

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B, 10th March 2024

FIRST READING

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Cantor: Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

All: Repeat

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. **(R.)**
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **(R.)**
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand be withered. **(R.)**
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
to praise the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

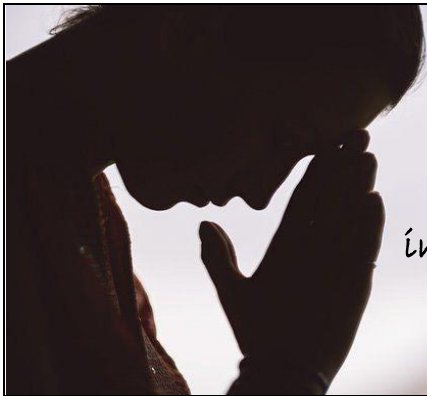


We need to love the cross

We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love: As a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation, the crucifix invites us to more than simple generosity and compassion. It inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image, and carry our own daily cross with joy, while helping others to carry their heavier crosses. We need to reciprocate God's love by loving others. God's love is unconditional, universal, forgiving, and merciful. Let us try to make an earnest attempt to include these qualities in sharing our love with others during Lent.

Source: <http://frtonyshomilies.com/len-iv-match-14th-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.



Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday 28th March
7.00pm Mass St Francis, Riverside

Good Friday 29th March
10.00am Stations of the Cross, St Anthony's Catholic Primary
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, St Francis, Riverside

Easter Vigil 30th March
7.00pm Mass St Francis, Riverside

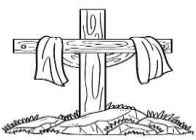
Easter Sunday 31st March
9.00am St Francis, Riverside
11.00am St Francis Xavier, Beaconsfield



2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Thursday 21st March at 7.00pm
at St Francis Church, Riverside

Reconciliation
Will be held **every** Friday during Lent from 5.15pm before the 6pm Mass at St Francis, Riverside.
All welcome.

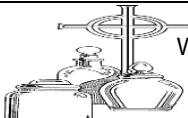
Stations of the Cross
Will be conducted **every** Friday during Lent after the 6pm Mass at St Francis, Riverside.
All welcome.



Chrism Mass

Will be held at St Mary's in Hobart, **Tuesday 26th March at 6.00pm**. All Parishioners are welcome.

**As a result, there will be
NO MASS at St Francis, Riverside on this day.**





Day of Mercy

Friday 22nd March

Lent is a penitential season. It began with a call to conversion and faith as the ashes were placed on foreheads on Ash Wednesday.

This is the time for examining the quality of our Christian life and growing closer to God.

The culmination of the Lenten disciplines is making a good confession prior to Easter.

Reconciliation will be available on this day between

11am – 12 noon

2pm – 3pm

5.15pm – 5.45pm

Adoration will be as normal



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 14th March 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.

PLEASE HELP!



One of our Northern parishioners has had a fall while away. Her family is either interstate or overseas. She is always thinking of others and now it's our turn to think of her. Let's make life easier on her and her husband by providing meals so she can focus on getting better!

If you would like to help please let me know so that I can get a roster going. I am happy to take meals out once a week.

Think about lunches, dinners and maybe some baked goods.

We are looking for a consistent supply of meals over the next month. We don't want to send too much as they may not be able to use it all.

Give me a call during my work hours (see at the bottom of last page) to arrange your time to contribute.

Many thanks in advance, Jenelle.

Dearest Fr Martin, Mark, members of the Pastoral Council and Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your wishes and prayers.

You have all been instrumental in my growth as a young priest and for this, I am immensely grateful.

I see St John's Parish, Richmond as the fruit of your prayers because I am thoroughly enjoying my stay here. I now have the grace to do what I love most just as I did when I was with you. Richmond parish has given me the opportunity to drive a bit more in the country (Sorrel, Triabunna and Koonya). The people are very welcoming and I have never stopped mentioning the West Tamar parish in some of my discussions with my parishioners.

My greatest thanks goes to my big brother, Fr Martin and you, the leaders of the community.

Know that you are always in my mind when I stand at the table of Our Beloved Lord.

Please remember me too in your prayers.

Thank you once again.

With love and prayers,

Fr Fidelis Udousoro



Invitation to join the New Adoration Roster

Eucharistic adoration is spending time with Jesus who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Jesus wants us so much to be with Him during Adoration.

It is not for the prayers you might say, but for what He has to give you.

By being present during Adoration we become what God wants us to be.

Like a magnet, Jesus draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

If you would like to join us for an hour every week on a Friday please contact Angela and leave a message on 0437 100 413 or speak to Fr Martin.



Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.

Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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

Fr Terry Yard

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

Bill Zeeman, Florence Smith, Alan Brown, Willaim Burke, Patrick Aherne, Edith Power, Bill Nowakowski, Marian Zazula, Philip Coleman, Lawrence O'Keefe, Jack Hunt, John Holehan, Joy Foley, Bill Foggo, Julieanne Newton, Archbishop Young and Barry Brown.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

Ellen Bortolot, 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

Next Week's Roster

Sat 16th Mar

Sun 17th Mar

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 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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Reconciliation

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

Archdiocesan website:

www.hobart.catholic.org.au

Secular Franciscan Order

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