

## Today's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7

Psalms 102:1-4, 9-12

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

## Response:

The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

## Next Sunday's Readings

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Matthew 20:1-16



## This week's feasts

Tue 19 Sep – St Januarius

Wed 20 Sep – Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and companions

Thu 21 Sep – St Matthew

Sat 23 Sep – St Pius of Pietrelcina

## Prayer for Creation

The Season of Creation, occurring from September 1 to October 4, was originally launched by the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople in 1989 and has been progressively joined by other Christian churches, with the Pope announcing the Catholic Church's participation last year. The World Council of Churches also endorses this initiative.

Pope Francis calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

You are invited to an ecumenical prayer gathering during the Season of Creation.

4 pm, Friday 29 Sep, Josephite Mission and History Centre, 67 Clare St, New Town.

For further information and/or to register please contact Vivienne on 0408 273 994 or vluke@tassie.net.au.

RSVP 25 September. All welcome.

## Rachel's Vineyard

Rachel's Vineyard has helped many men and women to move on with hope. You are not alone, there is hope after an abortion experience. We can help, our next Rachel's Vineyard retreat for healing after abortion will be held in Hobart, on Oct 13th -15th 2017. To speak to someone please call Anne Sherston on the confidential phone lines 03 62298739 or 0478599241.



# The Parish Newsletter

Catholic Parish of Sandy Bay and Tarooma

Sunday 17 September 2017

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## From Fr Brian Nichols

An Ordination is a joyful occasion for the whole church and for the local church in particular. Paschal Okpon, a Nigerian, ordained as a deacon last year was ordained to the priesthood on Friday evening in the Cathedral. I am sure that you would join with me in praying that Paschal will embody in his ministry all that Christ came to bring us, most particularly the love and mercy of God who desires fullness of life for every person.

An Ordination is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Church for without the People of God the priestly ministry would be devoid of any meaning. The role of a priest is to share in Christ's mission of serving God's people with the heart and mind of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for his sheep.

In his Apostolic Exhortation entitled **I Will Give You Shepherds**, Pope St John Paul II reminds the church that

"priests are a sacramental representation of Jesus Christ – the head and shepherd – authoritatively proclaiming his word, repeating his acts of forgiveness and his offer of salvation – particularly in baptism, penance and the eucharist, showing his loving concern to the point of a total gift of self for the flock, which they gather into unity and lead to the Father through Christ and in the Spirit."

Fr Paschal will return to the seminary in Melbourne following his ordination. At the completion of his studies he will make a visit to Nigeria and then return in the new year to take up an appointment somewhere in Tasmania. In the meantime our parish of Sandy Bay/Tarooma gives God thanks for his generosity and witness and prays for his future ministry in the Archdiocese of Hobart.

## Holy Spirit Church

275 Sandy Bay Rd, Sandy Bay

St Pius X Church

100 Channel Hwy, Tarooma

St Canice Church

St Canice Ave, Sandy Bay

Website: sbtcathparish.org.au

## Parish Priest: Fr Brian Nichols

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## Anniversaries



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Olga Dwyer, John Dennis Clark, Kazimierz Lachowicz, Patricia Joan Britcliffe, Beatrice Trinder, Fay Smith, Josephine Lachowicz, Jakob Lafer, Geoffrey Pullen, Sandra Crosswell, Jocelyn Mary Dwyer, Ruby Alice Conley, Ena Zelma McCudden, Peter Francis Gill, Antonio Pignalosa, John Try, Katharina Bahr, John Green, Adine Loring, John Clun, Patricia Joan Britcliffe and Patricia De Bavay

### Weekday Masses

This week there will be a 9 am Mass at Holy Spirit on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

### New Planned Giving Envelopes

The current packs of envelopes run out at the end of September, so the new ones are available for you to start using in October. If you can't find your pack, or would like to commence using this method of giving, please contact the parish office. We will be happy to supply you with a set of envelopes.

### John Wallis Memorial Lecture 2017

This year's lecture will be given by Fr Frank Moloney SDB on "The Word of God in the Life of the Church: Have We Failed?" An opportunity to re-examine our Christian life in the light of the Scriptures and help us to envisage the future of the Church.

Thursday, 21 Sep, 7 pm. Guilford Young College, Chapel, Hobart Campus. Lecture

followed by supper. RSVP: By 14 Sep. Contact: Eva on [eva.dunn@gmail.com](mailto:eva.dunn@gmail.com) or 0417 734 503. Donation: \$10, Conc: \$5.

**"To Know the Shepherd"** – Directed Retreat and Individual Days of Reflection, Maryknoll Retreat Centre.

Our annual directed retreat will be held from 28 Oct to 4 Nov. You are welcome to come and stay for the entire time or for individual days, as each day will stand alone with its content.

For more information or a brochure please contact Sr Margaret Henderson RSM on 0418 366 923 or [mm.henderson@bigpond.com](mailto:mm.henderson@bigpond.com)

### Old Virgilians

The next OVA luncheon will be held at the Austins Ferry campus commencing at 12.30pm on Tuesday, 26 September.

A two course meal with drinks provided (\$30). All Old Virgilians invited. Please notify attendance to SVC office 6249 6555 or email: [adminsvc@stvirgils.tas.edu.au](mailto:adminsvc@stvirgils.tas.edu.au)

### Parish Planned Giving

Every three years in September the Parish of Sandy Bay / Tarooma reminds parishioners of the church's planned giving arrangements. Parishioners already part of the planned giving program are asked to renew their commitment through weekly envelopes or by way of direct debit. Parishioners who are not part of the parish planned giving are asked to consider being part of the program.

Without planned giving, the parish would not be able to meet necessary day to day running costs. The costs of the parish, like most households, increase year by year. In recent years, a number of people have signed up for the program and we are very grateful for their contributions. However, their numbers are exceeded by the parishioners who have died or moved away and who had been making very generous offerings.

For the church year ended 31 March 2017 the parish's income and expenses were:

Income	\$154,000
Less expenses	<u>\$156,000</u>
Shortfall	<u>\$2,000</u>

The **Jewish and Christian Liturgical Calendar** for the years 2017-2018 | 5778-5779 is available in both A4 and US format. The annual calendar is free of charge for your personal and non-commercial use. Download from this address:

<http://www.etz-hayim.com/calendars/index.php>

### Concert – "Men in Black"

Men's choir "Men in Black" will be performing at 2 pm on Sun 17 Sep at Scots church, 29 Bathurst St, Hobart. (Emeritus Archbishop Adrian Doyle is a member of the choir.) A choir from Friends School will also perform.

Tickets \$15, concession \$12, children \$5 through [www.trybooking.com/RN01](http://www.trybooking.com/RN01) or at the door from 1.30. Includes afternoon tea.

### Mass Times

#### Holy Spirit, Sandy Bay

Saturday: Vigil 6.00 pm  
Sunday: 10.00 am & 5.15 pm

#### St Pius X, Tarooma

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.



## Empowering Girls

We are committed to creating a learning environment where girls can flourish.



We nurture.  
We challenge.  
We care.

Vacancies  
exist in  
Year 7, 2018