

# 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 in Ordinary Time Year B, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### FIRST READING

Job 7:1-4. 6-7

*I am filled with sorrow all day long.*

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) **Cantor:** Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**All:** Repeat

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

*Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.  
Alleluia!

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

### GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**



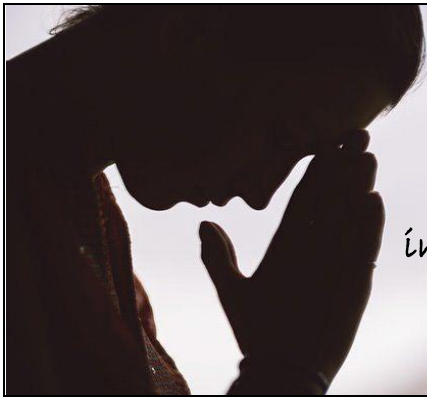
## *Faithful in the service of the Lord.*

As we have heard during today's Readings, we have different examples of how one can think spiritually versus worldly thinking. We have come to the realisation that in order to remain faithful in the service of the Lord, we must embrace a spiritual mind so that we can understand the things of God.

We have learned that no matter how hard life can be at times, by the power of the Holy Spirit and a spiritual approach, we can overcome any obstacles by the grace of God the Father in the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

We have learned of the necessity to associate with those who are spiritually minded. If we surround ourselves with those who are worldly, we will begin to think like them, suppressing our spiritual thoughts that are in harmony with the inner dwelling Spirit of Christ.

*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.



5 St Agatha

6 St Paul Miki & companions

### **February - Feast Days this Week:**

10 St Scholastica

8 St Jerome Emiliani, St Josephine Bakhita

### **Feast day of the Week – Saint Scholastica**

Twins often share the same interests and ideas with an equal intensity. Therefore, it is no surprise that Scholastica and her twin brother, Benedict, established religious communities within a few miles from each other.

Born in 480 of wealthy parents, Scholastica and Benedict were brought up together until he left central Italy for Rome to continue his studies.

Little is known of Scholastica's early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino at Plombariola, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery.

The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters.

According to the *Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great*, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close at hand and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day.

He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own Rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey.

Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Scholastica replied, "I asked a favour of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it."

Brother and sister parted the next morning after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove. Benedict then announced the death of his sister to the monks and later buried her in the tomb he had prepared for himself.



**Reminders**  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February Parish Pastoral Council 7.30pm



**Ash Wednesday Mass Times – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

9.00am	St Anthony's Catholic Primary
12.00 noon	St Francis Xavier, Beaconsfield
5.00pm	St Francis, Riverside

Monthly Prayer Intentions

**Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer intention**  
**February**

*For the terminally ill*

February's prayer intention is that the sick, "who are in the final stages of life, and their families receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment."

**There will be NO Mission Stall until mid-April!!**



**St Joseph's Conference of the St Vincent De Paul Society**

The next monthly meeting of the St Joseph's Conference of the St Vincent De Paul Society will be **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm** at St Francis, Riverside.

**New members are always welcome.**

For more information please contact Robert 0428 745 155 or Jo 0408 947 450.

**Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)**

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?

Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

**Next weekend** we will welcome to our parish an ACN speaker, Mary-Anne Johnson, who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

She will bring some religious items for sale, as well as being happy to accept donations. **Bring cash or cards!**



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Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

**Marriage Masses for the Renewal of Vows**

Will be celebrated on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2024** at the Church of the Apostles, Launceston at 10.30am. Couples celebrating Catholic Marriage milestones including couples in the early years of marriage (1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> anniversaries) are invited to RSVP to the Office of Life, Marriage and Family by emailing [rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au](mailto:rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au) or on 6208 6036.

Catholic married couples will receive a special blessing on the day from the Archbishop.



**Reflection Day**

**Servant Leadership: more than feet washing.**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February** at the Emmanuel Conference and Retreat Centre, 10am - 3pm. Facilitated by Belinda Chapman and Maureen O'Halloran.

Cost \$40.

BYO lunch (morning tea supplied).

Please book by 19<sup>th</sup> February by phone: Maureen: 0400 038 095 or email: [belindachapman.sd@gmail.com](mailto:belindachapman.sd@gmail.com) or use the QR code on the flyer in the church foyer to book online.



**Retreat: Pause**

A 3-day small group, semi-silent retreat for women in the middle years who seek a time of prayer, guidance and stillness amidst the natural transitions of life to discover the emerging call of transformation and flourishing that God is inviting you to.

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

Facilitated by Belinda Chapman. Spiritual Direction included.

Venue: Clayfield Homestead, Bishopsbourne.

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**

You are invited to discover the beauty of your imperfection and the holiness of your wholeness through a 3-day silent prayer retreat.

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

At Emmanuel Conference and Retreat Centre, 123 Abbott Street, Newstead.

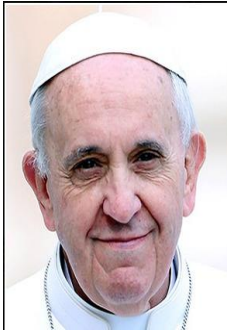
Spiritual Directors: Maureen O'Halloran & Belinda Chapman

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)

*Our Mission*



I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars. You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else.

— Pope Francis —

'Taking care of the sick of every kind', Pope Francis says, 'is an integral part of the Church's mission, as it was for Jesus.' It is our calling, he elaborates, 'to bring God's tenderness to a suffering humanity.'

Pope Francis' famous image of the 'field hospital' Church flows directly from Jesus' own mission, a mission given to the Church. Again, Pope Francis captures the essence of this Gospel succinctly. He says that 'it is a predilection of Jesus to draw near to people who suffer in both body and spirit. It is the Father's predilection, which he incarnates and manifests with deeds and words.' In reaching out to Peter's mother-in-law Jesus showed her and those around her that God was present.

In our own times and places, we are all therefore called to follow Jesus and manifest His tenderness towards those in need. In reaching out to a world in need the Church makes Jesus present.

And underlining all of this is Peter's mother-in-law. Unnamed, and unknown but for this episode, she serves as a model of Christian values. When she was down and seemingly out, Jesus helped her up. In doing so, He healed her. Then she got to work, thinking of others and seeing to their needs.

*A reflection by Nick Brodie*

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

Tadeusz Zuber, Dean Edwin Lloyd, Fr Clem Kilby, Fr Hugolin Bourke OFM, Joan Waters, Fr Peter Leonard ofm, Ken Broxton, Erica Hollingworth, Michael Clynes, Aileen Reynolds, Vincenzo Acquarola, Vera White, Lorraine Kramer, Vincent Manion, Nora Angle, Fr Frank O'Gorman, Elizabeth Holt, Lee Walters, Bruce Malcon, Norma Coleman, Sheila Ball and Pansy Kapper.

***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 10<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Readers**

K McInerney

J Perry

**Commentators**

A Lincoln

A Cunningham

**Servers**

A Linnemans

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**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

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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)

**Secular Franciscan Order**

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