

# West Tamar Catholic Parish



## MASS TIMES

### Riverside:

6.00pm Saturday  
9.00am Sunday  
5.00pm Tues & Wed  
6.00pm Friday

Additional Masses: 7.30am Thurs: Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St Launceston

### 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

## Second Sunday of Easter Year B, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### FIRST READING

**Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35**

*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) Cantor:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**All: Repeat**

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

**1 John 5:1-6**

*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

### GOSPEL

**John 20:19-31**

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

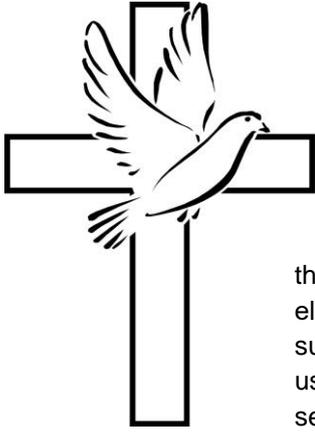
'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**



## *Always remember the mercy of God in our lives`*

We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment. 2) Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and that leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each one our loving service. The spiritual Fathers prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic faith of St. Thomas the Apostle: a) First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible. b) Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and community prayer. c) Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action."

<http://frtonyshomilies.com/easter-ii-divine-mercy-sunday-april-11-2021/>

*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.



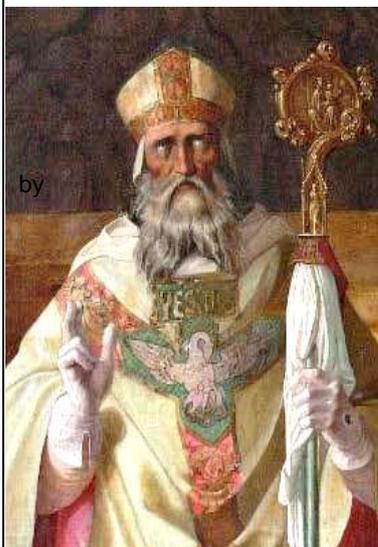
7 St John Baptist de la Salle

### April - Feast Days this Week:

11 St Stanislaus

13 St Martin 1

### Saint Martin I's Story



When Martin I became pope in 649, Constantinople was the capital of the Byzantine empire and the patriarch of Constantinople was the most influential Church leader in the eastern Christian world. The struggles that existed within the Church at that time were magnified by the close cooperation of emperor and patriarch.

A teaching, strongly supported in the East, held that Christ had no human will. Twice, emperors had officially favoured this position: Heraclius by publishing a formula of faith, and Constans II silencing the issue of one or two wills in Christ.

Shortly after assuming the office of the papacy—which he did without first being confirmed by the emperor—Martin held a council at the Lateran in which the imperial documents were censured, and in which the patriarch of Constantinople and two of his predecessors were condemned. In response, Constans II first tried to turn bishops and people against the pope.

Failing in this and in an attempt to kill the pope, the emperor sent troops to Rome to seize Martin and to bring him back to Constantinople. Already in poor health, Martin offered no resistance, returned with Calliopas, the exarch of Constantinople, and was then submitted to various imprisonments, tortures, and hardships. Although condemned to death and with some of the imposed torture already carried out, Martin was saved from execution by the pleas of a repentant Paul, patriarch of Constantinople, who was himself gravely ill.

Tortures and cruel treatment having taken their toll, Martin died shortly thereafter. He is the last of the early popes to be venerated as a martyr.



### 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 11<sup>th</sup> April 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.

### Sunday Morning Tea

Everyone is welcome to join us for morning tea on a Sunday morning after Mass in the Hall.

Come along and have a cuppa and a chat!!



### 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.



### The Annunciation of the Lord

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

### West Tamar Parish International Dinner

*You, your family & friends are invited to an international dinner.  
Would you like to cook & share one dish native to your birth place?  
Please call Coby 0419376660 asap to add your dish to the menu.*

**Entertainment provided!**

**Wear your international costume, send your national song to -  
cobyvautin@gmail.com**



**Saturday 4th May**  
**6.30pm in the**  
**Riverside church hall**  
**RSVP - 24th April**



In light of Archbishop Julian's Pastoral Initiative this year – **A Vision for Parishes – Encounter, Discipleship & Mission**, please explore [www.evangeliumproject.com](http://www.evangeliumproject.com), our new Catholic resource to help inspire us on the journey to become missionary disciples! Content is updated weekly and if you have any feedback, please email [evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au](mailto:evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au)

### Sacramental Program for 2024



#### **First Reconciliation**

will be held on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** at 6.00pm  
Workshops will be held Tuesday's 28<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm  
Student Recollection Day will be held Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June from 9.00 – 1.00pm



#### **Confirmation**

will be held on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** at 6.00pm  
Workshops will be held Tuesday's 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> August, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Sept at 6.00pm  
Student Recollection day will be held Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00 – 1.00pm



#### **First Holy Communion**

will be held on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November** at 6.00pm  
Workshops will be held Tuesday's 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November  
Student Recollection day will be Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 9.00 – 1.00pm

### Life to the Full Conference 2024

Featuring the Sisters of Life from New York City  
and Youth Mission Team Melbourne  
For high school students in Grade 7 – 12

**26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024,**

Camp Clayton, Turners Beach  
Cost \$230 includes food & accommodation  
(siblings discount available)

Further details: [youth@aohtas.org.au](mailto:youth@aohtas.org.au) or call 0448330238



# Thank You!

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024.

**Together we raised \$1186.80**

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

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:***

Douglas Oliver

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

Eric Bugg, Denny Locke, Mary Young, James Café, Sr Ona Kaukenas PBVM, Sr Helen Browne OSC, Neil Reeve, Alphonsus Moolenshot, John Sebregts, Maria Begent, Fr Anselm Stoner ofm, Antonio Bertoia, Stella Hampton and Nick Haig.

***We offer prays 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 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 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**Readers**

R Symons

P Bertoia

**Commentators**

R McManamey

D Kapper

**Servers**

M Murphy

M Thomas

**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

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Martin Aye Ngwe  
The Presbytery, 399 West Tamar Hwy,  
Riverside, 7250

**Archdiocesan website:**  
[www.hobart.catholic.org.au](http://www.hobart.catholic.org.au)

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