

West Tamar Catholic Parish



MASS TIMES

Riverside:

6.00pm Saturday
9.00am Sunday
9.00am Wed & Fri
5.00pm Tues

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: 5.00pm Wed: St Vincent's Hospital Chapel
7.30am Thurs: Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St Launceston

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 9th February 2020

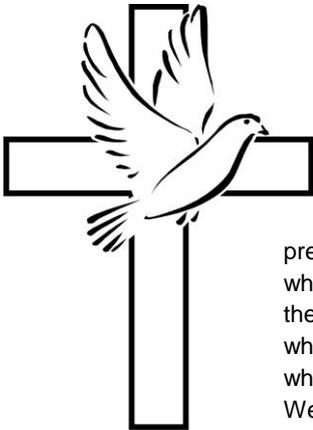
Today's Readings

First Reading *Is 58:7-10*
Second Reading *1 Cor 2:1-5*
Gospel *Mt 5:13-16*

*Share with those in need and you will be rewarded.
Faith is a gift from God.
Salt of the earth, light of the world.*

Next Week

Eccl 15:15-20
1 Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37



Be the salt and the light of the world

The common theme of today's three readings is our two-fold mission to the world, to be salt and to be the light of a city built on a hilltop. We need to be the salt of the earth: a) As the salt of the earth, the Christian must be an example of purity in speech, in conduct, and even in thought. b) As the salt of the earth, the Christian must have a certain antiseptic influence on life and society, defeating corruption, fighting against injustice and making it easier for others to avoid sin. c) As salt

preserves foods, we need to preserve the religious Faith, Christian cultural values, and moral principles which Jesus has given us, and to work at reconciling quarrelling factions in families and communities. As the salt of the earth, we need to add flavour to the lives of desperate people through outreach programs, which give meaning to their lives, boost their morale, offer them occasions to help others, and provide hope where there is none.

We need to be the light of the world: The second role of Christians is to receive the light of Christ and radiate it to everyone as love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, humble service, respect for those with different ethnic backgrounds, different lifestyles, other faiths, or with no faith at all. With a little bit of Christ's Light, we become a veritable lighthouse, illuminating the way for many and removing the darkness caused by hatred, spite and jealousy. L/20

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Fr Martin Aye Ngwe

10 St Scholastica

February - Feast Days this Week:
11 Our Lady of Lourdes

14 St Valentine, Sts Cyril & Methodius

Feast day of the Week – Our Lady of Lourdes

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: "O Mary conceived without sin."

During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was "something white in the shape of a girl." She used the word *aquero*, a dialect term meaning "this thing." It was "a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm." Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (*tu*), but the polite form (*vous*). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters.



The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Is 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Cantor: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

All: Repeat

1. They are a light in the darkness for the upright: they are generous, merciful and just. Good people take pity and lend, they conduct their affairs with honour. **(R)**
2. The just will never waver: they will be remembered for ever. They have no fear of evil news; with firm hearts they trust in the Lord. **(R)**
3. With steadfast hearts they will not fear; open-handed, they give to the poor; their justice stands firm for ever. Their heads will be raised in glory. **(R)**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:1-5

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia! ... All: Repeat

Cantor: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

All: Alleluia! ...

GOSPEL

Mt 5:13-16

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday 9th Feb
Tuesday 11th Feb

Reminders

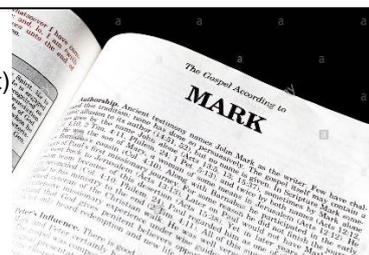
Latin Mass 6.00pm
Gregorian Chant 7.30pm

Bible Study – The Gospel of Mark

Dr. Christine Wood (Director, Office of Evangelisation and Catechesis from the Archdiocese of Hobart) will be running a Bible study on the Gospel of Mark at St Francis, Riverside.

These will be held on **Thursday nights between 6.30 – 8.30pm on February 20th, March 19th and April 2nd.**

Everyone is welcome!! You will need to bring with you your Bible, notepad and a pen.
RSVP to Parish Office by Wednesday 5th February (for the first session) on 6327 3971 or westtamar@aohtas.org.au



The Catholic Women's League

will meet this coming **Tuesday, 11th February**, 1.15pm for 1.30pm, in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

New members would be very welcome. Enquiries Bernice 6344 1799.

Women's Group Meeting

Please join Father Martin for prayer and reflection in the St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Riverside
Thursday 13th February between 11.30am to 1.30pm.

There will be a light lunch so please bring a plate to share.
If you would like to organise transport or any general inquiries please contact **Liz** on 0439 871 777



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 13th February 2020 4.30pm** at St Francis, Riverside.

New members are always welcome.

For more information please contact Robert 0428745155 or Jo 0408947450.



Beaconsfield Car Boot Sale

We will be having a Car Boot Sale on **Saturday 14th March**,

in the car park of St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Beaconsfield.

Time: 9.00am – 2.00pm.

Cost: \$10.00 per space

To enquire or to book a site contact:

Rose Breen on 0488 202 207

There will also be morning tea available.

Be quick to claim your space!!

Come along and find a bargain!!!



***Some of our people are unable to help this year, so we are calling on others in the parish to offer their services for helping to set up or serving on the day. If you can come and give us a hand please let Rose Breen know.

First Profession of Vows

All are warmly invited to a Sung Mass of Religious Profession on **Tuesday 11th February at 9.30am** at the Carmelite Monastery when Sr Mary Joseph of the Sacred heart will make her First Vows as a Carmelite nun. Morning tea will follow Mass.

Please pray for Sr Mary Joseph while she makes her retreat from 3rd – 10th February in preparation for this day of grace.

Marriage Mass for the Renewal Of Vows

Will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous on **Sunday 23rd February, 2020** at Church of the Apostles, Launceston at **10.30am**.

Couples celebrating Catholic Marriage milestones including couples in the early years of marriage (1st, 5th and 10th anniversaries) are invited to RSVP to the Office of Life, Marriage and Family by emailing ben.smith@aohtas.org.au or on 6208 6036. Catholic married couples will receive a special acknowledgement from Archbishop Julian on the day.



Weathering Family Separation
Child Focussed Educational Program

A 3 hour session for separated parents on how to support your children following separation and make it "easier and healthier" for them.

Venue: CatholicCare Launceston

Dates: Friday 6th March 10.00am – 1.00pm **OR**

Wednesday 11th March from 4.00pm – 7.00pm

To register please ring 6332 0600.

NO COST INVOLVED



WHY BE CATHOLIC



Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM

A New book – “Why be Catholic” by Fr Ken Geraci, CPM

This Book Tells a Story We All Need to Hear — The Story of the Church

Why Be Catholic is not just the journey of our faith, it is the fulfilment of all Faith.

Written by a man who grew up Catholic, but who like many, fell away in his young adulthood.

Go to tanbooks.com and search 'why be Catholic'.

You can pre-order the book online for \$24.95.

Palavra Viva Community Activities:

Doctrine + Fellowship + Food: 16th February 3-6pm. Formation, Discussion groups, Adoration and food for FREE!. For all young people who wants to develop friendships and and faith, come and join us! Emmanuel Centre. Newstead

Movie Session - Unplanned Film 27th February 7 pm. Emmanuel Centre. Newstead. Tickets \$10.00.

RSVP: 0418 183 511 or palavravivatasmania@gmail.com

Silent Retreat – Spiritual exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola

We invite you to experience 5 days of silent retreat to go in a deeper encounter with Jesus within you.

During these days will be offered Latin Mass, Rosary, Adoration, Conferences in the Spiritual Exercises, Spiritual Direction, Confession and Way of the Cross.

Speaker: Fr Pius, a benedictine monk from Notre Dame Priory Monastery in Colebrook, Tasmania

Date: 2 - 7, March 2020. **\$550.00** - per person (accommodation, meals and fee) **Place:** Emmanuel Centre (123 Abbott Street, Newstead - Launceston) **RSVP:** 0418 183 511 or palavravivatasmania@gmail.com

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.



PlenaryCouncil2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

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

Elizabeth Midson, David McManamey and Karl Goiser

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

Vera White, Lorraine Kramer, Vincent Manion, Nora Angle, Fr Frank O’Gorman, Elizabeth Holt, Lee Walters, Bruce Malcon, Norma Coleman, Sheila Ball, Pansy Kappar, Fr Gabriel Kelly ofm, Kevin Duncan, Eleanor Grant, Muriel Butler, Anthony Ryan, Mary McFarland, Vince Basalto, Eileen Lipscombe, Fay McCormack and Arthur Bloomfield.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

Samantha Holloway, Wayne Spaulding, Tony & Teresa Bidgood, Paul McInerney, Adelynde, Jenny Bruni, Fr Allan Hartcher ofm, Henry Phyo, Jo Moore, William Gordon, Nancy Fraser, Lyn Elliott, Maria Janson, Neil, Jim O’Connell, Don Kelly, Patricia & John McInerney, Alex Lyall, Fr Tom Chapman, Brenda Hall, Ray Porter, Rick Murfet, Anthea Maynard, Rick Waters, Andre A, Anthony A, Thea van Borkulo, Nettie Burke, Maureen Bamping, Sophie and Scott Bailey, Marina Aye, Geoff Jones, Lucius U, Maureen Symons, Ron Willis, Guy M, Gerard Mackrell, Irene Bingham, Murray Jones, 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 15 th Feb	R Symons	R McManamey	T Schouten, E Webb	E Davis, E Webb	T Foley, M Dilger
Sun 16 th Feb	V McMullen	A Cunningham	V McMullen, H Skrzeczynski	S Rossler, V McMullen	J Shadbolt, _____
Sunday Counters	M Cherry, D Kapper		Morning Cuppa	V McMullen, H Skrzeczynski	

Holy Hour: every 1st Friday of the month 6.00pm. (Reconciliation is available)

Anointing of the sick: every 1st Friday of the month during 9.00am Mass at St Francis Church, Riverside.

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

Rosary: every Monday at 7.30pm at Church of the Apostles.

Gregorian chant: every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm at St Francis Church, Riverside. Compline and Benediction every 4th Tuesday.

Mass at Calvary Health Care: St Vincent’s: 5 pm Wed, 5 Frederick St.

Human Life Protection Society: Prayers for mothers, babies, the sick, the elderly and the dying. Thursdays 1pm, Chapel at St Vincent’s Hospital.

One Hour with Jesus: every First Sunday at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge Street, Launceston at 2.00pm

12 Hour Adoration: Every Friday from 7am-7pm. Concludes with Benediction.

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

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The Presbytery

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Tues & Thurs 9am – 1.30pm

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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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Margaret Cherry Tel 6327 2885

