

# West Tamar Catholic Parish



**MASS  
TIMES**

**Riverside:**  
5.00pm Saturday  
9.00am Sunday  
9.00am Wed & Fri  
5.00pm Tues

**Beaconsfield:**  
11:00am  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month  
12.00 noon 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

**Glengarry:**  
11.00am  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sundays of the Month

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

## Third Sunday of Lent Year A, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Today's Readings

First Reading *Ex 17:3-7*

Second Reading *Rom 5:1-2, 5-8*

Gospel *Jn 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42*

*The Israelites complain to Moses in the desert.*

*Christ laid down his life for us.*

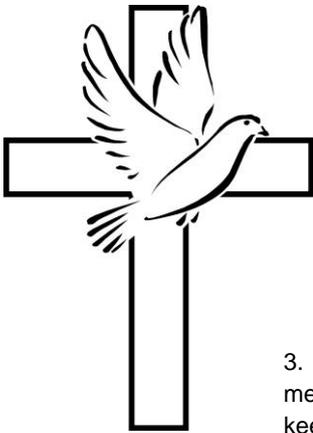
*Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well.*

### Next Week

*1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13*

*Eph 5:8-14*

*Jn 9:1-41*



## What do we need to do during Lent?

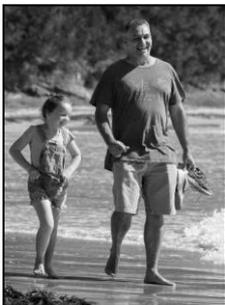
1. We need to allow Jesus free entry into our personal lives. Jesus wishes to come into our "private" life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or condemn us, but to free us, to change us, and to offer us what we really need: the living water of the Holy Spirit. Let us find this living water in the Sacraments, in prayer, and in the Holy Bible, especially during this Lenten season.
2. We need to be witnesses to Jesus as the Samaritan woman was. Let us have the courage to "be" Jesus for others, especially in those "unexpected" places for unwanted people. Let us also have the courage of our Christian convictions to stand for truth and justice in our day-to-day life.
3. We need to leave the "husbands" behind during Lent as the Samaritan woman did. Today's Gospel message challenges us to get rid of our unholy attachments and the evil habits and sinful addictions that keep us enslaved and idolatrous. Lent is our time to learn from our mistakes of over-indulgence in food, drink, drugs, gambling, promiscuity, or any other addiction that distances us from the Living Water.

Source: <https://www.cbci.in/SundayReflectionsNew.aspx?type=text>

Fr Martin Aye Ngwe

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

## Third Sunday of Lent 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020



Father of four, Barry, embodies resilience and strength. Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family. Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in a cultural healing program called Red Dust Healing. This program encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within, addressing family and personal relationships and what may be been life-long patterns of violence, abuse and neglect. Today, thanks to the Caritas support, he's an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia.**

**Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### Easter Mass Times

#### Holy Thursday

**7.00pm Mass** St Francis, Riverside

#### Easter Vigil

**7.00pm Mass** St Francis, Riverside

#### Good Friday

**10.00am** Stations of the Cross, St Anthony's Catholic Primary  
**3.00pm** Celebration of the Lord's Passion, St Francis, Riverside

#### Easter Sunday

**9.00am** St Francis, Riverside  
**11.00am** St Canice, Glengarry



# The celebration of the Word

## FIRST READING

Ex 17:3-7

### A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) Cantor:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**All:** Repeat

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R)**

## SECOND READING

Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

**All:** Repeat

**Cantor:** Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

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

## GOSPEL

Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

### From the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –

when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

**March - Feast Days this Week:**

15 St Louise de Marillac  
19 St Joseph

16 St Daniel

17 St Patrick

18 St Cyril of Jerusalem

20 St Salvator of Horta

21 St Peter Damian

**Feast day of the Week – Saint Salvator of Horta**



A reputation for holiness does have some drawbacks. Public recognition can be a nuisance at times—as the confreres of Salvator found out.

Salvator was born during Spain's Golden Age. Art, politics, and wealth were flourishing. So was religion. Ignatius of Loyola founded the Society of Jesus in 1540.

Salvator's parents were poor. At the age of 21, he entered the Franciscans as a brother and was soon known for his asceticism, humility, and simplicity. As cook, porter, and later the official beggar for the friars in Tortosa, he became well known for his charity. He healed the sick with the Sign of the Cross. When crowds of sick people began coming to the friary to see Salvator, the friars transferred him to Horta. Again, the sick flocked to ask his intercession; one person estimated that 2,000 people a week came to see Salvator. He told them to examine their consciences, go to confession, and to receive Holy Communion worthily. He refused to pray for those who would not receive those sacraments.

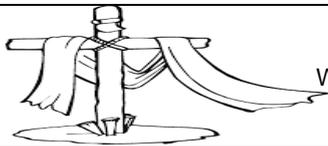
The public attention given to Salvator was relentless. The crowds would sometimes tear off pieces of his habit as relics. Two years before his death, Salvator was moved again, this time to Cagliari on the island of Sardinia. He died at Cagliari saying, "Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit."

**Reminders**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Parish Finance Committee 7.30pm

**Stations of the Cross**



Will be conducted every Friday during Lent at 6.00pm (after Benediction) at St Francis, Riverside.  
All welcome.

**Kinder 2021**

Kinder enrolments for 2021 are now open.

Enrolment forms are available on line –

<https://www.stanthonys.tas.edu.au/fees-and-levies> or from the school office.

Applications close on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020.



**Bible Study – The Gospel of Mark**

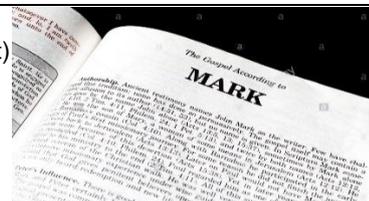
Dr. Christine Wood (Director, Office of Evangelisation and Catechesis from the Archdiocese of Hobart) will be running a Bible study on the Gospel of Mark at St Francis, Riverside.

These will be held on **Thursday nights between 6.30 – 8.30pm on March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Everyone is welcome!! You will need to bring with you your Bible, notepad and a pen.

**RSVP** to Parish Office by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February (for the first session) on 6327 3971

or [westtamar@aohtas.org.au](mailto:westtamar@aohtas.org.au)



**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination:**

**Fr John McKay** marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. Fr John warmly invites parishioners to join with him at **Mass at 7.00 pm on that day in St Finn Barr's Church**. Mass will be followed by a shared celebratory Supper. Please bring a plate of food to share.

**Ritual of Lament:**

Over the past 14 months a group of people on the North West Coast have been working together, striving to respond to the painful effects of the incidents of historical sexual abuse centred on Marist College in Burnie. Students of Marist College were drawn from many parts of Tasmania. They now live all over Tasmania, on mainland Australia and around the world. The **Seek The Truth Committee** formulated a **Ritual of Lament**, acknowledging the experience of abuse on the part of so many, to be held on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020 at 11.00am at the Rhododendron Gardens, 55 Breffny Road, Romaine**. Anyone who has been affected in any way is warmly invited and encouraged to participate in this Ritual of Lament. For more information and assistance you are encouraged to go to the following website: <https://mrc.tas.edu.au/mdos/>. Let us all continue to pray in support of victims, survivors, their families and their loved ones. This intention could well form part of our lenten penance and prayer.

**Inaugural Archdiocesan Mass for Life – Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11am**

The Inaugural Archdiocesan Mass for Life will be held at 11am on Saturday March 28, at Sacred Heart Church, New Town. Archbishop Julian Porteous will be the main celebrant. The Mass will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of Pope St John Paul II's encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* that promoted the building of a culture of life. For more information please contact Ben Smith at the Archdiocesan Office for Life, Marriage & Family on 6208 6036 or [ben.smith@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au).

**Preparation Program for the visit of the relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents Ss Louis & Zelig Martin**

To prepare for the visit of the relics on April 16 & 17, a 33 day program is being offered in the Hobart and Launceston areas. It focusses on St Therese's Little Way and her Offering to Merciful Love. The program involves a weekly meeting (60-90 minutes) and daily reading (10 minutes). A 33 day do-it-yourself version is also available to those who can't attend a group session. Programs will start in the week of March 16 and end in the week of April 20. To register your interest or for more details on this program please contact Ben Smith at the Archdiocesan Office for Life, Marriage & Family on 6208 6036 or [ben.smith@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au).

**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:**

Clifford Payne

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

Julianne Newton, Archbishop Young, Barry Brown, Daphne Connolly, Peter Shady, Kevin Enniss, Jim McMahon msc, Maria Chalupnik, Margaret McManus, Annie Norgrove, Fredrick Toms and Olive Micallef.

**We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:**

Don Keily, Adelynde, Jenny Bruni, Fr Allan Hartcher ofm, Henry Phyo, Jo Moore, William Gordon, Nancy Fraser, Lyn Elliott, Maria Janson, Neil, Jim O'Connell, 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, 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, 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**

	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Commentators</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Collectors</b>
<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	R Symons	M Murphy	J Payne, S Clive	E Davis, S Clive	M Dilger, T Foley
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b>	D Kapper	D Kapper	D Furfaro, J Izbicki	S Rossler, V McMullen	J Shadbolt, _____
<b>Sunday Counters</b>	R Midson, J Shadbolt		<b>Morning Cuppa</b>	V McMullen, H Skrzeczynski	

**Holy Hour:** every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month 6.00pm. (Reconciliation is available)

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

**Cenacle within Mass:** every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, St Francis Church, Riverside 11.00am.

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

**Gregorian chant:** every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm at St Francis Church, Riverside. Compline and Benediction every 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

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