hall

YAS (age 18-35) **2**nd and 4th Sundays in the Pastoral Centre
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

ASSOCIATES OF THE PRESENTATION SISTERS will meet in the **Parish Centre on Saturday, 8th March** commencing **at 2pm. PLEASE NOTE** as Lent has commenced afternoon tea will be provided.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION will be held in the ***Nano Nagle Room, Presentation House*** *(behind the Pastoral Centre)* 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**

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.***

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY ***Every Monday 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***.

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

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

St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses this weekend.
Please collect a Project Compassion box or envelopes from the Church

LENT PROGRAM— METANOIA—a transformative change of heart inspired by the Gospels

Lent is a time of prayer, penance, renewal of faith and refocusing on God in our life and you are invited to consider joining a group for prayer, reflection and sharing based on the Sunday Gospels as we journey through Lent to Easter.

Monday 10.30am, Thursday, 7pm, Friday 10.30am - *Pastoral Centre* ***From Monday 3rd March.***
$10 donation for Metanoia resources Enquiries: Parish Office 6331 4377.

Prayer for the Holy Father

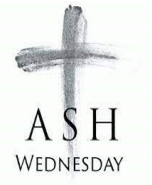
We thank you for the loving service of Pope Francis and the hope he has inspired in so many ways in your great mercy, we place him into your hands at this time, trusting in your eternal care.

May the Holy Father be comforted by the love of the church and the prayers of all the faithful. We ask you through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift, and his spirit be strengthened in your peace.

May Your healing power be with him always and your will be done in his life. Through Christ our, Lord. Amen.

Have you wondered how the money you donate for Caritas Australia emergency relief reaches the country in crisis and what it is used for?

An informal information evening about CA will be held in the Pastoral Centre this Monday from 7-8 pm with CA guest Nicole Chehine (Sydney). Nicole will be in Tasmania as the guest speaker at the **Project Compassion 2025 launches** this week. You are also invited to attend the ***northern launch at Church of Apostles for a prayer service at 11 am on Tuesday***. No RSVP is required. Further information: Penny Edman 0400 896 191 or penny.edman@caritas.org.au



ASH WEDNESDAY - 5th March

MASS TIMES

7.30am: *Carmelite Monastery*
12noon: *Church of the Apostles*
6.30pm: *Church of the Apostles*

Prayer for 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

FIRST RECONCILIATION REMINDER!

1st Faith Sharing Session:
Monday 3rd or Tuesday 4th March
3 pm -7pm, Church of the Apostles
Enquiries: Rosie Caelli, Sacramental Co-ordinator
email: pltn-sacraments@aohtas.org.au

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially ***Amelia Walker-Edwards*** (Katie), ***Ezra Stuthridge*** (Brady and Emily) and ***Asha and Elise Sommerville*** (Evan and Jenna) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Ruth Adams, Fr Edwin Thundathil, Angela Medwin, Sonya Byrne, Joanne Foley, Paul House, Margaret Grossmith, Therese Brennan, Kath Aldred, Irene LaPalombara, Kees Moolenschot, Egidio Tosello, Dympna McCann, Brigitte, Pat McCarthy, Shirley O'Byrne, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Cheryl Dawtrey, Kevin Quadros, Will Smith, Merril Thompson, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Maria Holton, Louisa Buttazzoni, Alex Thrower, Alida Moolenschot, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, 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, Jan McClean, Peter Marshall, Ellen Bortolot.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Barbara Barrett and Saverio Acquarola who have died recently, Maureen Steer, Betty Rusden, Sr Mary Peter of the Trinity OCD, Helen Stainforth, Rosina Szabo, Lynette Butt, Catherine Tiuchaj-Lipski, Michael Watkins, Charles Stocks, Amerio Manzone, Pamela Dalton, Kenneth Timms, Graham Quinn, Nessie Viney and we remember all those anniversaries which occur at this time.

HOW TO OBTAIN THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE

The conditions in number 2 can be fulfilled a few days before or after performing the works below to gain the indulgence, but it is appropriate that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day that the work is completed.

Complete one of the following six works:

Undertake a pious pilgrimage to one of the Diocesan Sacred Sites and completing one of the following:

a. devoutly participating in Holy Mass or the Anointing of the Sick
b. a celebration of the Word of God;
c. the Liturgy of the Hours
d. the Way of the Cross;
e. the Marian Rosary;
f. a penitential celebration, which ends with the individual confessions of the penitents.

By devoutly visiting one of the Diocesan Sacred Sites

For a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Apostles Creed, and the Hail Mary.

Those who are sick or cannot participate for serious reasons, can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence

If, united in spirit with the faithful taking part in person, they recite the Our Father, the Apostles Creed and the Jubilee Prayer, offering up their sufferings or the hardships of their lives.

Carry out a corporal or spiritual work of mercy

Carry out a work of Penance

Such as abstaining, fasting, donating money to the poor, by supporting works of a religious or social nature, especially in support of the defence, protection and quality of life in all its phases, or by volunteering free time to activities that are of service to the community.

Participate in Missions, Spiritual Exercises or formation activities,

with a devout spirit, on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place.

Source: www.cdoc.nz/jubilee
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Young Apostles Society (YAS)

We are excited to announce that the **Young Apostles Society (YAS)** will be gathering every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at the Church of the Apostles Pastoral Centre in Launceston.

On the 4th Sunday of the month, we will also celebrate a Youth Mass at 6. 30 pm in the Church of the Apostles.

The focus of YAS is to welcome young adults into a community where we can share faith, build friendships, and enjoy fun through prayer, fellowship, care, and formation.

Come and be a part of this vibrant community! We look forward to seeing you there.

Fr Vinco Muriyadan (Youth Co-ordinator)
Launceston Parish & University of Tasmania

2025 St Patrick's Pilgrimage—15th/16th March 2024

Colebrook to Richmond

Join Archbishop Julian Porteous for the 2025 St Patrick's Pilgrimage. Open to all young adults between the ages of 16 and 35, pilgrims will set out from St Patrick's Church, Colebrook on an overnight walk to St John the Evangelist Church, Richmond.

Cost: $55

Register:https://events.humanitix.com/st-patricks-pilgrimage-2025 **More information:** Email: youth@aohtas.org.au

Pilgrims of Hope – celebrating a remarkable and lifegiving Synod

Saturday 15th March, Tailrace Centre, Launceston, 9.45am for 10am to 12.30pm

Professor Susan Pascoe AM, member of the Vatican's Methodology Commission for the Synod on Synodality and a facilitator at the Synod Assemblies, will speak about the outcomes of the synod, already accepted by Pope Francis. How will we and our communities be affected?

Registrations: Donna: *donna_mcwilliam@yahoo.com.au or by phoning 0418 761 922 by Tuesday March 11th.*

Hosted by Concerned Catholics Tasmania.

Endow Women's Group: Come and learn about the extraordinary life and works of St Edith Stein, a Jewish philosopher who became a Catholic Carmelite nun, and who was martyred at Auschwitz during WWII. Enjoy a discussion and reading of the study guide, along with fellowship.

When: Mondays starting 24th March, 2-3.30pm, fortnightly for 8 sessions. **Cost**: $30 includes study guide.
Where: Emmanuel Centre, 123 Abbott St, Newstead.
Register: Liz Linnemans: Aldebaranza@protonmail.com.

DINING WITH FRIENDS: *6pm, Tuesday 4th March in the Pastoral Centre. Bookings are essential for catering purposes with St Vincent de Paul Society Office: 6326 5551*

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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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING **Sirach 27:4-7**

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversa tion. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2**

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
   to make music to your name, O Most High,
   to proclaim your love in the morning
   and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
   and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
   they will flourish in the courts of our God,
   still bearing fruit when they are old,
   still full of sap, still green,
   to proclaim that the Lord is just.
   In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus leads where we need to go. Do not close your eyes, your ears or your heart to Jesus plan for your life. (Luke 6:39-45)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Philippians 2:15-16**

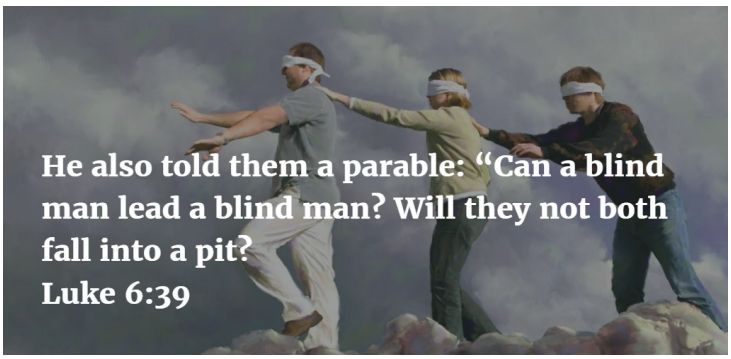
Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Luke 6:39-45**

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.
'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

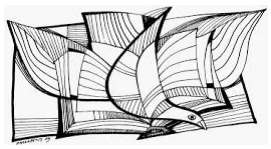
Pope Francis' Monthly Intention—March
For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:
First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy26:4-10
Psalm 90:1-2
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13



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"

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..