

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

Third Sunday of Lent Year B, 3rd March 2024

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Cantor: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

All: Repeat

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ



We need to avoid a calculating mentality in Divine worship:

Our relationship with God must be that of a child to his parent, one of mutual love, respect and a desire for the family's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. We are not supposed to think of God as a vending machine into which we put our sacrifices and good deeds to get back His blessings. Let us remember that we are the temples of the Holy Spirit: St. Paul reminds us that we are God's temples, body and soul, because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, or jealousy. Let us be cleansed by asking God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us love our parish Church as our "Father's house" and use it: Let us make our Church, our "Heavenly Father's house" a holier place by our active participation in the liturgy, by offering our time and talents in the various ministries and by our financial support for its maintenance and development.

Source: <http://frtonyshomilies.com/lent-iii-sunday-march-7th/>

Fr Martin Aye Ngwe



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

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

Reminders
Tuesday 6th February Parish Pastoral Council 7.30pm

NO MASSES
Tuesday and Wednesday 5th & 6th March
as Fr Martin is away.

Monthly Prayer Intentions

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer intention
March

For the new martyrs

March's prayer intention is that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

4 St Casimir

7 Ss Perpetua & Felicity

8 St John of God

9 St Frances of Rome

Saint Frances of Rome's Story

Frances' life combines aspects of secular and religious life. A devoted and loving wife, she longed for a lifestyle of prayer and service, so she organized a group of women to minister to the needs of Rome's poor.

Born of wealthy parents, Frances found herself attracted to the religious life during her youth. But her parents objected and a young nobleman was selected to be her husband.

As she became acquainted with her new relatives, Frances soon discovered that the wife of her husband's brother also wished to live a life of service and prayer. So the two, Frances and Vannoza, set out together—with their husbands' blessings—to help the poor.

Frances fell ill for a time, but this apparently only deepened her commitment to the suffering people she met. The years passed, and Frances gave birth to two sons and a daughter. With the new responsibilities of family life, the young mother turned her attention more to the needs of her own household.

The family flourished under Frances' care, but within a few years a great plague began to sweep across Italy. It struck Rome with devastating cruelty and left Frances' second son dead. In an effort to help alleviate some of the suffering, Frances used all her money and sold her possessions to buy whatever the sick might possibly need. When all the resources had been exhausted, Frances and Vannoza went door to door begging. Later, Frances' daughter died, and the saint opened a section of her house as a hospital.

Frances became more and more convinced that this way of life was so necessary for the world, and it was not long before she requested and was given permission to found a society of women bound by no vows. They simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor. Once the society was established, Frances chose not to live at the community residence, but rather at home with her husband. She did this for seven years, until her husband passed away, and then came to live the remainder of her life with the society—serving the poorest of the poor.



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



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

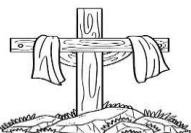
2pm – 3pm

5.15pm – 5.45pm

Adoration will be as normal

Reconciliation

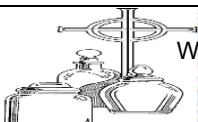
Will be held **every** Friday during Lent from 5.15pm before the 6pm Mass
at St Francis, Riverside.
All welcome.



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.



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," **Leaia said.**

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.



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.

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

Fr Terry Yard and Willem Moolenschot

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

Gwendolyn Lebski, Ted Lynch, Jeff Collinson, Keith Bullock, Eileen Hay, Florence Smith, Bernice Powell, Mick Clynes, Warren Kilkeary, Yula Beams, Damien McDermott, Athol French, Len Dix, David Ryman, Chris Cronin, Rosemary Silvestri - Van Noord and Jeanette McGann.

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 9th Mar

Sun 10th Mar

Readers

R Symons

A Cunningham

Commentators

K McInerney

J Perry

Servers

M Murphy

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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.

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

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