

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

Thirty – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 12th November 2023

FIRST READING

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Cantor: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

All: Repeat

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary. to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ



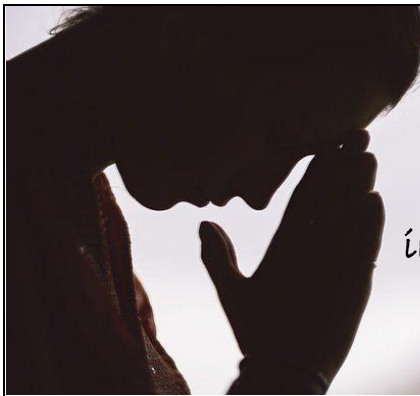
Are we ready for these events?

This Sunday's readings bring the usual warnings about preparation for the end of our own world, the end of our own time and our passage to another world. They tell us that a searching, watching, and growing heart is essential for a lively, dynamic Faith in God. They challenge us to check whether we are ready for these events and how we are preparing for them.

We need to be wise enough to remain ever prepared: Wise Christians find Jesus in the most ordinary experiences of daily living — in the people they meet, the events that take place, and the situations in which they find themselves, and they carefully make their daily choices for God. They are ready to put the commandment of love into practice by showing kindness, mercy and forgiveness.

Source: <http://frtonyshomilies.com/o-t-32-november-8-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.



12 St Josaphat
16 St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude

November - Feast Days this Week:
13 St Frances Xavier Cabrini, St Didacus
17 St Elizabeth of Hungary

15 St Albert the Great

Feast day of the Week – Saint Albert the Great's Story



Albert the Great was a 13th-century German Dominican who decisively influenced the Church's stance toward Aristotelian philosophy brought to Europe by the spread of Islam.

Students of philosophy know him as the master of Thomas Aquinas. Albert's attempt to understand Aristotle's writings established the climate in which Thomas Aquinas developed his synthesis of Greek wisdom and Christian theology. But Albert deserves recognition on his own merits as a curious, honest, and diligent scholar.

He was the eldest son of a powerful and wealthy German lord of military rank. He was educated in the liberal arts. Despite fierce family opposition, he entered the Dominican novitiate.

His boundless interests prompted him to write a compendium of all knowledge: natural science, logic, rhetoric, mathematics, astronomy, ethics, economics, politics, and metaphysics. His explanation of learning took 20 years to complete. "Our intention," he said, "is to make all the aforesaid parts of knowledge intelligible to the Latins."

He achieved his goal while serving as an educator at Paris and Cologne, as Dominican provincial, and even as bishop of Regensburg for a short time. He defended the mendicant orders and preached the Crusade in Germany and Bohemia.

Albert, a Doctor of the Church, is the patron of scientists and philosophers.

Dear Parishioners,

Please wish Fr Martin a happy and blessed birthday this Sunday!!!

Next week Fr Martin will be on retreat Monday through to Friday.

As a result there will be **NO 5.00pm weekday Masses** 13th – 17th November. 6.00pm Friday Mass will be as normal.



First Holy Communion this Saturday during the 6.00pm Mass

A Prayer for our First Holy Communion Candidates

Please pray for our parishioners as they receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion this weekend.

Lord Jesus,

Bless the candidates coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this Sacred Sacrament.

Amen.



Mission Stall

We once again thank our wonderful helpers behind our Mission Stall.

Make sure you grab your favourites and support the missions.

All donations will make the stall a success.

Our next stall will be held NEXT weekend

Saturday and Sunday the 18th & 19th November.



CENACLE and MASS

Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm

Fr Donal McIlraith (SSC) and Fr Luca Pescatori (International Director of the Marian Movement of Priests) will be celebrating Cenacle and Mass at St Francis, Riverside.

All parishioners are welcome to participate in this special occasion.

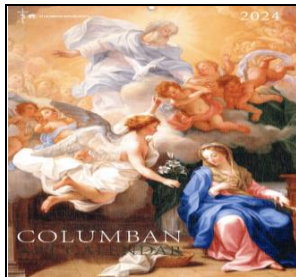
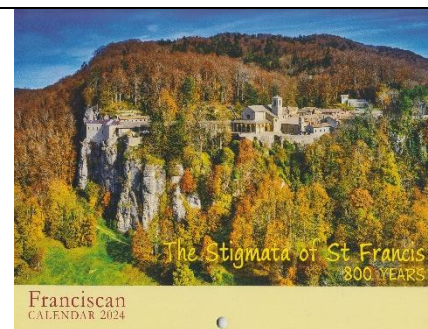
NO 5pm Mass on that day.

Franciscan Calendar 2024

The *Franciscan Calendar* features 'The Stigmata of St Francis'.

Eight centuries ago in 1224, two years before his death, Francis Bernardone of Assisi sought out a place of solitude on Mount La Verna, a high mountain in the Apennines about 100km from Assisi. He wished to make a forty-day fast in honour of St Michael the Archangel. He asked a friar companion to open the book of the Gospels randomly because he knew that, by doing so, God's will would be revealed to him. On each of the three occasions, it opened at the Passion. In a later biography by St Bonaventure, he tells us that "Francis then understood that he must become like Christ in the distress and agony of His passion before he himself left the world, just as he tried to be like Christ in all that he did during his life."

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2024 Columban Calendars

The **2024 Columban Art Calendar** is now available in the foyer of the Church for **\$11.00**.

When you purchase the calendar, you are participating in God's Mission and assisting Columbans in meeting the needs of the poor.

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its

traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries.

2024 marks the 102nd edition.

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.



Masses have been requested and will be offered for these souls during November:

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| Lahiff Family | Turner Family | Heffernan family | Cherry family |
| Izbicki Family | Grygencza Family | Kaczmarek Family | Szoka Family |
| Soroka Family | Lebski Family | Marculewicz Family | Borkowski Family |
| Dnorniczak Family | Wisniewski Family | Gabiniewicz Family | Cibik Family |
| Payne family | Tahusan family | Sia family | Webb family |
| Plaza family | Clark family | Antel family | Fox family |
| Quinn family | | | |

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| The Lonely | The Sick | The Unloved |
| | The Holy Souls in Purgatory | |

The Hour and the Time

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

A reflection by Fr Michael Tate



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

Paul Bonner, Sally McNeil, Ted Gillies, Fr Patrick McCormick ofm, Sr Patricia Burford RSJ, Brian Hoare, Daphne Whitmore, James Hunter, Fr Peter Fraser ofm, Thomas Strange, Leo Foley, Peggy Woodland, Harold Woodland, Bernard Woodland, Wladyslawa Majewski, James Griffin, Vivian McGann, Rosa Napolitano, Joe Stolp and Simon Gillies.

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 18th Nov

Sun 19th Nov

Readers

R McManamey

M Cherry

Commentators

J Payne

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.

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

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