

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 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 19th November 2023

FIRST READING

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Cantor: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

All: Repeat

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;

my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness,

to place my hope in God the Lord.

GOSPEL

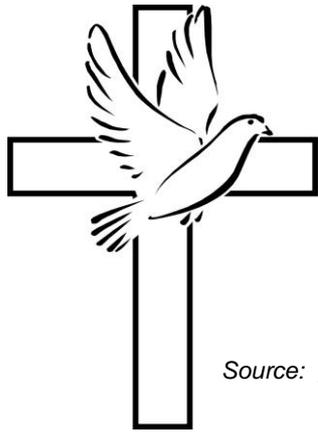
Matthew 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ



Are we aware of ourselves?

This penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year reminds us, not only of the end of the liturgical year, but also of the end of all things and of the preparations we need to make to reach Heaven. The main theme of the three readings is an invitation to live in such a way that we make the best use of the talents God has given us, so that at the hour of our death Our Lord will say: "Well done, my good and faithful servant!... Come and share the joy of your master" Matthew 25: 21).

Source: <http://frtonyshomilies.com/o-t-33-nov-15th-sunday-homily/>

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.



November - Feast Days this Week:

19 St Agnes of Assisi
23 St Columban, St Clement I

21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24 St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

22 St Cecilia
25 St Catherine of Alexandria

Feast day of the Week – St Cecilia

The story of St. Cecilia is not without beauty or merit. She is said to have been quite close to God and prayed often.

In the city of Rome there was a virgin named Cecilia, who came from an extremely rich family and was given in marriage to a youth named Valerian. She wore sackcloth next to her skin, fasted, and invoked the saints, angels, and virgins, beseeching them to guard her virginity. During her wedding ceremony she was said to have sung in her heart to God and before the consummation of her nuptials, she told her husband she had taken a vow of virginity and had an angel protecting her. Valerian asked to see the angel as proof, and Cecilia told him he would have eyes to see once he travelled to the third milestone on the Via Appia (Appian Way) and was baptized by Pope Urbanus.

Following his baptism, Valerian returned to his wife and found an angel at her side. The angel then crowned Cecilia with a chaplet of rose and lily and when Valerian's brother, Tibertius, heard of the angel and his brother's baptism, he also was baptized and together the brothers dedicated their lives to burying the saints who were murdered each day by the prefect of the city, Turcius Almachius. Both brothers were eventually arrested and brought before the prefect where they were executed after they refused to offer a sacrifice to the gods.

As her husband and brother-in-law buried the dead, St. Cecilia spent her time preaching and in her lifetime was able to convert over four hundred people, most of whom were baptized by Pope Urban.

Cecilia was later arrested and condemned to be suffocated in the baths. She was shut in for one night and one day, as fires were heaped up and stoked to a terrifying heat - but Cecilia did not even sweat.

When Almachius heard this, he sent an executioner to cut off her head in the baths.

The executioner struck her three times but was unable to decapitate her so he left her bleeding and she lived for three days.

Crowds came to her and collected her blood while she preached to them or prayed. On the third day she died and was buried by Pope Urban and his deacons.

St. Cecilia is regarded as the patroness of music, because she heard heavenly music in her heart when she was married, and is represented in art with an organ or organ-pipes in her hand.

Officials exhumed her body in 1599 and found her to be incorrupt, the first of all incorrupt saints. She was draped in a silk veil and wore a gold embroidered dress. Officials only looked through the veil in an act of holy reverence and made no further examinations. They also reported a "mysterious and delightful flower-like odour which proceeded from the coffin."

St. Cecilia's remains were transferred to Cecilia's titular church in Trastevere and placed under the high altar.



Reminders
Wednesday 22nd November Parish Finance Committee



New Rosters
 for Readers, Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters/ Cleaners and Senior Servers are available in the foyer or have been emailed to you.
 Thank you to all the volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents.

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 People card
 the Parish



Thank you to all our volunteers who have completed the Code of Behaviour or process of updating your Police checks or Working with Vulnerable

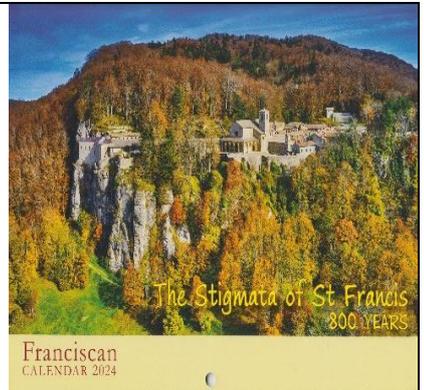
Once you have received these documents could you please forward a copy to Office.

Point of Interest
SACRISTY REGISTER

This register is for those volunteering as Servers and junior servers. You will need to sign in and out every time you participate in the Mass. For those children participating, we ask that a parent or guardian sign them in and out.

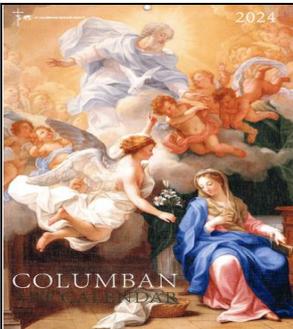
Franciscan Calendar 2024

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 | Grygiencza 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 | Moolenschot family | Burger Families | Shields Family. |
| Nieuwhof Family | Basalto family | McCrostie Family | Lourey Family |
| Simes family | Duncan Family | Stolp Family | Franciscan Family |
| Butler family | Reilly family | | |

The Lonely

The Sick

The Unloved

The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Befriending Time

God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of *omission* – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar:

'There is a tide in the affairs of men
which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
omitted, all the voyage of their life
is bound in stillness and in miseries.'

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master's happiness.'



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

Lee Walters, Belle Knight, Kaye Russell, Lorna Capps, Barry Haworth, Ita Carrick, Peter McKay, Hugh Quigley, Mary Griffin, Michael Visser, Les Woolley, Charles Thompson, Fr John Peter Joseph, Peter McMullen, Tas Walters, Vito Basalto, Mary Midson, Michal Grygencza, Ron Fraser and Anthony Mithen.

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 25th Nov

Sun 26th Nov

Readers

K McInerney

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R McManamey

J Perry

Servers

A Linnemans

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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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Reconciliation

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

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