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ALL SOUL'S DAY—Year C— 2nd November 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters Today – All Souls – we are invited to share the care and love of the Church for the deceased. There are, of course, people who pray for children not yet born – their parents naturally and others too. And the Church prays for those waiting to be born into eternal life. Such is “catholic” charity, extending to those not yet born and those already passed. And we join with that prayer, especially today and through this month of the Holy Souls.

“Do not hinder a kindness for the dead”, says the Book of Sirach (7:33). And in another late book of the Old Testament (2nd Maccabees), we hear that it is a “holy and pious thought” to pray for the dead. Judas Maccabeus, leader of the Jewish army against the forces set on crushing the people of Israel, arranged for sacrifice to be offered in the Temple for the Jewish soldiers who had fallen in battle. He even sent a stipend! The prayer was that they “might be delivered from their sin”, and this in view of hope in the Resurrection (cf. 2 Macc 12: 39-45). And so already before the time of Christ prayer for the dead was part of Jewish tradition. And it still is. Here is one prayer: “God, filled with mercy, dwelling in the heavens’ heights, bring proper rest beneath the wings of your Shechinah, amid the ranks of the holy and the pure, illuminating like the brilliance of the skies the souls of our beloved and our blameless who went to their eternal place of rest. May You who are the source of mercy shelter them beneath Your wings eternally, and bind their souls among the living, that they may rest in peace: Amen.”

It is clear from remarks of the Fathers of the Church, from inscriptions on the tombs of departed Christians, and from the ancient Eucharistic Prayers, that Christians have always prayed for the departed. “We pray you, too, for all who are asleep and whose names we call to mind. Make all these souls holy, you know them all. Sanctify all the souls that are sleeping in the Lord, include them in the number of your powers [the angels] and give them a place to live in your kingdom” (Euchologium of Serapion). In our own ancient Roman Canon, we pray that the departed may experience refreshment, light and peace. And we pray similarly in the other Eucharistic Prayers as well. Famous are the words of the dying St Monica, mother of St Augustine, who told her sons that she did not mind she was buried (be it Africa or Europe), as long as she was regularly remembered at the altar of God. This weekend let us remember this and pray as a community for all the faithful departed.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.

Fr Leonard

Dear Parishioners, November is dedicated for all the faithful departed. I have attached a document on the church’s teaching on burial, cremation and the disposal of Ashes for your reflection this weekend. (page 3)

Annual Parish Mass of Remembrance for our departed – on Thursday 6th November at St Finn Barr’s Church at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. (Please note: No Mass at 12noon on Thursday at Invermay)

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 3-11 Nov

Monday-Saturday 7.30am
Carmelite Monastery
Tuesday 12noon Newstead
Wednesday 12noon Apostles
Thursday NO 12noon Mass Invermay
7.30pm Invermay, Mass of Remembrance
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 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 *This 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

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: The office will be closed on Wednesday.
It will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am-3pm**

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.

Memories of Pope John Paul II 1986 visit to Tasmania

The Parish has been contacted by a BBC UK journalist who is writing a story on the Pope's visit to Tasmania in 1986 for the 'Witness History' programme. The journalist is particularly interested in talking to ladies in the parish who may have attended events.

Please contact the Parish Office and I will pass on your details to the journalist. *(This is not a scam—please have a look at the Witness History website)*

PARKING IN CHURCH GROUNDS

We invite the elderly and those with limited mobility to park near the church entrances and ask all parishioners to give priority for parking to our elderly/ limited mobility parishioners

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.

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

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

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Landon Purcell** (Gene and Kasha) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING MILESTONES Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Liz Randles (Invermay)** who celebrated her **90th Birthday** on Wednesday 29th October.

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,.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED We pray for Bev Callahan and Paul Siejka who have died recently, Margaret Turmine, Brigid Flynn, Shirley Shephard, Brian Bennett, Georgine Davies, Desmond Illingworth, David Young, Rosario Perri, all those whose names appear in the our November prayer list and all those anniversaries which occur at this time.

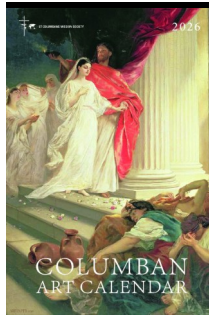
Faith and Catechesis

The Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published on 25 October 2016, is in regards to burying the deceased and conserving ashes when cremation is chosen. Titled, '*Ad resurgendum cum Christo*' meaning '*To rise with Christ*', the document provides details about the doctrinal and pastoral reasons for choosing a burial. It also explains what is appropriate when conserving ashes in the case of cremation. Key points in this published document include:

- * States the Church's preference for burial of the remains of the faithful
- * Because of Christ, Christian death has a positive meaning. The Christian vision of death receives privileged expression in the liturgy of the Church: 'Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven'.
- * Following Christian tradition, the Church recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places
- * Burial is above all the most fitting way to express faith and hope in the resurrection of the body
- * By burying the bodies of the faithful, the Church confirms her faith in the resurrection of the body, and intends to show the great dignity of the human body as an integral part of the human person whose body forms part of their identity
- * Through the practice of burying the dead in cemeteries, in dedicated spaces within church buildings or their environs, Christian tradition has upheld the relationship between the living and the dead and has opposed any tendency to minimise, or relegate to the private sphere, the event of death and the meaning it has for Christians
- * The Church raises no doctrinal objections to the practice of cremation
- * The ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or in dedicated spaces within church buildings or their environs
- * This ensures they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community
- * Conservation of the ashes in a private residence is not permitted
- * Out of respect for the integrity and sacredness of both body and ashes, scattering or dividing ashes among family members is not favored.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE—Saturday 8th November

- The bus will leave at 10am from Church of the Apostles.
- As there is a wedding at 2pm in the Church, please do not park in the church carpark
- Payment by cash please on the day.



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.

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.

Save the Date

**Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School
is celebrating
130 Years of Catholic Education!**

Join us for an afternoon and evening filled with memories of the past and a look into the future. Reconnect with old friends, enjoy drinks and dinner. Take a stroll through the school and our Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

Date: 28th November

Time: 3:30 pm - 8:00pm

Location: 22 West Goderich St, Deloraine

Let's celebrate the legacy and future of Catholic education together!



DINING WITH FRIENDS

**6pm, Tuesday 4th November
in the Pastoral Centre.**

Bookings are essential for catering with St Vincent de Paul Society Office: Ph: 6326 5551

Please note the dining room will be open at 5.45pm



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

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed—All Soul's Day

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all Peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will Remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26:1. 4. 7-9. 13-14. R v.1. Alt. R v.13

((R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. (R.)
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

SECOND READING

Romans 5:5-11

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we

have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:39

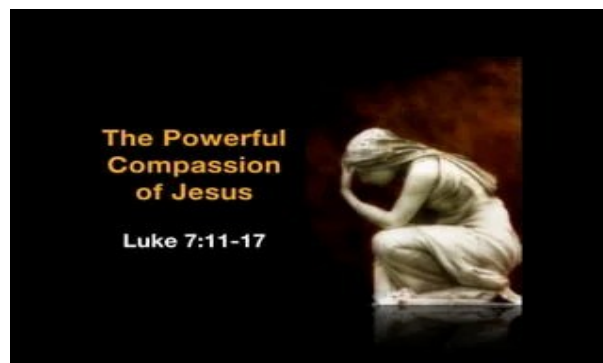
Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 7:11-17

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.



A VOCATION VIEW

The souls of the just are in God's hands because Jesus opened the gates of heaven. We pray for those who are unable to pray for themselves.

Next Sunday's readings

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9,12

Psalms 45:2-3,5-6,8-9

1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17

John 2:13-22



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.