

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C, 31st March 2019

Today's Readings

First Reading Jos 5:9-12
Second Reading 2 Cor 5:17-21
Gospel Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

*The Lord removes the reproach of Egypt.
All is new in Christ.
Parable of the prodigal son.*

Next Week

*Is 43:16-21
Phil 3:8-14
Jn 8:1-11*



Let us return to our Heavenly Father with repentant hearts:

As prodigal children, we face spiritual famine all around us in the form of drug and alcohol abuse, fraud and theft in the workplace, murders, abortions and violence, premarital sex, marital infidelity and priestly infidelity, as well as in hostility between and among people. All of these evils have proliferated because we have been squandering God's abundant blessings, not only in our country and in our families, but also in our personal lives. Hence, let us repent and return to our Heavenly Father's home.

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Fr Martin Aye Ngwe

1 St Hugh of Grenoble

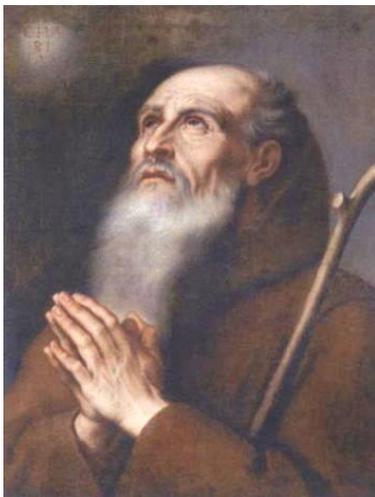
April - Feast Days this Week:

2 St Francis of Paola

3 St Irene

5 St Vincent Ferrer

Feast day of the Week – Saint Francis of Paola



Francis of Paola was a man who deeply loved contemplative solitude and wished only to be the "least in the household of God." Yet, when the Church called him to active service in the world, he became a miracle-worker and influenced the course of nations.

After accompanying his parents on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, he began to live as a contemplative hermit in a remote cave near Paola, on Italy's southern seacoast. Before he was 20, he received the first followers who had come to imitate his way of life. Seventeen years later, when his disciples had grown in number, Francis established a Rule for his austere community and sought Church approval. This was the founding of the Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi, who were approved by the Holy See in 1474.

In 1492, Francis changed the name of his community to "Minims" because he wanted them to be known as the least (*minimi*) in the household of God. Humility was to be the hallmark of the brothers as it had been in Francis's personal life. Besides the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, Francis enjoined upon his followers the fourth obligation of a perpetual Lenten fast. He felt that heroic mortification was necessary as a means for spiritual growth.

It was Francis's desire to be a contemplative hermit, yet he believed that God was calling him to the apostolic life. He began to use the gifts he had received, such as the gifts of miracles and prophecy, to minister to the people of God. A defender of the poor and oppressed, Francis incurred the wrath of King Ferdinand of Naples for the admonitions he directed toward the king and his sons.

Following the request of Pope Sixtus IV, Francis traveled to Paris to help Louis XI of France prepare for his death. While ministering to the king, Francis was able to influence the course of national politics. He helped to restore peace between France and Brittany by advising a marriage between the ruling families, and between France and Spain by persuading Louis XI to return some disputed land.

Francis died while at the French court.

The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Jos 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) **Cantor:** O taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

All: Repeat



1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. When the poor cry out, the Lord hears them and rescues them from all their distress. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Cor 5:17-21

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

All: Repeat

Cantor: I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

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

GOSPEL

Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Tuesday 2nd April	Friday 5th April	Saturday 6th April	<u>Reminders</u> Parish Pastoral Council 7.30pm Anointing of the Sick 9.00am Mass and Holy Hour 7.00pm Cenacle: Devotion to Mother Mary 11.00am
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 **We have NO 9:00am Mass at St Francis and NO 5:00pm Mass at St Vincent's Hospital on Wednesday, 3rd April 2019.** 

Devotions to St Joseph
Honouring his most Chaste Heart, **first Wednesday of the Month (3rd April)**.
After 9.00 am Mass at St Francis, Riverside, the five Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary will be recited while meditating on the joys and sorrows of St. Joseph's life. An Act of Consecration to St. Joseph will then be said.



Men's Breakfast

We invite all men from the Parish to a meeting on **Saturday 13th April** 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.
RSVP to Mark Murphy 0439 351 176 by Thursday, 11th April



Fourth Sunday of Lent
31st March 2019

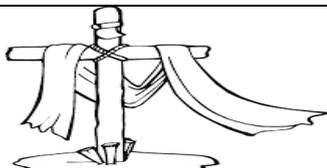




Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. The Aboriginal-controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture. They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

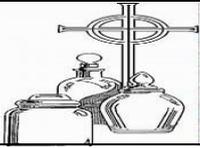
Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela.
Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

<u>Easter Mass Times (18th April – 21st April)</u>				
	<u>Holy Thursday</u> 7.00pm Mass	St Francis, Riverside	<u>Good Friday</u> 10.00am 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross, St Anthony's Catholic Primary Celebration of the Lord's Passion, St Francis, Riverside
	<u>Easter Vigil</u> 7.00pm Mass	St Francis, Riverside	<u>Easter Sunday</u> 9.00am 11.00am	St Francis, Riverside St Francis Xavier, Beaconsfield



Stations of the Cross

Will be conducted every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm
St Francis, Riverside.
Our intention is for all the victims of abuse throughout the world.
All welcome.



Chrim Mass

Will be held at St Mary's in Hobart,
Tuesday 16th April at 7.00pm.
All Parishioners are welcome.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

This year the three Parishes of Launceston will be combining to celebrate at
the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at
St Peter's, Kings Meadows on Wednesday 10th April, at 7.00pm.



Rattlotto winners: Week 3 23/3/2019

1st supplementary No. 27 Fr Martin
2nd supplementary No. 11 Bernice Fraser



Good Luck everyone for the last week!!

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:

Sandra Shields and Michael Campbell

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

Thomas Lawrence Clippingdale, Olga Hibbard, Ellen O'Neill, Nancy Breathing, Claude Haig, Mark Finn, Dinah Hall, Joseph Jancigay, Diane Kilkeary, Nicola Basalto, Kerry Tol and Aurora Talusan.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

Fr Allan Hartcher ofm, Henry Phyto, Nick Haig, Jo Moore, William Gordon, Nancy Fraser, Lyn Elliott, Maria Janson, Maria Fratangelo, Joey Visser, Neil, Jim O'Connell, Don Kelly, John McInerney, Alex Lyall, Fr Tom Chapman, Brenda Hall, Ray Porter, Rick Murfet, Anthea Maynard, Rick Waters, Andre A, Anthony A, Thea van Borkulo, Shannon Visser, Nettie Burke, Maureen Bamping, Sophie and Scott Bailey, Marina Aye, Geoff Jones, Lucius U, Pat Duffy, Maureen Symons, Ron Willis, Guy M, Gerard Mackrell, Irene Bingham, Murray Jones, Andrew, James, Matthew J, Roger Orr, Fr Richard Ross, Trevor Peters, Errol Vincent, Ann Gordon, Claire, N. MacLaine, Ben Beumer,

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 6th April	J Payne	K McInerney	E Webb, _____	K McInerney, B Harris	M Dilger, _____
Sun 7th April	P Bertoia	B Sexton	A Moolenschot, J Izbicki	S Rossler, V McMullen	J Shadbolt, _____
Sunday Counters	K McInerney, B Harris		Morning Cuppa	M & S Waters	

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

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Reconciliation

Riverside: Sat 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm

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