

# 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 Lent Year B, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18**

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(R.) Cantor:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**All: Repeat**

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **(R.)**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the name of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 8:31-34**

*God did not spare his own Son.*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 9:2-10**

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**



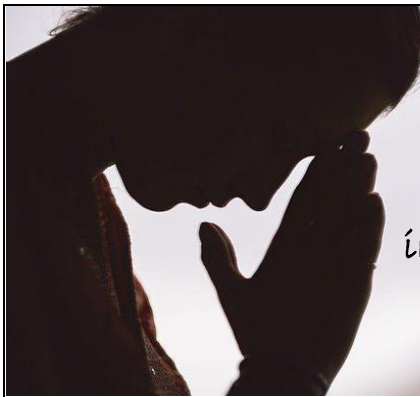
## Every sacrament we receive transforms our lives:

Baptism transforms us into children of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation transforms us to brave witnesses of and warriors for Christ. Reconciliation transforms sinners to saints.

The “transfiguration” in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength: In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar are transformed into the crucified and risen, living body and blood of Jesus by transubstantiation. Just as Jesus’ transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. In addition, our Holy Communion with the living Jesus should be the source of our daily “transfiguration,” transforming our minds and hearts so that we may do more good, by humble and selfless service to others.

Source: <http://frtonyshomilies.com/lent-ii-february-28-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

7.00pm Mass St Francis, Riverside

### Good Friday

10.00am  
3.00pm

Stations of the Cross, St Anthony’s Catholic Primary  
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion, St Francis, Riverside

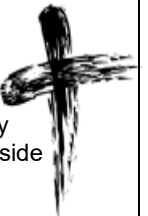
### Easter Vigil

7.00pm Mass St Francis, Riverside

### Easter Sunday

9.00am  
11.00am

St Francis, Riverside  
St Francis Xavier, Beaconsfield



## LENT IS COMING

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

**Ash Wednesday** is on February 14 (Valentine’s Day)

Lent lasts 40 days (excluding Sundays)

The three pillars of Lent are: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (one primary meal and two lesser meals) and abstinence from meat.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

## 5 tips to help you live liturgically this season

**THINGS TO DO DURING LENT**

- DO AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE TO SEE HOW YOU CAN ELIMINATE SIN IN YOUR LIFE
- READ OR LISTEN TO THE DAILY READINGS, TAKE THESE WORDS TO HEART
- ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON ASH WEDNESDAY & EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
- STAY CLOSE TO THE SACRAMENTS! ATTEND WEEKDAY MASS & GO TO CONFESSION
- ADD SOMETHING NEW TO YOUR PRAYER ROUTINE LIKE PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### Reminders

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Anointing of the sick 6.00pm Mass followed by the Holy Rosary and ending with Benediction.  
Cenacle: Devotion to Mother Mary 11.00am

25 Blsd Sebastian of Aparicio

### February - Feast Days this Week:

27 St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

28 Blsd Daniel Brottier

### March

1 St David of Wales

2 St Agnes of Bohemia

### Feast day of the Week – St Agnes of Bohemia

Agnes had no children of her own but was certainly life-giving for all who knew her. Agnes was the daughter of Queen Constance and King Ottokar I of Bohemia. She was betrothed to the Duke of Silesia, who died three years later. As she grew up, she decided she wanted to enter the religious life.

After declining marriages to King Henry VII of Germany and King Henry III of England, Agnes was faced with a proposal from Frederick II, the Holy Roman Emperor. She appealed to Pope Gregory IX for help. The pope was persuasive; Frederick magnanimously said that he could not be offended if Agnes preferred the King of Heaven to him.

After Agnes built a hospital for the poor and a residence for the friars, she financed the construction of a Poor Clare monastery in Prague. In 1236, she and seven other noblewomen entered this monastery. Saint Clare sent five sisters from San Damiano to join them, and wrote Agnes four letters advising her on the beauty of her vocation and her duties as abbess.

Agnes became known for prayer, obedience and mortification. Papal pressure forced her to accept her election as abbess, nevertheless, the title she preferred was "senior sister." Her position did not prevent her from cooking for the other sisters and mending the clothes of lepers. The sisters found her kind but very strict regarding the observance of poverty; she declined her royal brother's offer to set up an endowment for the monastery.



### Gethsemane Hours – 11pm till 3am, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February

#### West Tamar Cenacle of the Precious Blood

Praying together with Jesus for these difficult times.

The Church doors will open at 10.30pm

Would you consider offering to read? Please call Coby on 0419 376 660

### World Day of Prayer 2024

This is an ecumenical service celebrated in over 170 countries throughout the world and this year it has been prepared by

#### Palestine

With the theme

*'I beg you.....bear with one another in love'*

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 10.00am at St Francis, Riverside

Morning tea will follow in the hall

For more information contact Margaret Cherry 0457 575 770



World Day of Prayer

AUSTRALIA

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

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm

at 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 between

11am – 12 noon

2pm – 3pm

5.15pm – 5.45pm

on this day.

Adoration will be as normal

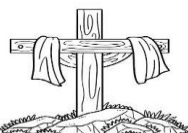


### Reconciliation

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.





**Ronita** is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

"I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

**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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

**Retreat: Pause**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March (morning) until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March (lunch).**

Cost: \$425 including accommodation, meals, prayer resources and spiritual direction.

For bookings or enquiries please contact me: Email: [belindachapman.sd@gmail.com](mailto:belindachapman.sd@gmail.com) / phone: 0418 141 171.

**Retreat - Not Perfect, but Whole: Spirituality of Imperfection Silent Retreat**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May (7pm) until Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May (3pm).**

Cost: \$350 (including accommodation, all meals, prayer resources and spiritual direction).

For bookings please contact: Phone Maureen: 0400 038 095 or Email Belinda: [belindachapman.sd@gmail.com](mailto:belindachapman.sd@gmail.com)

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

Roslyn Archer and Bronislaw Beirnat

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

Vera Green, Mollie Armstrong, Francesca Germano, Dot Munting, Richard Kompa, Peter Barker, Cliff Payne, Claude Hyde, Ralph Thurling, Patricia Mace, Paul Micallef, Phoebe Lyons, Margaret Fleming and Harry Sylvester

**We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:**

Willem Moolenschot, 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**

Next Week's Roster	Readers	Commentators	Servers
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	A Lincoln	J Payne	M Murphy
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	M Cherry	D Kapper	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)

**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

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

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