

Today's Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13

Psalm 127:1-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Response:

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Next Sunday's Readings

Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalm 22:1-3, 5-6

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46

This week's feasts

Tue 21 Nov – Presentation of Mary

Wed 22 Nov – St Cecilia

Thu 23 Nov – St Clement I

Thu 23 Nov – St Columba

Fri 24 Nov – St Andrew Dung Lac & companions

Sat 24 Nov – St Catherine of Alexandria

Seminarian Ben Brooks has sent a letter of thanks to the parish – see noticeboard.

Meli Melo Christmas Concert

The Meli Melo Choir presents their Christmas concert in support of the Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal at 2.30 pm on 9 December in St John's Church, Bowden St, Glenorchy. The concert features Alpine and French Horn ensembles, choral and solo performances. Entry is by donation and includes light refreshments. Contact Jo 0419 510 014 for more information.

4th Sunday of Advent Mass times

Sat 23 Dec 6 pm Vigil

Sun 24 Dec 8.30 am (Taroona) and 10 am

Christmas Mass times

Sun 24 Dec 5.15 pm and 10 pm

Mon 25 Dec 8.30 am (Taroona) and 10 am.

NOTE: The 5.15 Mass on 24 December will be the Mass of Christmas Eve, NOT the Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent, so attending that Mass will not fulfil your Sunday obligation.

Tickets now available to Carols on the Hill

Supported by the City of Hobart, Carols on the Hill is a free, traditional outdoor carols event for families to share in the joyful spirit of Christmas. The event will be held at the Hobart campus of Guilford Young College on Sun 17 Dec from 7 to 9 pm, with gates opening at 6. The oval can comfortably hold around 1200 people.

Carols on the Hill will feature local group and individual performances, as well as community carol singing and lighting of candles at dusk. The Catholic Education Giving Tree will offer people the chance to donate non-perishable food items to support those in need, and families are invited to light a candle and say a prayer at the nativity scene.

Entry is free, however, tickets must be ordered online. Individuals can order up to six tickets. There are no booking fees. To reserve your tickets, go to www.eventbrite.com.au and enter 'Carols on the Hill' as your search criteria.



The Parish Newsletter

Catholic Parish of Sandy Bay and Taroona

Sunday 19 November 2017

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

From Fr Brian Nichols

In the month of November when we Catholics remember the dead in a special way it is important to consider the issue of death and how the death of a loved one impacts on the lives of those left behind. Death, of course, for the Christian is not the end. The Scriptures have much to say about death. One such example comes from St Paul's First Letter to the church in Thessalonica:

"For just as Jesus died and rose again, so through Jesus God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep" [1Thess. 4:14]

The Church's liturgical texts reinforce the Scriptures:

"In him" [Christ] "the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. 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." [Preface for the Dead]

There have been a significant number of funerals in our parish in the past months and two at Pius X church in Taroona in more recent weeks! As a parish community we

stand in solidarity with those who have lost loved ones and give them the assurance of our fond remembrance of those who have died when we gather at the altar to celebrate the Eucharist.

We know that suffering and death are part of the human story and experience. Sometimes we find it difficult to face such a reality. Even for people of faith, the notion of suffering and death is both confronting and challenging. No one wishes to see a loved one suffer and most of us want to hold on to life for as long as possible.

In an ageing society the prospect of death is for ever present to us; we find ourselves attending funerals more frequently and perhaps the thought of our own mortality is not far from our minds. The Church, (and WE are the Church!) does not look upon death as extinction but rather the means by which we are able to share most fully in the life that Christ has promised by his Death and Resurrection.

I'm reminded, as I write these few words, of the comforting refrain of a treasured hymn composed by the late James McAuley and often sung at funerals:

"In faith, and hope, and love, with joyful trust we move, towards our Father's home above."

Holy Spirit Church

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St Pius X Church

100 Channel Hwy, Taroona

St Canice Church

St Canice Ave, Sandy Bay

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Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Florence Mabel Tinker-Casson, Basil Joseph Charlesworth, Janelle Rees, Arthur John Beakley, Zena Long, Katherine Boon, Paul Tracey, Cecily O'Brien, Angus Nicholson, Josina O'Neill, Henry Louis Fortunate, Nellie Pestrucchi, Alice Jean Hurst, Maree Hunt, Ada Annie Traynor, Hannah Gaffney, Michael Ciezar, Roslyn Stanton, Joseph D'Arcy and Aileen Mary Freeman

Weekday Masses – Holy Spirit

This week, 9 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

November Masses

November is a time when we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, in particular our deceased relatives and friends.

Envelopes are available for anyone who wishes to request a Mass to be offered.

Readers and Communion Ministers Vigil and 5.15 Masses: New rosters are available for you in the foyer.

Planned giving statements for the year 1 Oct 2016 to 30 Sep 2017 are available for collection. Please contact the office if you can't find yours or if it is incorrect. Thank you!

Congratulations!

Dallas Williams and his Clemente team have been awarded the University of Tasmania's Vice Chancellor's 2017 Award for Community Engagement. The award recognises the value of the program which works with adults whose educational opportunities have been hindered by multiple disadvantages.

Sacramental Program 2018

Catholic children aged eight and up who live in the Sandy Bay /Taroona Parish, or who attend Mass in the parish, are invited to join the 2018 Sacramental Program.

First Reconciliation generally takes place during Lent so preparation will commence around late Feb/early March. Parents are

encouraged to enrol their children as soon as possible. Dates for Confirmation and First Eucharist are yet to be finalised. Contact the parish office on 6224 1423 or email sandybay@aohtas.org.au

Mount Carmel College

Mount Carmel provides a personalised and well-rounded Catholic education in a girls' only environment from Year 3 to Year 10. We offer a vibrant and broad curriculum with a STEM integrated approach and all facilities on the one site. At the heart of our endeavours is the rich heritage that has been gifted to us by the Sisters of Charity.

With seven private and dedicated buses, getting to and from Mount Carmel is safe, easy and reliable. Limited places are available in Year 7 for 2018. Please call 6216 7900 or visit www.mountcarmel.tas.edu.au for more information and to organise a tour of the College.

"Walking the Camino: Six ways to Santiago" shows the various ways in which the traditional pilgrimage through Spain affects six very different characters.

Please join us on 22 November at 6 pm at the State Cinema North Hobart. At the discount price of \$15, this is an opportunity to anticipate your own Spanish or Tasmanian Way to St James. See www.waytostjames.com.au for details of a companionable spiritual experience through the Huon Valley on 12/13 January 2018.

*In the spirit of St James,
Fr Michael Tate, Convener*

Parish Barbecue

Sunday 10 December after the 10 am Mass.



Please join us for this parish community celebration.

Everyone is encouraged to come, regardless of which Mass you attend. Catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Food and non alcoholic drinks will be provided, free of charge. Feel free to bring your own drinks as well.

Does anyone have a barbecue we can borrow? Please contact Danny Reardon or the parish office if you do, or if you can help with setting up and packing up.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards will be on sale after Mass, \$4 for a pack of eight (assorted designs).

Advent booklets: We have some booklets which contain a reflection for each day of Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord i.e. 3 Dec to 6 Jan. They are \$4 each.

Columban Art Calendar 2018: Available in the foyer, price \$10. Please leave money in the tin. The calendar helps fund the work of the Columban Mission Society with the poor in many countries.

St Vincent de Paul (Sandy Bay / Taroona) 2018 Christmas Food Hamper Appeal

Last year we packed 100 hampers and delivered them to people in need in the Battery Point, Dynnyrne, Mt Nelson, South Hobart, Sandy Bay and Taroona areas. This was only achieved because of your generous donations. It is expected that requests for assistance this year will be similar to last year, therefore we call upon your generosity once again to help meet these requests.

Donation envelopes are available at all churches within the parish. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and receipts will be issued. Food items such as tins of soup, fruit, spaghetti, baked beans, salmon, vegetables, tuna, plus coffee, tea, sugar, jam, breakfast cereals, biscuits, confectionery items, and fruit juices are welcome.

For more information please contact Claire at the parish office on 6224 1423 and she will put you in touch with a conference member.

Mass Times

Holy Spirit, Sandy Bay
Saturday: Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday: 10.00 am & 5.15 pm

St Pius X, Taroona
Sunday: 8.30 am

St Canice
Monday to Saturday: 8.00 am

Mary's Grange
Friday 11.00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday: 5.00 to 6.00 pm
Rosary and Prayers:
Monday: 10.30 to 11.00 am

Sacrament of Forgiveness
Saturday 5.30 pm
or by arrangement
(Ph 6224 3797)

or is available at:
St Joseph's (city)
Weekdays 12.30 to 1.00 pm
Friday 5.00 to 5.30 pm
Saturday 4.00 to 4.30 and
6.00 to 6.30 pm

Baptisms
By arrangement and with preparation.

Marriages
Six months' notice and with preparation

Low gluten hosts
We have some hosts with a gluten content of less than five parts per million. If you are gluten-intolerant please speak to the priest before Mass so he can consecrate these together with the usual hosts.