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Thirtieth in Ordinary Time—Year C— 26th October 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about two men who go up to the Temple to pray—one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stands tall and lists all the good things he does: fasting, tithing, living righteously. The tax collector, meanwhile, stands at a distance, unable even to lift his eyes to heaven. He beats his breast and prays a simple, heartfelt prayer: “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”

Jesus’ conclusion surprises His listeners: it is the tax collector, not the Pharisee, who goes home justified before God. The difference is not in their actions but in their hearts. The Pharisee’s prayer is filled with self-congratulation and comparison; he thanks God, yes, but only to draw attention to his own virtue and to judge another. The tax collector’s prayer, on the other hand, is honest, humble, and rooted in a deep awareness of his need for God’s mercy.

This parable reminds us that true prayer is not about presenting a résumé of our goodness before God but about coming before Him in truth. The humble heart attracts God’s grace because it leaves room for Him to act. Pride, even when dressed in religious language, closes us off to the transforming power of God’s mercy.

In our own spiritual lives, we may find traces of both men. Sometimes we fall into the Pharisee’s temptation—comparing ourselves to others, measuring holiness by outward behaviour, or seeking approval for our faithfulness. Other times, we feel more like the tax collector—painfully aware of our failures and desperate for mercy. Jesus invites us to embrace the latter posture: a sincere humility that acknowledges both our weakness and our total dependence on God.

Every Mass gives us the opportunity to pray like the tax collector. Before receiving Communion, we say, “Lord, I am not worthy...” It is not false humility but a recognition that everything we are and have is God’s gift. When we pray from the heart, not to impress but to be healed, we open ourselves to the joy of being justified—not by our own merit, but by God’s boundless mercy. Amen

Fr Vinco

Dear Parishioners,

As we come to the end of October, I wish to remind you of the activities that we have planned for November.

Annual Parish Mass of Remembrance for our departed – on Thursday 6th November at St Finn Barr’s Church at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Parish Pilgrimage – will be on Saturday 8th November from 10 am to 2 pm to the Church of the Holy Trinity, Westbury. Please register for the pilgrimage by contacting the parish office directly or by filling the forms at the back of the mass centers. Transport is provided for those who wish to travel by bus (50-seater) on early registration basis. See newsletter for details

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

RECONCILIATION

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

WEEKDAY MASSES 27 Oct—1 Nov

Monday-Saturday 7.30am
Carmelite Monastery

Tuesday 12noon Newstead
Wednesday 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/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/)

Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday
Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am -

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, 2nd November 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

Copies of the latest edition of Australian Catholics are available for collection in the Church

CATHOLIC PARISH OF LAUNCESTON — ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Thursday, 6th November 2025 at 7.30pm in St Finn Barr's Church, 247 Invermay Road

An invitation is extended to everyone who has lost a loved one, especially during the last year to come along to our annual Mass of Remembrance. Relatives and friends are also invited to attend. You may wish to bring a photo or memento of your loved one and there will be an opportunity to place this at the altar during the Mass if you wish. All are welcome to join in this very special celebration of our faith.

Envelopes are available in the church for November Mass Intentions.



SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS

Archbishop Tony has issued an updated version of the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Statement which was published in the latest Catholic Standard. We urge all parishioners to read this statement which is also displayed in all the churches and office.

An "Adults at Risk" booklet has also been published and limited copies are available from the parish office.

All these resources are available on the Archdiocesan website: www.SafeCommunitiesTas.com.au

SAFE COMMUNITIES NOTICE

- **CHILDREN** must be supervised at all times and must not be allowed to wander in the church grounds with church doors open to parking areas and main streets. Children must also be accompanied by an adult (and not another child) if visiting toilets as these can be accessed by the public.
- **PARKING** in church premises—Priority should be given to allow the elderly and those with limited mobility to park near the church entrances.

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our parish communities safe, Fr Leonard

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sr Mary Joseph OCD, Vyvyan Allchin, Merril Thompson, Marcus Hughes, Jenny Bowe, Christina Waiss, Kath Aldred, Carol Cleary, Irene La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Tina La Palombara, Joanne Foley, Brigitte, Louisa Buttazzoni, Alida Moolenschot, Peter Brumby, Pat McCarthy, Shirley O'Byrne, Will Smith, Therese Brennan, Kees Moolenschot, Elsie Saltmarsh, Ruth Adams, Egidio Tosello, Maria Holton, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Alfred Weeding, 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 We pray for Bev Callahan, Paul Siejka and Michael Mannion who have died recently, Margaret Turmine, Brigid Flynn, Shirley Shephard, Brian Bennett, Georgine Davies, Desmond Illingworth, David Young, Rosario Perri, and we remember all those anniversaries which occur at this time.

Special Mass & Marian Procession

Main Celebrant:
Most Rev Anthony Ireland,
Archbishop of Hobart

31 October 2025
5:30 PM
St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

*Our Lady of the Holy
Rosary, pray for us
All are warmly welcome*



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF LAUNCESTON
Invites you to join our parish community
on a local pilgrimage to the
Holy Trinity Church, Westbury

Pilgrims of Hope: A Journey of Discipleship

Saturday, 8 November 2025
11 am - 2 pm

Event Details

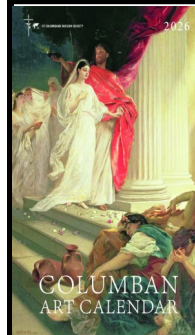
A short pilgrimage walk will start from the Westbury cricket grounds at 11 am towards the church. Liturgical activities will be followed by a barbecue lunch on the church grounds.



This is a free event for all ages. Optional transportation from the Launceston Parish Centre is available on a first come first serve basis at \$15 per person. Please contact the Parish Office for details and to reserve and pay for a seat by the 26th of October 2025.

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.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2026

This iconic Calendar has become a feature in homes of generations of Australians and New Zealanders and is a major fundraiser for the St Columban Mission Society.

On sale now in the church foyers or the Parish Office at \$10.00 each.

Vinnies Christmas Hamper Donations

As the Christmas season approaches, we are once again reminded of the joy of giving and the importance of caring for those who are struggling in our community. Each year, the St Vincent de Paul Society prepares and distributes Christmas hampers to families and individuals in our community who are in need, helping them celebrate the season with dignity, comfort, and hope. This year, the need is greater than ever. Many local families are facing financial hardship and uncertainty. With your generous support, we can make sure they experience the warmth and joy that Christmas brings.

We are asking for donations of non-perishable food items; Christmas treats or gifts to help us fill our hampers. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a real difference. Vinnies is also conducting a **Toy drive** this year and are seeking toys to help make Christmas brighter for children in need. Some suggestions are:

- 0–2 years: Soft toys, sensory play sets, picture books, stacking blocks.
- 3–5 years: Puzzles, LEGO/Duplo, craft sets, dolls/action figures, dress-up kits.
- 6–9 years: Board games, sports balls, science kits, art packs.
- 10–12 years: Headphones, journals, books, sports equipment, craft kits.
- 13–16 years: Gift cards (\$25 value), skincare packs, sportswear, headphones, books, accessories.

Please ensure all toys are unwrapped and do not exceed \$25 in value.

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office during business hours or to Vinnies Community Hub at 179 Invermay Road .

Last day for donations is Sunday 7 December 2025.

Your kindness helps bring joy to families who might otherwise go without this Christmas. On behalf of everyone at the St Vincent de Paul Society, thank you for your continued generosity and compassion.



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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.



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!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



Luke 18, 9-14

A VOCATION VIEW

Be humble and allow God to do great things through you. (Luke 18:9-14)

Next Sunday's readings- All Soul's Day

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 26:1,4,7-9,13-14

Romans 5:5-11

Luke 7:11-17



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

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.

