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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C— 16th November 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Our world seems to be falling apart. We hear so much today about political and economic turmoil, violence and war. And many of the global systems we've long trusted seem to be unravelling. How should we respond? Jesus talks about this in today's Gospel. He's with his disciples, looking at the great Temple of Jerusalem – an immense building at the very heart of Jewish life. It looks indestructible, and yet Jesus warns them: 'The time will come when not a single stone will be left on another – everything will be destroyed.' His disciples must have looked shocked, for then he says, 'Don't be frightened. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

In his book *A Non-Anxious Presence*, the author Mark Sayers says this kind of calm presence is essential for our time. Why? Because our world is becoming increasingly complex, chaotic and even overwhelming. We all live in a 'grey zone,' he says, 'a world between two eras, where the old certainties of the past are crumbling but the new order has not yet arrived.'

In such times, anxiety spreads like wildfire. But Christians, he adds, are called to resist this contagion. Rooted in Christ, we can be calm, prayerful and resilient. A non-anxious presence in an anxious world. The root of our anxiety, he says, is our disconnection from God. Without a deep-rooted faith and trust in God, we'll never have the stability we need to navigate the storms of life. His ideas aren't new. The saints have long urged us to find peace in God in troubled times.

St Teresa of Ávila prayed: 'Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you; all things are passing, God never changes.' These words were born out of her own struggles and reforms in a time of great upheaval. She teaches us that when we anchor our hearts in God, no disaster can rob us of peace.

St Francis de Sales, known for his gentle wisdom, said something similar: 'Don't lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, not even if your whole world seems upset.' He reminds us that calm trust in God is itself a form of witness – people notice when a Christian stay serene while others panic. All these voices echo Jesus' words: Don't be scared. Endure, hold steady, trust God. If you look closely at the history of God's people, you can see that God consistently brings good out of disastrous situations. Joseph, for example, is betrayed by his brothers and sold into slavery, but God raises him up to become the governor of Egypt (Gen.37-50). St Paul is locked up in Rome. But while there, God inspires him to write letters that are still guiding the Church today.

Today, Jesus is telling us to stay calm, prayerful. For our stability comes not from human powers or global institutions, but from our unshakable faith in God's love. Trust Jesus. The world may shake and stones may fall, but Jesus is our firm foundation.
Fr Leonard

Dear Parishioners,

It is good to be back after a week of prayer, reflection and fellowship with my brother priests in the diocese. Thank you for all who prayed for us during this time. Next week we end the church's liturgical calendar with the solemnity of Christ the King.

Catholic Teaching on Death, Judgment, and the Last Things: What Catholics should know – on this week's Faith and Catechist lesson, (page 3) **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 17-22 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/>
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 Sundays, Pastoral Centre
4.30pm-5.30pm

YAS currently on hold
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

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES NEW DATE - the **Presentation Associates** will now be gathering on **Saturday 29th November** in the Parish Centre commencing at **12 midday**. We will have a shared meal which is being catered, followed by prayer.

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 **The Catholic Standard** are available in the Church and the foyer of the Pastoral Centre or look for the online version on the Archdiocese of Hobart website.*

Today is the World Day of the Poor. It offers us an opportunity to renew our solidarity with those who are poor in our own community and across the world. In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that "the poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel." Pope Leo has issued an Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi te* ("I Have Loved You"), which explores in greater depth our relationship with those who are poor. It encourages us to reflect on how we think about those who live in poverty and how we take action to address their plight. The text of Pope Leo's *Dilexi te* may be found at <https://www.vatican.va>.

The US Catholic Bishops Conference has also developed some resources to assist further reflection on *Dilexi te*. These may be found at www.usccb.org

Bishop Tim Harris Chair, Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service; Bishop of Townsville

Advent Reflections

Join us for biblical reflections and prayer in preparation for Christmas. Spiritually focus amidst the Advent season, drawing on themes of hope, peace, and anticipation.

Dates: Wednesdays 26 Nov., 3, 10 & 17 Dec.

When: 7-8:30pm. **Where:** Zoom. **Register:**

christine.wood@aohtas.org.au or 6208-6236. **Cost:** free.

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.

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

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sr Mary Joseph OCD, Vyvyan Allchin, Merril Thompson, Marcus Hughes, Jenny Bowe, Christina Weiss, 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 Enid Larter, Elaine Yates and Charlie Randall who have died recently, Michael Bernacki Snr, Noelene Clayton, Sr Mechtilde Dillon rsj, Sr Eleanor Dawson rsj, Robert Freeman, Gabriella Colpo, Allan Tobin, Adrian La Palombara, all those whose names appear in the our November prayer list and all those anniversaries which occur at this time.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: We continue to 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.

Faith and Catechesis: Catholic Teaching on Death, Judgment, and the Last Things: What Catholics should know

Death is perhaps the most sobering reminder of our human fragility, yet in the Catholic faith, it is not the end. It is a door. Through this door, the soul crosses into eternity, and the Church, like a good mother, has never left her children without answers to the deepest questions of the heart. What happens at the moment of death? What becomes of the soul? And what of the resurrection of the body? These are not abstract concerns for theologians alone, but living truths that shape how every Catholic lives and dies.

In the Catholic faith, death is the end of earthly life but not of existence. It is a consequence of original sin, yet, through Christ's own death and resurrection, death is no longer a final defeat but a passage (CCC 1006-1009). St. Paul tells us, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). For Catholics, this is not poetic optimism but theological reality: death ushers the soul into the presence of God. The Church teaches that at the moment of death, the soul separates from the body (CCC 1005). This separation is temporary, for God did not create us to be spirits without bodies. Death, then, becomes a moment of transition where we await our ultimate reunion with the risen Lord in both soul and body.

Particular Judgment: A Personal Encounter with Truth - Immediately after death, each soul undergoes what the Church calls the Particular Judgment (CCC 1021-1022). This is not a court trial with uncertain outcomes, but a revelation of truth in the presence of Divine Love. The soul sees its life laid bare before God, not to humiliate, but to heal and reveal. In Hebrews 9:27 we read, "It is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment." Jesus also affirms this when He teaches that every idle word shall be accounted for (Matthew 12:36). The Particular Judgment determines the soul's eternal destiny: entrance into Heaven (immediately or after purification in Purgatory), or separation from God, which the Church calls Hell. This judgment reflects the soul's state at death — its openness to grace and its friendship with God.

The Resurrection of the Body: Fulfillment of God's Creative Plan - At the end of time, Christ will return in glory, and the dead will rise (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). This is not symbolic. It is the fulfillment of the Creed we proclaim each Sunday: "I believe in the resurrection of the body." The Church teaches that in the General Judgment, our bodies will be reunited with our souls in a glorified state (CCC 997-1004). Jesus' own resurrected body — real, tangible, and glorified — is the model of what awaits us. Revelation 21:1-5 describes a new Heaven and a new Earth, where "God will wipe away every tear." Theologically, this affirms the dignity of the body. We are not souls trapped in bodies, but embodied souls. Salvation is not escape from matter, but its transfiguration.

Fr Leonard

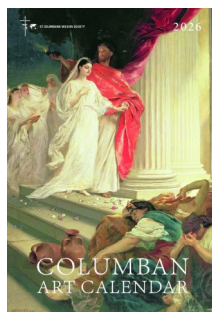


Become a member of the
St Vincent De Paul Society

Society members are passionate about helping those in need in their local community, living a mission based on Gospel values and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Members work together in groups known as 'Conferences', providing an opportunity to meet together to reflect on their work. The St Vincent DePaul Society warmly invites those who wish to enrich their spirituality by carrying out works of charity that relieve suffering and promote human dignity.

Our local Conferences **are in need of members** to help support their Emergency Relief (ER) program—providing material assistance and a caring presence to community members.

LIKE TO KNOW MORE? Contact Mission and Membership Manager, **Melissa White 0419 008 204 or melissa.white@vinniestas.org.au**



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.

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!



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**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

A VOCATION VIEW

Patient endurance will see you through to the end. God will give you the wisdom and the words to speak. Don't let anything hold you back from a wholehearted "yes." (Luke 21:5-19)



Next Sunday's readings—Christ the King

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalms 121:1-5

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35 - 43

Ponder and pray the living Word of God



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BSB: 067 000; Account No: 1031 6153.

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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.