

Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 94:1-2, 6-9

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Matthew 1:21-28

Response:

If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Next Sunday's Readings

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Psalms 146:1-6

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

Looking for something to read?

On the bench in the foyer you will find a small stand with various leaflets, magazines etc. Help yourself! They are all free.

Planned Giving

The parish relies on your generosity to meet its expenses, and we are very grateful to all those who assist in this way. If you're not already contributing through planned giving, please give it some thought, as it greatly helps in planning our budget.

You can give via the weekly envelopes, or by direct debit. Contact the parish office for more information, or fill out one of the cards in the foyer and hand it in. Thank you!

Kenosis Retreat

Kenosis means self-emptying and refers to God, putting his divinity aside to come



This week's feasts

Wed 31 Jan – St John Bosco

Fri 2 Feb – Presentation of the Lord

Sat 3 Feb – St Blaise

Sat 3 Feb – St Ansgar

amongst us as a human being. In this retreat we will explore who we are so as to accept ourselves and truly be in a position to empty ourselves for others."

Date: June 15-18, Presenter: Fr Ray Sanchez C.P. Venue: Maryknoll House of Prayer Blackman's Bay. For further information please call Anne on 0407 704 539 or email journallingretreat@iinet.net.au

Upcoming Bible studies

A Journey Through Scripture (a survey of the Old Testament), on Mondays 5 & 19 Feb, 5 Mar, 2-4pm; and *Holy Queen, The Mother of God in the Word of God* (the role of Mary in salvation history).

Wednesdays 7 and 21 Feb, 7 Mar, 10am-12pm. Both in the Simmons Room, Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. Cost: \$20 per course for study guide. Register: Dr Christine Wood, 6208 6236 or christine.wood@aotgas.org.au.



The Parish Newsletter

Catholic Parish of Sandy Bay and Tarooma

Sunday 28 January 2017

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

From Fr Brian Nichols

In this period of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent, it is worthwhile reflecting on the celebration of the Lord's Paschal Mystery in which we participate Sunday by Sunday. Pope Pius XII back in 1947 said of this mystery:

The paschal mystery is not a cold and lifeless representation of the events of the past, or a simple and bare record of a former age. It is rather Christ himself who is ever living in his church. Here he continues that journey of immense mercy which he began in his mortal life ... with the design of bringing people to know his mysteries and in a way live by them. These mysteries are ever present and active.

Our privileged participation in the sacred liturgy each week is not about indulging ourselves in beautiful music and engaging ritual. Rather, our weekly participation in the Paschal Mystery will ask something very serious of us as is evidenced by this reflection:

Unless Christian commitment to works of justice is integrated into the deepest level

of Christian self-understanding through significant eucharistic renewal, the dreary alternative will be a new age of Catholic moralising, only now generating guilt over social as well as sexual sin. Maturity of faith grounded in an integrated understanding of the mystery of Christ is necessary to sustain the new ecclesial commitment to justice. "Can you drink the cup I shall drink or be baptised in the same bath of pain as I?" (Mark 10:38) The liturgical posing of the challenge and the faith-filled response of the church gathered for public worship is at the heart of the church's spiritual growth in this regard.

We are going to start on an unexplored path ... We shall innovate, do what our ancestors and forbears could not or dared not do ... Here is one solution we have not tried ... commitment to action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world based on our eucharistic communion in the blood of Christ.

From *Worship: Renewal to Practice* by Mary Collins OSB.

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Anniversaries (31 Dec to 28 Jan)

Please pray for the repose of the souls of David Lee, Violet White, Mary Traynor, Alise Golembiowski, Frances Winzenberg, Alec Kemsley, Mary Allott, Keith Corney, Trevor Sharman, Margaret Fry, Michael Zeeman, Joshua Cooper, Ruby Richmond, Daniel Lynch, Xavier de Bavay, Jack Smith, Arthur Cumming, Jennie Whelan, Eileen Daniels, Annie Boon, Elsie Neal, Veronica Woodhouse, Thomas Jordan, Margaret Walker, Maria Bakun, John Dwyer, Alice Jordan, Ina Duncan, Keith Riley, Joseph Shuttleworth, Mary Nixon, Benn Rafferty, Cheryl French, Edward McSweeney, Barbara Morgan, Alexander Byrne, May Adkins, George Witbreuk, Elsie Wickham, Dorothy Timmins, Jackie and Keith Bonighton, Denis Mangin, Beatrice Huxtable, Jane Dunne, Rayna Crawford, Koi Hall, Margaret Santi, Christian Olaf Lund, John Martindill, Stella Souter, Peter Kornacki, William McKay, Maria Van Leest, Myrtle Maddix, Phillip Green, Catherine Mulquiny, Frederick Dalco, Adelaide Try, Justin Hutchinson, Ted Phillips, Ellen McKinley, Anne Shelverton, John McGowan, Mary Cumming, Lora Viney, Mildred Coulson, Claudio Francesconi, Owen Carrick, Bede Dunne, John Anchen, John Rushton, Ed Maloney and Audrey Harrington

Weekday Masses – Holy Spirit

This week, 9 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mount Carmel college staff will join us on Tuesday to mark the beginning of the school year.

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 will take place on 20 March. so preparation will commence soon. Parents are encouraged to enrol their children ASAP.

Confirmation and First Eucharist are yet to be organised. Contact the parish office by email sandybay@aohtas.org.au or phone 6224 1423.

Lent is fast approaching! *(no pun intended)*

Ash Wednesday is on 14 February, a little over two weeks away. Mass and Distribution of Ashes will be held at Holy Spirit at 9 am and 5.15 pm.

Lenten programs – two options this year

We will be offering in the parish a program based on the Sunday readings. This will be held after the 9 am Mass on the Tuesdays of Lent. If you are interested in taking part, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer so we know how many booklets to order. (They will cost approx \$7-\$10.)

Alternatively, (or even additionally!) you might like to attend Fr Michael Tate's talks "Contemplating the Jewish Face of Christ" at the St Francis Xavier Church annex, Anglesea St, South Hobart, at 7 pm on Tuesdays 20 and 27 Feb and 6 March. *(Some of you will recall Fr Tate did these talks here in 2013.)*

Stations of the Cross – Fridays during Lent at 7 pm, preceded by reflection at 6.30 pm.

Lenten Reconciliation – 7.30 pm, Tues 20 March, Holy Spirit Church, in conjunction with South Hobart parish.

2017 Christmas Hamper Appeal Final Report

The 2017 Appeal was again a wonderful success. As a result of the volume of donations, all requests received by the local St Vincent de Paul Conference (Branch) from people in need within the Battery Point, Dynnyrne, South Hobart, Mt Nelson, Sandy Bay and Taroona areas were met. Contributions from parishioners, Mt Carmel College students and teachers and members of the general public were, as in previous years, excellent. Mt Carmel students and Society members packed 100 hampers in the Parish Centre on 11 Dec. Each hamper had a shelf value of approx \$150. The hampers and toys were distributed by three teams of Society members on 19/20 Dec. As in previous years a delivery van was provided by Co-Op Toyota, free of charge, enabling the operation to be carried out efficiently.

The hampers contained a wide range of basic food items, some Christmas treats, plus gifts for children and they were very well received by the families in need. Surplus food will be held in the Society's storage facility at the Parish Centre and will be distributed to those in need over the next few weeks. A total of \$7,204 was received by way of cash donations, poor box contributions and Christmas card sales, in addition to a range of toys/gifts and a large volume of food items. The Appeal was very successful!

Once again, thank you for your generosity.

Drinks and Nibbles

Next Saturday, 3 Feb, after the Vigil Mass. This is a monthly event and is a good chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Parish Council

There will be a combined meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee at 5.30 pm on Wednesday 7 February.

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.

Parish Office – normal office hours this week.