

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 Advent Year B, 6th December 2020

Today's Readings

First Reading Reading *Is 40:1-5, 9-11* *In the desert make ready the way of the Lord.*
Second Reading 2 Pt 3:8-14 *The Lord shows great patience.*
Gospel Mk 1:1-8 *John the Baptist proclaims the coming of the Messiah.*

Next Week

Is 61:1-2,10-11
1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8,19-28



Homecoming of Christ

Homecoming is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the Second Sunday of Advent. All three readings focus on the absolute necessity of our getting ready for Christ's "Homecoming" into our hearts and lives by true repentance, reparation, prayer, and the renewal of our lives. They also remind us that the past coming of Jesus 2000 years ago, the present daily coming of Jesus into our lives through the Eucharistic celebration, through the Scriptures, and through the praying community, and his future coming (the *Second Coming*) are actually the fulfillment of God's saving plan for us all, from all eternity.

Source: <http://frtonyshomilies.com/advent-ii-dec-6-2020-sunday/>

Fr Martin Aye Ngwe

Second Sunday of Advent

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 second candle is lit.

Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah who described you as a 'shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms'. The Plenary Council invites us to be a Humble, Healing and Merciful community. Like the shepherd may we be people with arms outstretched in love.

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

Lord Jesus, you will come again. St Peter reminds us to live holy and saintly lives while we wait and long for the Day of God to come. Waiting can be filled with anxiety. The unexpected can be frightening. Help us to live in the Spirit always.

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

Lord Jesus, you call us to baptism in the Holy Spirit. Be with us as we 'Listen to what the Spirit is saying' throughout the journey of the Plenary Council.

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

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. 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 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Cantor: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

All: Repeat

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. Peace for his people that fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice shall look down from heaven. **(R)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **(R)**

SECOND READING

2 Pt 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia! ...

All: Repeat

Cantor : Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

All: Alleluia! ...

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights
and behold the joy which comes to you from
God.

GOSPEL

Mk 1:1-8

From the Holy Gospel according to Mark

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

6 St Nicholas

7 St Ambrose

December - Feast Days this Week:

8 The Immaculate Conception

9 St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

11 St Damasus

12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Booking for Christmas Masses

This year you will need to book online for Christmas Masses only. The direct link to the West Tamar Parish bookings page is: <https://west-tamar-christmas.eventbrite.com.au>

There is also a link to the Organiser Page: <https://hobart-catholic.eventbrite.com.au/> which will be advertised in the leading newspapers, as well as the Archdiocesan website and Facebook pages in the next week or so. People can use this page to look for their next closest church or parish, if their preferred church books out.

If there are any parishioners who have difficulty using or accessing the internet, your basic information (ie: first name, last name, contact phone number, and contact email – using the parish email if they don't have their own), can be given to the Parish office to book tickets for you or ask a family member to book for you. We are requesting that people bring their tickets to the event.

West Tamar Parish Christmas Mass Times



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

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!

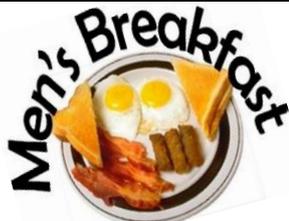


St Joseph's Conference of the St Vincent De Paul Society

The next monthly meeting of the St Joseph's Conference of the St Vincent De Paul Society will be **Thursday 10th December 2020 4.30pm** at St Francis, Riverside.

New members are always welcome.

For more information please contact Robert 0428 745 155 or Jo 0408 947 450.



Men's Breakfast

We invite all men from the Parish to a meeting on **Saturday 12th December** in the St Francis Riverside Church Hall, **8.00 – 9.00am.**

The Breakfast will be an opportunity for the socialisation and fellowship of Catholic men throughout the parish.

Notification of attendance is required to Mark Murphy by 10th December on 0439 351 176 to ensure suitable catering arrangements are made.

Mission Stall

We once again thank our wonderful helpers behind our Mission Stall.

Make sure you grab your favourites and support the missions.

All donations will make the stall a success.

Our next stall will be held NEXT weekend

Saturday and Sunday the 12th & 13th December.



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





**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.

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.

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>).

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/>

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

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

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

Edna Sturzaker, Nancy Groves, Ewa Grygencza, George Moolenschot, Beatrice McGuinness, Jeff Jansen, Wladyslaw Grygencza, Terry Waters, Beryl Campbell, Jack Blackwell, Matthew Sturzaker, Mary Worley, Archbishop Eric D'Arcy and Mary Barker.

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 |
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| Sat 12th Dec | K McInerney | P Fleming | V McMullen, S Cannell, D Kapper, L Huynh | M Murphy |
| Sun 13th Dec | M Spizzica | D Kapper | V McMullen, S Cannell, D Kapper, L Huynh | A Linnemans |

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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Fr Martin Aye Ngwe
The Presbytery
1 Butler Avenue, Riverside,
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Reconciliation
Riverside: Sat 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm

Archdiocesan website:
www.hobart.catholic.org.au

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topend190@gmail.com

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