

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

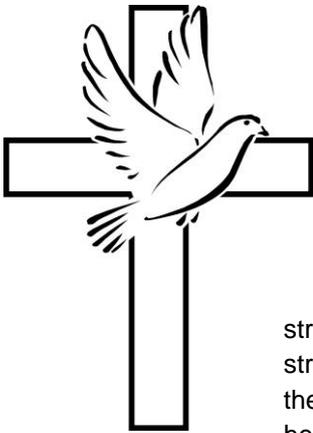
Second Sunday of Lent Year B, 28th February 2021

Today's Readings

First Reading Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 *The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*
Second Reading Rom 8:31-34 *God did not spare his own Son.*
Gospel Mk 9:2-10 *This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

Next Week

Ex 20:1-17
1 Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25



Every sacrament we receive transforms our lives:

Baptism transforms us into children of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation transforms us to brave witnesses of and warriors for Christ. Reconciliation transforms sinners to saints.

The "transfiguration" in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength: In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar are transformed into the crucified and risen, living body and blood of Jesus by transubstantiation. Just as Jesus' transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. In addition, our Holy Communion with the living Jesus should be the source of our daily "transfiguration," transforming our minds and hearts so that we may do more good, by humble and selfless service to others.

Source: <http://frtonyshomilies.com/lent-ii-february-28-sunday/>

Fr Martin Aye Ngwe

February - Feast Days this Week:

28 Blsd Daniel Brottier

1 St David of Wales

March

2 St Agnes of Bohemia

4 St Casimir

Feast day of the Week – St Agnes of Bohemia

Agnes had no children of her own but was certainly life-giving for all who knew her. Agnes was the daughter of Queen Constance and King Ottokar I of Bohemia. She was betrothed to the Duke of Silesia, who died three years later. As she grew up, she decided she wanted to enter the religious life.

After declining marriages to King Henry VII of Germany and King Henry III of England, Agnes was faced with a proposal from Frederick II, the Holy Roman Emperor. She appealed to Pope Gregory IX for help. The pope was persuasive; Frederick magnanimously said that he could not be offended if Agnes preferred the King of Heaven to him.

After Agnes built a hospital for the poor and a residence for the friars, she financed the construction of a Poor Clare monastery in Prague. In 1236, she and seven other noblewomen entered this monastery. Saint Clare sent five sisters from San Damiano to join them, and wrote Agnes four letters advising her on the beauty of her vocation and her duties as abbess.

Agnes became known for prayer, obedience and mortification. Papal pressure forced her to accept her election as abbess, nevertheless, the title she preferred was "senior sister." Her position did not prevent her from cooking for the other sisters and mending the clothes of lepers. The sisters found her kind but very strict regarding the observance of poverty; she declined her royal brother's offer to set up an endowment for the monastery.



The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Cantor: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

All: Repeat

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **(R)**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the name of the Lord. **(R)**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R)**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Repeat

Cantor: From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

All: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

Mk 9:2-10

From the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

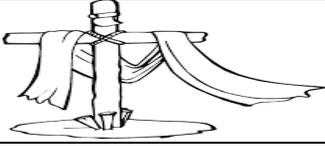
The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Tuesday 2nd March
Friday 5th March
Friday 5th March
Saturday 6th March

Reminders

Parish Pastoral Council 7.30pm
12 noon Mass at Beaconsfield
Anointing of the sick 6.00pm Mass followed by the Holy Rosary and ending with Benediction.
Cenacle: Devotion to Mother Mary 11.00am



Stations of the Cross

Will be conducted every Friday after 6pm Mass.
at St Francis, Riverside.
All welcome.



Second Sunday of Lent 28th February 2021



Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment.

The school faced water shortages that often left staff and students without safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables.

Then Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden as the threat of COVID-19 loomed. With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials, and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures.

Margret's school now has enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more, and is now planning to boost food security through increased agricultural production.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



World Day of Prayer

This year it will be held on the **Friday 5th March at St Oswald's Anglican Church**
34 Bain Terrace, Trevallyn. 10.30am
We will be offering prayers and help for the people of Vanuatu.



St Patrick's Pilgrimage Richmond-Colebrook 13-14 March 2021



Join Archbishop Julian on a weekend pilgrimage from Richmond to Colebrook. In celebration of the feast of St Patrick. Pilgrims will be walking from Australia's oldest continuously-used Catholic Church, St John the Evangelist in Richmond, to the iconic Church of St Patrick's, Colebrook.

The Pilgrimage is open to all young adults from the ages of 18 -30yo. Surrounded by the natural beauty of Tasmania, this event is a great opportunity for personal growth where pilgrims are likely to be challenged both physically and spiritually. The two days will include opportunities for reflection, fellowship and prayer.

Opening with Mass at 10:00 am, we will then set-off on a 20 km walk to our campsite, to spend the night under the stars

The second day we will continue walk another 20 km to St Patrick's Church, Colebrook. The pilgrimage concludes with a final Mass at 4:30 pm. Pilgrims will be transported back to Richmond at 5:30 pm.

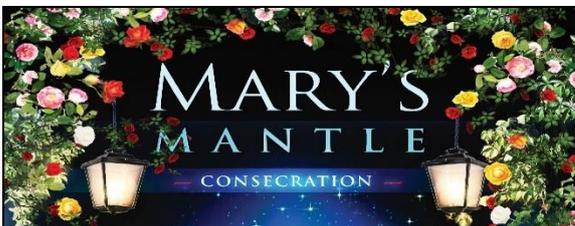
To register or for further information, please visit eventbrite.com.au and enter St Patrick's Pilgrimage or contact youth@aohtas.org.au

A Day of Reflection on St Joseph – for men:

How does his story and relationship with Jesus harmonise, inspire or challenge yours?

Saturday 20th March 11.00am – 3.00pm Where: Emmanuel Centre 123 Abbott St Newstead Cost: Donation

Please bring your own lunch (tea & coffee provided) Bookings: Launceston Parish Office 6331 4377



Lenten Retreat for Spiritual Renewal

We pray for all parishioners who are doing Mary's Mantle Retreat, that through their prayers and for the intention of HEALING they will receive extraordinary graces.

For more information, contact: Coby Vautin on 0419 376 660 or by email cobyvautin@gmail.com

Becoming Motivated Disciples

The Verbum Domini Institute is focusing on how to live out the Gospel more fully through motivated Christian Discipleship. Join this four session short course to hear and discuss the meaning of Christian discipleship with the aim of developing a renewed commitment to Jesus Christ in preparation for Easter.

When: Tuesdays 23rd Feb., 9th & 23rd Mar, and 6th Apr. The final session will be in the Easter season so we can focus on the fruits of Easter in our spiritual lives.

Time: 7-8.30pm. **Cost:** Free. **Register:** christine.wood@aohtas.org.au or call 0408-321-002. **Where:** online via Zoom.



Prayer Resources for Individuals and Families

Even though restrictions have been eased there are still some who continue to experience social isolation. It is important for everyone to pray and stay connected to our community. A range of online resources are available to assist with this. These include daily prayers and readings, prayer services, the Sunday Office, commentaries, homilies and reflections as well as Gospel based activities and resources to support personal and family prayer. Go to: liturgyhelp.com/aus/hobart/pray and follow the prompts to access. Hopefully these resources will help create prayerful solidarity within our community and the whole Body of Christ. This is available and free of charge through Creative Ministry Resources.

Plenary Council 2020 Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.
Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.
Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



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

Dawn Coffey

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

Claude Hyde, Ralph Thurling, Patricia Mace, Phoebe Lyons, Margaret Fleming, Harry Sylvester, Gwendolyn Lebski, Ted Lynch, Jeff Collinson, Keith Bullock, Eileen Hay, Florence Smith, Bernice Powell, Mick Clynes and Warren Kilkeary.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

Louis Rossler, Helmut Antel, Janine, 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 6th Mar	J Payne	P Fleming	V McMullen, S Cannell, D Kapper, L Huynh	M Murphy
Sun 7th Mar	J Perry	D Kapper	V McMullen, S Cannell, D Kapper, L Huynh	A Liinnemans

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

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

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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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