

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
1st Sunday of the month Anointing of sick

Glengarry:
11.00am
2nd & 4th
Sundays of the Month

Additional Masses: 7.30am Thurs: Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St Launceston

Twenty – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 1st October 2023

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Cantor: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

All: Repeat

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ



It is never too late for us to repent, be converted, and allow the Holy Spirit to renew our life:

If we have been disobedient to God in our past life, we need to knock at the door of God's mercy. God can, and will, do for us what, in his mercy, He, did for the repentant tax-collectors and harlots in the parable and in real life. Hence, every night we need to repent of our sins and ask God's pardon. If we are in serious sin we also to be reconciled with God, the Church and our brothers and sisters through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in order to be able to receive Jesus Holy Communion. Let us remember that it is never too late for us to turn back to God.

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

Fr Martin Aye Ngwe



A Prayer for Healing for Sick Family and Friends

Lord Jesus, thank you that you love us. I know that you hate what this illness is doing to my loved one. I ask, in the name of Jesus, that you would heal this disease, that you would have compassion and bring healing from all sickness. Help me trust in You. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

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Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the malice and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



October - Feast Days this Week:

1 St Therese of the Child Jesus
6 St Bruno

2 The Holy Guardian Angels
7 Our Lady of the Rosary

4 St Francis of Assisi

Feast day of the Week – St Therese of the Child Jesus



"I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul."

These are the words of Thérèse of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun called the "Little Flower," who lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent of Lisieux, France. And her preference for hidden sacrifice did indeed convert souls. Few saints of God are more popular than this young nun. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, is read and loved throughout the world. Thérèse Martin entered the convent at the age of 15 and died in 1897 at the age of 24.

Life in a Carmelite convent is indeed uneventful and consists mainly of prayer and hard domestic work. But Thérèse possessed that holy insight that redeems the time, however dull that time may be. She saw in quiet suffering a redemptive suffering, suffering that was indeed her apostolate. Thérèse said she came to the Carmel convent "to save souls and pray for priests." And shortly before she died, she wrote: "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth."

Thérèse was canonized in 1925. On October 19, 1997, Pope John Paul II proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church, the third woman to be so recognized in light of her holiness and the influence of her teaching on spirituality in the Church.

Thérèse has much to teach our age of the image, the appearance, the "self." We have become a dangerously self-conscious people, painfully aware of the need to be fulfilled, yet knowing we are not. Thérèse, like so many saints, sought to serve others, to do something outside herself, to forget herself in quiet acts of love. She is one of the great examples of the gospel paradox that we gain our life by losing it, and that the seed that falls to the ground must die in order to live.

Preoccupation with self separates modern men and women from God, from their fellow human beings, and ultimately from themselves. We must re-learn to forget ourselves, to contemplate a God who draws us out of ourselves, and to serve others as the ultimate expression of selfhood. These are the insights of Saint Thérèse, and they are more valid today than ever.

Tuesday 3rd Oct
Friday 6th Oct
Saturday 7th Oct

Reminders

Parish Pastoral Council 7.30pm
Anointing of the sick 6.00pm Mass followed by Devotion to the Sacred Heart and Benediction
Cenacle: Devotion to Mother Mary 11.00am

Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi

The 4th October is the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi (the memorial of the Passing of St Francis of Assisi).
Please join us for Mass on **Wednesday 4th October at 5.00pm** at St Francis of Assisi Church, Riverside.
Please bring a plate to share after for dinner.
Please come and join with us.



Gethsemane Hours – 11pm till 3am, Thursday 5th October

West Tamar Cenacle of the Precious Blood
Praying together with Jesus for these difficult times.

The Church doors will open at 10.30pm

Would you consider offering to read? Please call Coby on 0419 376 660



Rattslotto winners: Week 4 23/9/23

1st supplementary No. 11 D Vautin
2nd supplementary No. 6 P & B Dobson



Rosary in the Park

will be held in the grounds of the Church of Apostles on **Saturday 14th October commencing at 11am**.
Please come and join in this Nationwide Public Rally for one hour to recite the Rosary and sing Hymns to honour Our Blessed Mother and ask for God's Blessing on Australia.

Please bring a chair as seating is limited.

If the weather is inclement the event will be held in the Church



Solemnity of St Teresa of Jesus

A Sung Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), the foundress of the Discalced Carmelite Order, at the Carmelite Monastery, on **Sunday 15th October at 9:30am**.

Fr Ed Travers MSC will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Morning tea will follow Mass. All welcome.

A Novena of Masses and Prayers will also be offered in preparation for the feast from 6th – 14th October. Intentions may be sent to Mother Teresa Benedicta at the Monastery by post, phone 6331 3585 or tascarmelvoc@gmail.com



6 Day Silent Retreat: Invited to Enter – a time to be still, to rest and reset, to gently contemplate the "I AM..." statements spoken by Jesus about Himself. This retreat offers daily input sessions and spiritual direction (if desired).

Facilitated by Maureen O'Halloran and Belinda Chapman. **15th – 21st October** at Emmanuel Centre Launceston, all-inclusive cost is \$800. Bookings and information, contact Maureen 0400 038 095 (or mfohalloran@bigpond.com)

Encountering Christ Retreat

Behold I Make All things New! (Rev. 21:5)

November 3-5th, at The Emmanuel Centre, Newstead TAS

Catholic women, single or married, ages 18+, are invited to a weekend of prayer, talks, silence, and fellowship, hosted by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. This retreat will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

The retreat begins Friday evening, 3 November, and concludes Sunday midday, 5 November.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be part of the retreat.

Retreatants may select overnight accommodation or day attendance only. All meals are included.

Live in retreat fee: \$300. Full retreat - Day only attendance: \$150.

Please email emmanuelcentre@ahtas.org.au to register or call (03) 6334 1082 / 0458 003 642 .



In three weeks' time, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste as they continue to provide an essential community project that addresses the gaps in care and well-being in rural communities like Venilale.

This work simply will not be possible without your support. We hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.

Envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church

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Weekend Retreat on Carmelite Spirituality an introduction to personal prayer

The Way of Perfection: St Teresa of Avila, Mystic and the First Woman Doctor of the Church will be the topic presented to us by Fr Paul Maunder, Carmelite Friar based in Sydney.

Emmanuel Centre, Friday 24th November – Sunday 26th November.

Cost of Weekend is \$300 include all meals and accommodation. Call Sandra on 6331 4991 for more information and bookings.



IT'S ON AGAIN! Join the Way to St James Pilgrimage, 13-14 January 2024, through the stunning Huon Valley in the spirit of the El Camino de Santiago (Spain). After the blessing of the traditional scallop shells, you will walk in meditative fashion in the company of others experiencing the presence of God in the beauty of nature. Please register your interest at www.waytostjames.com.au

'No, no, no, no ... Y-yes!'

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.



A reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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

Peter Knight

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

Marian Izbicki, Max Antel, Reginald Foley, Bob Scott-Young, John Chandler, Rose Mason, Keith Martin, Shirley Finn, Alwyn McCormack, Christopher Goulding ofm, Theresia Zegveld, Germaine Simone Figon, Norah Woolley, James O Keefe, Sr Barbara Hateley mss and Michael Fitzpatrick.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

Denis Owens, Irene La Palombara, Ngoc Thu Duong, Quoc An Phan, Joan Worth, Barry Symons, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Eleanor Cameron, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Phil McCormack, Alida Moolenschot, Stephanie Rossler, Elena Bertoia, Karen Gee, Alex Lyall, Louis Rossler, Janine, Warwick Eldridge, Mora Bligh, Andrea and Grey, Samantha Holloway, Tony & Teresa Bidgood, Paul McInerney, Adelynde, Henry Phyo, William Gordon, Lyn Elliott, Neil, Patricia & John McInerney, Fr Tom Chapman, Ray Porter, Andre A, Anthony A, Thea van Borkulo, Maureen Bamping, Sophie and Scott Bailey, Marina Aye, Geoff Jones, Lucius U, 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

Sat 7th Oct

Sun 8th Oct

Readers

J Payne

H Russnak

Commentators

D Brown

G McLachlan

Servers

A Linnemans

P Bertoia

Rosary: Every Monday 5.00 – 5.30pm St Francis, Riverside

Holy Hour: every 1st Friday of the month. 6.00pm Mass, Devotion to the Sacred Heart and Benediction

Anointing of the sick: every 1st Friday of the month during 6.00pm 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: Monday - Sunday at 7.30am

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

399 West Tamar Hwy, Riverside

St Francis Xavier Church

190 Weld Street, Beaconsfield

St Canice Church

33 Glengarry Road, Glengarry

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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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