

West Tamar Catholic Parish



MASS TIMES

Riverside:
6.00pm Saturday
9.00am Sunday
5.00pm Tues & Wed
6.00pm Friday

Beaconsfield:
11:00am
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the Month
12.00 noon 1st Friday of the month

Glengarry:
11.00am
2nd & 4th
Sundays of the Month

Additional Masses: 7.30am Thurs: Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St Launceston

Third Sunday of Advent Year B, 13th December 2020

Today's Readings

First Reading Is 61:1-2,10-11 *All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God*
Second Reading 1 Thes 5:16-24 *In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.*
Gospel Jn 1:6-8,19-28 *The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.*

Next Week

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12,14,16
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38



Do we point others to Jesus Christ - the one true Lord and Saviour of the world?

John was the greatest of the prophets, yet he lived as a humble and faithful servant of God. He pointed others to Jesus, the true Messiah, and the Saviour of the world. The Christian church from the earliest of times has given John many titles which signify his mission: *Witness of the Lord, Trumpet of Heaven, Herald of Christ, Voice of the Word, Precursor of Truth, Friend of the Bridegroom, Crown of the Prophets, Forerunner of the Redeemer, Preparer of Salvation, Light of the Martyrs, and Servant of the Word.* Do we point others to Jesus Christ by the example and witness of our lives?

Source: https://www.dailyscripture.net/daily-meditation/?ds_year=2020&date=dec13

Fr Martin Aye Ngwe

Third Sunday of Advent

Every Advent serves as the introduction to the new liturgical year, even though it is celebrated in the closing weeks of the calendar year. Within the four weeks of the Advent season itself, the Church's liturgy draws attention to different facets of the one reality of how God's plan **has been revealed** in Christ, **is now revealed** in every Mass we celebrate, and that Christ **will be revealed** in his glory, when he comes again at a time we do not know.

For each Sunday of Advent we take our focus for the wreath from our Advent traditions. Like the people of the Old Testament we live in hope for the fullness of the revelation of Christ the Messiah when he comes in glory to judge the living and the dead.

Blessing of the wreath:

Priest: May this sprinkling of the waters of baptism remind us of our first sharing in grace that we may prepare for the Lord's coming among us today and be ready for his second coming.

The third candle is lit.

Lord Jesus, your coming was foretold by the prophet Isaiah who cried with joy for God clothes us in the garments of salvation. As a joyful, hope-filled Servant Community may our hearts be filled with gratitude for the many gifts God has given us.

Cantor: Come, Lord Jesus **All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lord Jesus, you come among us now as the light of the world. St Paul urges us to be happy at all times and to pray constantly. May the joy of the Lord be in our hearts as we journey together, listening to what the Spirit is saying to the Church of Australia.

Cantor: Come, Lord Jesus **All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lord Jesus, you sent John the Baptist to be a witness for the light. Like John the Baptist may we be witnesses to the power of Jesus open to Conversion and Renewal in the Church of Australia.

Cantor: Come, Lord Jesus **All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

O God, who see how your people Faithfully await the feast of the Lord's nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen



The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Is 61:1-2. 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) When spoken: My soul rejoices in my God.

Cantor: My soul rejoices in the Lord and magnifies his name.

All: Repeat

1. My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **(R)**
2. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on all those who fear him. **(R)**
3. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. **(R)**

SECOND READING

1 Thes 5:16-24

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia! ...

All: Repeat

Cantor : The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

All: Alleluia! ...

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

GOSPEL

Jn 1:6-8. 19-28

From the Holy Gospel according to John

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

West Tamar Parish Christmas Mass Times



Saturday 19th December	6.00pm	St Francis, Riverside
Sunday 20th December	9.00am 11.00am	St Francis, Riverside St Canice, Glengarry
Thursday 24th December	6.00pm 8.30pm	St Anthony's Catholic School (max 140) St Francis Xavier, Beaconsfield (max 30)
Friday 25th December	9.00am 11.00am	St Francis, Riverside (max 60) St Canice, Glengarry (max 20)

Booking for Christmas Masses

This year you will need to book online for Christmas Masses only.

Bookings are now available and should be made online by going to catholicmass.org.au

This takes you to the Archdiocesan website. Scroll down to West Tamar Parish (or any other Tasmanian Parish) select the Mass you wish to attend and register your details. Please remember to print off your ticket.

If there are any parishioners who have difficulty using or accessing the internet, come into the Parish Office during office hours and Jenelle can book for you. We are requesting that people bring their tickets to the event.

Reminders

Sunday 13th December Latin Mass 6.00pm

Friday 18th December will be the last 12 Hour Adoration this year.
Adoration will resume Friday 5th February



Due to COVID-19 restrictions we will be unable to have our annual Christmas Thanksgiving Dinner INSTEAD

We will have a Thanksgiving Mass at St Francis, Riverside, Thursday 17th December at 5.00pm

To wish Merry Christmas and say thank you to all Parish Finance Committee members,
Pastoral Council members and
Parish volunteers (Ministers, Servers, Greeters, readers, musicians etc) who have served
within our parish over the last 12 months.

Your time and efforts are always appreciated! Please join us on this night.

Calling all Angels & Shepherds

Christmas Eve

NATIVITY PLAY

Once again we are calling all children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces and kids next door to take part in the Nativity Play at the Christmas Eve Mass on Thursday 24th December 2020.

We will have two rehearsals:

Sunday 13th Dec at 10am in the Church after Mass. On this day the children's characters will be handed out, costumes which are provided will be tried on and the first run through of the play.

Sunday 20th Dec at 10am after Mass and will go for about an hour.

All children are welcome to take part in our Christmas play.

Those wishing to participate please contact:

Helen Skrzeczynski 6327 2469 or Ros Kingston 0407 356 933 as soon as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you!



Saturday, December 19th at 10am in St Francis supper room

Join us for Prayer and Reflection

Guest Speaker: Mrs Sandra Walking from the Secular Carmelites

Light Refreshments will be provided

For enquiries please contact: Liz Linnemans – 0439 871 777

WOMEN'S
Brunch

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Solemn Profession of Vows

All are warmly invited to join the Carmelite community for a **Sung Mass at 9.30am on Monday 14th December**, when Sr Thérèse-Marie of the Eucharist OCD will make her lifelong commitment to serve the Church in Tasmania as a Discalced Carmelite nun as she makes her Solemn Profession of religious vows.

Extra seating arrangements have been organised to comply with Covid-19 requirements, so all are welcome to attend.

Please keep Sr Thérèse-Marie in your prayers as she prepares for this day of grace.

Mass of Renewal of Commitments

The Palavra Viva Catholic Community invites you to join them for the Mass of renewal of commitments of Ana Maria Alkmim, Cássia Sampaio and Fernanda Maciel.

All are welcome!

Friday 18th December at 6pm

St Francis Church - Riverside

Principal Celebrant: Most Rev Julian C. Porteous

You are welcome to join us for some refreshments after Mass

Virtual Way to St James Pilgrimage

Make your way through natural surroundings in a meditative way anywhere in the world on 9-10 January 2021.



Join this Global "El Camino de Santiago" in the Spirit of the Annual Pilgrimage to St James Church in Cygnet in the Huon Valley.

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/waytostjamescygnet/>

Website link: <https://www.waytostjames.com.au/>

Catholic Education Tasmania

Are you considering a career in Catholic Education Tasmania? The St Thomas Aquinas Teaching Schools may be the answer for you. You can apply for full-time study and work as a part-time paid Cadet Teacher within a Tasmanian Catholic school while you complete your teaching degree.

You will receive full professional and accredited academic training as a teacher, whilst receiving comprehensive formation in your Catholic faith.

You will be supported as part of a community of cadet teachers and placed (part-time) with a mentor teacher in class.

You will also attend weekly tutorials, lectures and activities alongside your fellow Cadets.

Need more information? Check the Catholic Education Tasmania Website - click on the *Working in Catholic Education Tasmania* Tab (<https://catholic.tas.edu.au/teaching-schools>).

We offer prayers for family and friends who have recently died:

Richard Porteous (Brother of Archbishop Julian), Margaret Eaton (Mother of Paul Eaton AOH) and Douglas Scott

We offer prayers for family and friends whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Junee James, Michael Carroll, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Fr Bill Egan, Peter Symons, Gwen Deane, Robert Carrick, John Shields, Joy Marshall, Mollie Manion Celin Aye, Bill Groves, Bert Fleming, Sr Marlene Binns ssj, Brian Simmons, Fr Peter McGrath, Sandra Murray, Ian Trevor Sinnamon, Antonio Furfaro and Fortunato Talusan.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

Helmut Antel, Janine, Jennifer Johnston, Warwick Eldridge, Mora Bligh, Andrea and Grey, Samantha Holloway, Tony & Teresa Bidgood, Paul McInerney, Adelynde, Fr Allan Hartcher ofm, Henry Phyo, Josephine Moore, William Gordon, Lyn Elliott, Maria Janson, Neil, Jim O'Connell, Patricia & John McInerney, Alex Lyall, Fr Tom Chapman, Ray Porter, Anthea Maynard, Andre A, Anthony A, Thea van Borkulo, Maureen Bamping, Sophie and Scott Bailey, Marina Aye, Geoff Jones, Lucius U, Maureen Symons, Ron Willis, Guy M, Gerard Mackrell, Irene Bingham, Andrew, James, Matthew J, Roger Orr, Trevor Peters, Claire, N. MacLaine, Max Jamieson and

all patients in St Vincent's, St Luke's & General Hospitals

We offer prayers for our whole Parish community

Please let the Parish Office know if you have recovered.

Next Week's Roster

	Readers	Commentators	Greeters / Cleaners	Servers
Sat 19th Dec	R Symons	M Murphy	V McMullen, S Cannell, D Kapper, L Huynh	J Izbicki
Sun 20th Dec	M Cherry	P Bertoia	V McMullen, S Cannell, D Kapper, L Huynh	L Huynh
Thur 24th Dec	K McInerney	R Symons	V McMullen, S Cannell, D Kapper, L Huynh	P Fleming
Fri 25th Dec	V McMullen	M Spizzica	V McMullen, S Cannell, D Kapper, L Huynh	J Izbicki

Holy Hour: every 1st Friday of the month. 6.00pm Mass, Devotion to the Sacred Heart and Benediction (Reconciliation available during Rosary)

Anointing of the sick: every 1st Friday of the month during 6.00am Mass at St Francis Church, Riverside.

Cenacle within Mass: every 1st Saturday of the month, St Francis Church, Riverside 11.00am.

12 Hour Adoration: Every Friday from 7am-7pm. Concludes at 6.00pm with Mass, Rosary and Benediction.

Mass at the Carmelite Monastery: Sundays at 7.30am; Monday - Friday at 7.30am; Saturdays at 9.00am.

Rosary: every Monday at 7.30pm **in the comfort of your own home.** We pray our Blessed Mother will watch over us all at this time of uncertainty and sadness. **Enquiries:** Jan on 0409 175 940 or Adrian & Liz on 0407 074 693

The Carmel Shop: 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am- 4.00pm.

Enquiries: Helen 6344 6382 or email: carmelshop@yahoo.com

St Francis of Assisi Church

108 Pomona Road, Riverside

St Francis Xavier Church

190 Weld Street, Beaconsfield

St Canice Church

Glengarry Road, Glengarry

Parish Priest

Fr Martin Aye Ngwe

The Presbytery

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Reconciliation

Riverside: Sat 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm

Archdiocesan website:

www.hobart.catholic.org.au

Beaconsfield & Glengarry

topend190@gmail.com

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