

West Tamar Catholic Parish



**MASS
TIMES**

Riverside:
6.00pm Saturday
9.00am Sunday
5.00pm Tues, Wed, Thurs
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

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 13th September 2020

Today's Readings

First Reading Sir 27:30 – 28:7
Second Reading Rom 14:7-9
Gospel Mt 18:21-35

*Hate and anger lead to death; love and forgiveness to the kingdom.
Christ is Lord of the living and the dead.
Parable of the official who, receiving mercy, does not show it to others.*

Next Week

*Is 55:6-9
Phil 1:20-24, 27
Mt 20:1-16*



Forgiving others is a sacred duty

If God has shown mercy to us in granting us pardon for our sins, then we, in turn, must show mercy and forgiveness towards every person who has offended us. The willingness to forgive those who offend us is a sacred duty. If we expect God to pardon us and show us his mercy when we sin and disobey his commandments, then we must be willing to let go of any resentment, grievance, or ill-will we feel towards our neighbour. Jesus teaches us to pray daily for the grace and strength to forgive others in the same measure in which God has forgiven us (Matthew 6:12,14-15). If we do not show mercy and forgiveness to our fellow human beings, how can we expect God to forgive us in turn? The Apostle James says that "*judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy*" (James 2:13).

Source: https://www.dailyscripture.net/daily-meditation/?ds_year=2020&date=sep13

Fr Martin Aye Ngwe

September - Feast Days this Week:

13 St John Chrysostom
16 St Cornelius & Cyprian

14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
17 St Robert Bellarmine

15 Our Lady of Sorrows
19 St Januarius

Feast day of the Week – Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Saviour's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back

into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim. The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewellery. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Sir 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Cantor: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

All: Repeat

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R)**
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults **(R)**
4. For as the heavens are high above us so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Rom 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia! ...

All: Repeat

Cantor: I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

All: Alleluia! ...

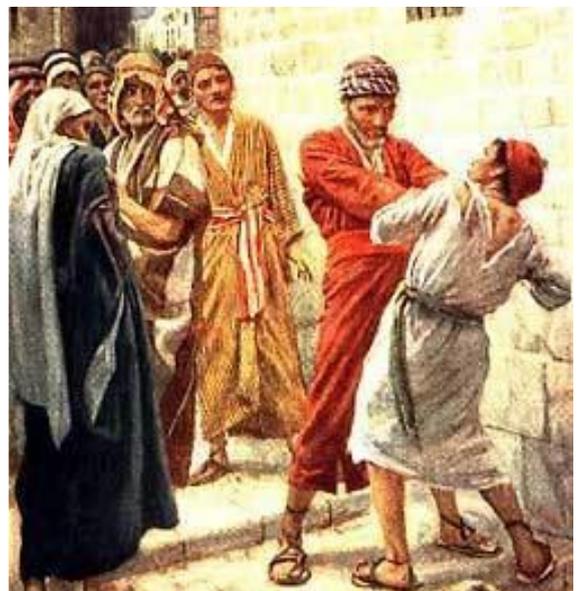
GOSPEL

Mt 18:21-35

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants



End of Life Choices Bill

Consideration of the End of Life Choices Bill being debated and voted on on the 16th September. The Documentary 'Fatal Flaws', which was shown at Emmanuelle last Friday, is free and available on line till the 15th Sept. It is very well balanced and presents both sides of the argument. If parishioners would like to view the web address is https://vimeo.com/44968149/be8835858e?fbclid=IwAR00HiXTFTHcYByvEQG0_6EV5Zh7Ef90jOnuRA5grqavV7tVO8WibB66yKQ

A Tasmanian organisation Livendiewell.org has provided on their website further information and how to write to parliamentarians by email.

<https://livendiewell.org/ten-things-to-know-about-the-tasmanian-euthanasia-bill/>

This is a really critical Bill and one that as many as possible Tasmanians should understand and if led, take action.



Prayer Resources for Individuals and Families

Even though restrictions have been eased there are still some who continue to experience social isolation. It is important for everyone to pray and stay connected to our community. A range of online resources are available to assist with this. These include daily prayers and readings, prayer services, the Sunday Office, commentaries, homilies and reflections as well as Gospel based activities and resources to support personal and family prayer. Go to: liturgyhelp.com/aus/hobart/pray and follow the prompts to access. Hopefully these resources will help create prayerful solidarity within our community and the whole Body of Christ. This is available and free of charge through Creative Ministry Resources.

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:

Elaine Mills

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

George Upham, Dorothy Gelston, Noreen Brown, Jo Becker, Sr Trish Dance, Eileen Brown, Margareet Ryman, Helen Hudson, Arnolda Van Aalst, Jennifer Dunn, Michael Midson, Marie Hunt, Anna Manger, Anna Ozanikova, John Freeman, Ted Cornish, Patrick Laverty, Kevin Towns, Fr Borgia Mould ofm, Mary Reeves, Dayle O'Neill, Kit Gargan and Felix Laverty.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

Warwick Eldridge, Mora Bligh, Andrea and Grey, Samantha Holloway, Tony & Teresa Bidgood, Paul McInerney, Adelynde, Fr Allan Hartcher ofm, Henry Phyo, Jo 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, Murray Jones, Andrew, James, Matthew J, Roger Orr, Fr Richard Ross, 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 19th Sept	R Mc Manamey	J Payne	V McMullen, S Cannell, D Kapper, L Huynh	L Huynh
Sun 20th Sept	V McMullen	M Spizzica	V McMullen, S Cannell, D Kapper, L Huynh	P Bertoia

Holy Hour: every 1st Friday of the month. 6.00pm Mass, Rosary 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.

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Reconciliation

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

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