

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B, 20th December 2020

Today's Readings

First Reading 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12,14,16
Second Reading Rom16:25-27
Gospel Lk 1:26-38

*The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.
The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.
You will conceive and bear a son.*

Next Week

*Gen 15:1-6;21:1-3
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Lk 2:22,39-40*



*God gives us the grace to say "yes" to his will
and to his transforming work in our lives*

What is the key that unlocks the power and grace of God's kingdom in our personal lives? Faith and obedience for sure! God gives us grace and he expects us to respond with the same willing obedience and heartfelt trust as Mary did. When God commands he also gives help and means to respond. We can either yield to his grace or resist and go our own way. Do we believe in God's promises and do we yield to his grace?

Source: https://www.dailyscripture.net/daily-meditation/?ds_year=2020&date=dec20

Fr Martin Aye Ngwe

Fourth 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 fourth candle is lit.

Lord Jesus, you established the house of David to be secure forever and from which the Saviour would be born. Jesus is the cornerstone. We are a Christ-centered Church.

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

Lord Jesus, you alone are wisdom and as St Paul declares, you will give us the strength to live the Gospel. By living a prayerful life centered on the Eucharist may we open ourselves to your wisdom and the Spirit working in the community.

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

Lord Jesus, you sent the angel Gabriel to give the good news to Mary so that she would bring Jesus into the world through the power of the Spirit. Giving birth is painful. Change can be frightening. Mary trusted in God and let herself be led by the Holy Spirit so that we can say:

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

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection. 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

2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Cantor: I will sing forever of the goodness of the Lord.

All: Repeat

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R)**
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages to come.' **(R)**
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves us.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. **(R)**

SECOND READING

Rom 16:25-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia! ...

All: Repeat

Cantor: I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

All: Alleluia! ...

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

GOSPEL

Lk 1:26-38

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

A Christmas Message from Father Martin

My Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is the time, God wants to fill our hearts anew with joy and gratitude for the greatest gift he could possibly give us – his beloved son Jesus. What can we give thanks for in this great feast of the Incarnation? We can praise and thank God our Father for the fact that the Son of God freely and joyfully assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it. Jesus came to release the captives from slavery and sin and to open the gates of paradise once again. This day the Holy Spirit invites us to make haste – as the shepherds of Bethlehem did – to adore Jesus our King and Messiah.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our eternal good shepherd who guides and cares for us unceasingly and who gives us abundant everlasting life and union with the triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This day the whole community of heaven joins with all believers of good will on earth in a jubilant song of praise for the good news proclaimed by the angels on Christmas eve: Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people, for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:10-11).

The joy of Christmas is not for a day or a season. It is an eternal joy, a joy that no one can take from us because it is the joy of Jesus Christ himself made present in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which no pain nor sorrow can diminish, and which neither life nor death can take away.

Wishing you a very Holy and Joyous Christmas for all of you. May the New year be a peaceful and hopeful for all mankind.

Fr Martin Aye Ngwe



West Tamar Parish Christmas Mass Times



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

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.

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:

The second will be -

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!

**Parish Office**

The Parish Office will close Tuesday 22nd December 2020 at 1.30pm

and

will reopen Thursday 28th January 2021 at 9.00am

Immaculata Mission School 2021: Made for Heaven!

Start the New Year by going deeper in faith through awesome talks, friendship & fellowship, daily Mass & prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship & lots more!

When: 1-5 January, 2021

Where: St James Catholic College, Cygnet Tasmania

Cost per person: \$220 (with basic shared accommodation), \$170 (with no accommodation) - includes food, speakers, activities and youth and children's ministry - all ages, families welcome

Speakers: Archbishop Julian Porteous, Fr Rob Galea, James Parker, Paul Elarde, Sisters of the Immaculata & lay community.

For more info or to register: www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims or 0406 372 608

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 whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ken Williams, Molly Boland, Dorothea Veldhuis, Norbert Rossler, Leslie Hay, Mieczyslaw Grocki, Jack Louhnane, Albert McKinnon, Helena Conti, Helen Emmerton, James Heap and Mary Piscioneri.

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 Phyto, 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	Communion	Greeters	Collectors
Sat 24th Dec	K McInerney	R Symons	V McMullen, S Cannell, D Kapper, L Huynh		P Fleming
Sun 25th Dec	V McMullen	M Spizzica	V McMullen, S Cannell, D Kapper, L Huynh		J Izbicki
Thur 26th Dec	M Murphy	J Payne	V McMullen, S Cannell, D Kapper, L Huynh		L Huynh
Fri 27th Dec	D Kapper	M Cherry	V McMullen, S Cannell, D Kapper, L Huynh		P Bertoia

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 will close on Wednesday 23 December and reopen on the first Wednesday in February 2021. **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

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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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