

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

First Sunday of Advent Year B, 29th November 2020

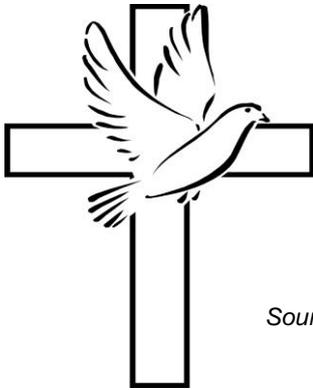
Today's Readings

First Reading Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8
Second Reading 1 Cor 1:3-9
Gospel Mk 13:33-37

*May the Lord come when we are doing good.
The Lord will strengthen us to the end.
We know not the hour the Lord will come.*

Next Week

*Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Pt 3:8-14
Mk 1:1-8*



Be vigilant, be alert, be "watchmen"

The season of Advent is a time for rousing our minds and hearts for the Lord's coming. As his servants, we watch for his will - continually seeking him. We watch for his word and his power - that he may act now to save and to deliver. And we watch for his visitation - he will surely come again! Servants of the Lord rouse yourselves! Be vigilant, be alert, be "watchmen" for the Lord pointing the way for his coming.

Source: https://www.dailyscripture.net/daily-meditation/?ds_year=2020&date=nov29

Fr Martin Aye Ngwe

First 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 the sprinkling of this water remind all of us gathered here of our first sharing in the grace of baptism. During this time of Advent may we prepare for the Lord's coming with open hearts and minds. May this wreath be a symbol to us of this time of prayerful watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord, and a symbol of faith in the power of the Holy Spirit as we anticipate the fruits of the Plenary Council.
The first candle is lit.

Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old. The Prophet Isaiah proclaimed to the people that we are the work of God's hands; we are the clay, and he is the potter (First Reading). Mold us in your image as we walk together the pilgrimage of the Plenary Council.

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

Lord Jesus, we believe you come among us now. St Paul declares that the Spirit will keep us Steady until the last day (Second Reading). May our hearts be centered on listening to the Holy Spirit. throughout the Plenary Council journey.

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

Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory. You ask us to 'stay awake!' (Gospel). May we be awake and ready to hear the movement of the Spirit in the world around us.

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

Grant your faithful, we pray, Almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that gathered at your right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom, 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 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Cantor: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

All: Repeat

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your Cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **(R)**
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R)**
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the one you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R)**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:3-9

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

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia! ... **All:** Repeat
Cantor : Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

All: Alleluia! ...

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

GOSPEL

Mk 13:33-37

From the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Dear Parishioners,
Fr Martin has not been well this week with cold and flu symptoms and as a result has had a COVID-19 test and seen his GP. While he waits for the results of this test he has been advised to quarantine for 5 days to ensure everyone remains safe, healthy and well.
As a result, we will have Fr Damien Sladen celebrating Mass with us on Saturday and Fr Fidelis Udousoro celebrating Mass on Sunday at St Francis, Riverside. I know you will make them feel welcome!
There will be NO 5.00pm Mass on Tuesday 1st December. After this all Masses will return to normal.

Reminders

Tuesday 1st December Parish Pastoral Council 7.30pm
Friday 4th December 12 noon Mass at Beaconsfield
Friday 4th December Anointing of the sick 6.00pm Mass followed by the Holy Rosary and ending with Benediction.
Saturday 5th December Cenacle: Devotion to Mother Mary 11.00am

“Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord”

Following the vigil Mass at Riverside on **Sat 28th November**, join us for dinner, fellowship with the Immaculata Mission Team, and a short time of prayer and formation as we prepare for the Advent season.



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.

Donations for the Christmas Hamper

Are being sought.

If you have anything you would like to donate please leave in the Narthex of the Church
Or

Speak to Vera on 0439 041 010



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.

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



Reaching Beyond 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](http://www.palms.org.au) will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment

See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au

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 Women's League - A Picnic Pilgrimage

Catholic Women's League George Town invite you to a Picnic Pilgrimage to Mangana and Fingal on **Friday, 22nd January, 2021**. Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's, Fingal at 11.00am, followed by Benediction and a short drive to Mangana's beautiful and historic Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church for a BYO picnic lunch and Rosary procession.

The church will be open for inspection. Tea and coffee will be provided.

A bus will leave from George Town and collect people on the way from the northern region.

For more details contact Jennie Taylor, on 0408 384 852.



Sia Family
Grygienia Family
Nawakowski Family
Cibik Family
Thruth Family

Masses have been requested and will be offered for these souls during November:

Bates Family	O'Brien Family	Dee Family	Power Family
Murray Family	Hall Family	Hawkins Family	Fraser Family
Hine-Haycock Family	Butler Family	Reilly Family	Lahiff Family
Turner Family	Corralejo Family	Songa Family	Clive Family
Singzon Family	Simpson Family	Sadsad Family	Plaza Family
Musca Family	Abarca Family	Lasang Family	Webb Family
Smith Family	Patanao Family	Payne Family	Talusan Family
O'Flaherty Family	Bakker Family	Van Galen Family	Izbicki Family
Kulinski Family	Szoka Family	Soroka Family	Kaczmarek Family
Borkowski Family	Sokoniewicz Family	Wisniewski Family	Gabiniewicz Family
Antel Family	Midson Family	Doherty Family	Laverty Family
Kerr Family	Gorrmin Family		

The Lonely The Sick The Unloved
The Holy Souls in Purgatory

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.*



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

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

Maaikie Talsma

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

Ernest Bingham, Mary Townsend, Maria Reschke, Margaret Mary O'Reilly, John Mackey, Johanna Tamiaans, Martia Rubenach, Sr Felix rsc, Josephine Lyons, Frances Wodfield, Kylie Breen, Joy Marshall, Kate Bloomfield, Shirley Oliver and John Juhasz.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

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 5th Dec	M Bates	J Payne	V McMullen, S Cannell, D Kapper, L Huynh	L Huynh
Sun 6th Dec	A Cunningham	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 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

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