

# West Tamar Catholic Parish



**MASS  
TIMES**

**Riverside:**

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

**Beaconsfield:**

11:00am  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month Anointing of sick

**Glengarry:**

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

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

**Second Sunday of Advent Year B, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11**

*Prepare the way for the Lord.*

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(R.) Cantor:** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

**All:** Repeat

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING**

**2 Peter 3:8-14**

*We wait for new heavens and a new earth.*

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,

and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:1-8**

*Make straight the paths of the Lord.*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

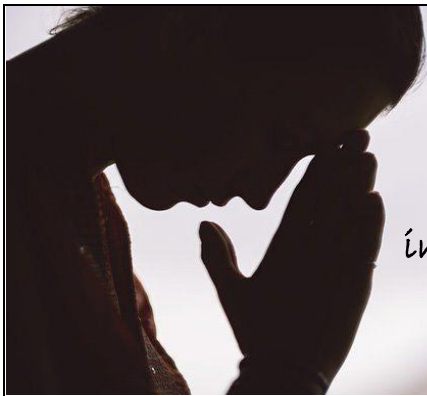


## Homecoming of Christ

Homecoming is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the Second Sunday of Advent. All three readings focus on the absolute necessity of our getting ready for Christ's "Homecoming" into our hearts and lives by true repentance, reparation, prayer, and the renewal of our lives. They also remind us that the past coming of Jesus 2000 years ago, the present daily coming of Jesus into our lives through the Eucharistic celebration, through the Scriptures, and through the praying community, and his future coming (the *Second Coming*) are actually the fulfillment of God's saving plan for us all, from all eternity.

Source: <http://frtonyshomilies.com/advent-ii-dec-6-2020-sunday/>

Fr Martin Aye Ngwe



Please keep  
Fr Martin  
in your prayers

### 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.



## Second Sunday of Advent

For each Sunday of Advent we take our focus for the wreath from our Advent traditions. Like the people of the Old Testament we live in hope for the fullness of the revelation of Christ the Messiah when he comes in glory to judge the living and the dead.

### Blessing of the wreath:

**Priest:** May this sprinkling of the waters of baptism remind us of our first sharing in grace that we may prepare for the Lord's coming among us today and be ready for his second coming.

*The second candle is lit.*

Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah who described you as a 'shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms'. The Plenary Council invites us to be a Humble, Healing and Merciful community. Like the shepherd may we be people with arms outstretched in love.

**Cantor:** Come, Lord Jesus      **All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lord Jesus, you will come again. St Peter reminds us to live holy and saintly lives while we wait and long for the Day of God to come. Waiting can be filled with anxiety. The unexpected can be frightening. Help us to live in the Spirit always.

**Cantor:** Come, Lord Jesus      **All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lord Jesus, you call us to baptism in the Holy Spirit. Be with us as we 'Listen to what the Spirit is saying' throughout the journey of the Plenary Council.

**Cantor:** Come, Lord Jesus      **All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever..

**All: Amen**



**December - Feast Days this Week:**

11 St Damasus

12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

13 St Lucy

14 St John of the Cross

**Saint Damasus I's Story**



To his secretary Saint Jerome, Damasus was "an incomparable person, learned in the Scriptures, a virgin doctor of the virgin Church, who loved chastity and heard its praises with pleasure." Damasus seldom heard such unrestrained praise. Internal political struggles, doctrinal heresies, uneasy relations with his fellow bishops and those of the Eastern Church marred the peace of his pontificate.

The son of a Roman priest, possibly of Spanish extraction, Damasus started as a deacon in his father's church, and served as a priest in what later became the basilica of San Lorenzo in Rome. He served Pope Liberius (352-366) and followed him into exile.

When Liberius died, Damasus was elected bishop of Rome; but a minority elected and consecrated another deacon, Ursinus, as pope. The controversy between Damasus and the antipope resulted in violent battles in two basilicas, scandalizing the bishops of Italy. At the synod that Damasus called on the occasion of his birthday, he asked them to approve his actions. The bishops' reply was curt: "We assembled for a birthday, not to condemn a man unheard." Supporters of the antipope even managed to get Damasus accused of a grave crime—probably sexual—as late as A.D. 378. He had to clear himself before both a civil court and a Church synod.

As pope, his lifestyle was simple in contrast to other ecclesiastics of Rome, and he was fierce in his denunciation of Arianism and other heresies. A misunderstanding of the Trinitarian

terminology used by Rome threatened amicable relations with the Eastern Church, and Damasus was only moderately successful in dealing with that challenge.

During his pontificate, Christianity was declared the official religion of the Roman state, and Latin became the principal liturgical language as part of the pope's reforms. His encouragement of Saint Jerome's biblical studies led to the Vulgate, the Latin translation of Scripture which 12 centuries later the Council of Trent declared to be "authentic in public readings, disputations, preaching."



**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 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm** at St Francis, Riverside.

**New members are always welcome.**

For more information please contact Robert 0428 745 155 or Jo 0408 947 450.

*West Tamar Parish Christmas Mass Times*



**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

6.00pm St Francis, Riverside

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

9.00am St Francis, Riverside  
11.00am St Canice, Glengarry  
6.00pm St Francis, Riverside

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

9.00am St Francis, Riverside  
11.00am St Francis Xavier, Beaconsfield

**Calling all Angels & Shepherds**  
**St Francis Church, Riverside, Christmas Eve**

**NATIVITY PLAY**

Once again we are calling all children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces and kids next door to take part in the Nativity Play at the Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December.

For those who are interested, please meet in the Church hall after Saturday nights Mass or Sunday morning Mass (depending on which you attend).

Further dates and times will be organized from there.

All children are welcome to take part in our Christmas play.

Those wishing to participate, but cannot make Mass this weekend please contact:

Angela Lincoln 0437 100 413 as soon as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you!



**New Years Day Mass**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

We will be having Mass on this day at **5.00pm**  
All welcome.





# Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

## ADVICE ON HOW TO DONATE:

- A reply paid envelope is on your seat – please fill out and return to your Vinnies Member
- Scan the QR Code on the poster provided
- Alternatively, return your envelope and enclosed donation by post
- You can donate online at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness-tas>
- Your call to donate would be welcome by phoning us on 13 18 12
- Gifts (including the gift of new, unwrapped toys) can be made in any of our Vinnies Stores statewide
- Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible

## Christmas and Thanksgiving Dinner

All staff, Parish Finance Committee members, Pastoral Council members and volunteers (Ministers, Servers, Greeters, readers, musicians etc) are invited to a Christmas and Thanksgiving dinner to be held on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6.30pm.**

Please come to the Riverside Hall and enjoy the delights of Fr Martin's cooking.

RSVP sheets are in the Narthex of each church.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!  
BYO all drinks. Partners welcome.



## Parishioners Christmas Gathering

All parishioners are invited to a Christmas gathering be held on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.00pm after Mass.**



Please bring a plate of finger food to share

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

BYO all drinks.

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

Jeff Jansen, Wladyslaw Grygencza, Terry Waters, Beryl Campbell, Jack Blackwell, Matthew Sturzaker, Mary Worley, Archbishop Eric D'Arcy, Mary Barker, June James, Michael Carroll, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Fr Bill Egan, Peter Symons, Gwen Deane, Robert Carrick, John Shields, Joy Marshall, Mollie Manion and Celin Aye (Fr Martin's mother)

### 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, 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 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Readers

R McManamey

D Kapper

### Commentators

A Lincoln

P Bertoia

### Servers

M Murphy

M Thomas

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

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

**Anointing of the sick:** every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month during 6.00pm Mass at St Francis Church, Riverside.

**Cenacle within Mass:** every 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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

### Parish Priest

Fr Martin Aye Ngwe

The Presbytery, 399 West Tamar Hwy, Riverside, 7250

### Parish Secretary & Safe Community Co-Ord

Jenelle Gillies

Tues & Thurs 9am – 1.30pm

Friday 9am – 11.30am

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### Reconciliation

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

### Archdiocesan website:

[www.hobart.catholic.org.au](http://www.hobart.catholic.org.au)

### Secular Franciscan Order

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