

# 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

**Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(R.) Cantor:** Create a clean heart in me, O my God.

**All: Repeat**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING**

**Hebrews 5:7-9**

*He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

**GOSPEL**

**John 12:20-33**

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**



## The importance of Self-sacrificing Spirit

Today's Gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are possible only by the death of the self through obedience, suffering and service. Salt gives its taste by dissolving in water. A candle gives light by having its wick burned and its wax melted. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by transforming a grain of sand through a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had. Let us pray that we may acquire this self-sacrificing spirit, especially during Lent.

Source: <http://frtonyshomilies.com/len-v-sunday-march-21-2021/>

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.



17 St Patrick  
20 St Salvator of Horta

### March - Feast Days this Week:

18 St Cyril of Jerusalem  
21 St Peter Damian  
23 St Turibius de Mogrovejo

19 St Joseph  
22 St Nicholas Owen

## Easter Mass Times

**Holy Thursday** 28<sup>th</sup> March  
**7.00pm Mass** St Francis, Riverside

**Good Friday** 29<sup>th</sup> 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** 30<sup>th</sup> March  
**7.00pm Mass** St Francis, Riverside

**Easter Sunday** 31<sup>st</sup> March  
**9.00am** St Francis, Riverside  
**11.00am** St Francis Xavier, Beaconsfield

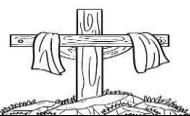


### 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm at St Francis Church, Riverside

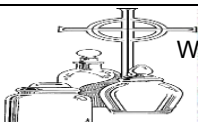
### Reconciliation

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 26<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm**. All Parishioners are welcome.

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

### The Annunciation of the Lord

Mass will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 5.00pm  
St Francis Church, Riverside



### Day of Mercy

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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



### Palm Sunday (24<sup>th</sup> March)

Parishioners are asked to bring their own branch or Palm frond to the Palm Sunday Masses.

Please meet **in front of the hall** for the start of Palm Sunday Masses (both Vigil and Sunday)



### Holy Land Collection – GOOD FRIDAY

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Whilst life in the Holy Land is returning to some new sense of normality (as is the rest of the world) the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2022 Australian Catholics

were extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land \$1.4 million.

The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday.

Thank you.



### Divine Mercy Sunday

The world needs Divine Mercy.

Please come along to the St Francis Church, Riverside  
**Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> At 3.00 pm**

Reconciliation will be available from 2.00pm onwards.



### Kindergarten Enrolments 2025

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2025.

The expression of interest form is available on our website under the enrolments tab for anyone that isn't already a part of our school community.

Siblings and others that are attending Early Learning or Set Up are welcome to fill out the form also.

# 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.

### Partnership in action



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

### Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

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

#### ***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:***

Daphne Connolly, Peter Shady, Grazia Acquarola, Kevin Enniss, Jim McMahan msc, Maria Chalupnik, Margaret McManus, Maureen Murphy, Annie Norgrove, Frederick Toms, Olive Micallef, Illarion Strishko, Don Kiely, Florence Upham and Greg Hetherington.

#### ***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 Phyto, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar**

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Mar**

#### **Readers**

J Payne

M Cherry

#### **Commentators**

R Symons

H Russnak

#### **Servers**

M Murphy

P Bertoia

**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)

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**St Francis Xavier Church**  
190 Weld Street, Beaconsfield  
**St Canice Church**  
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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)

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