

West Tamar Catholic Parish



**MASS
TIMES**

Riverside:

5.00pm Saturday
9:00am Sunday
9:00am Wed & Fri
5.00pm Tues

Additional Masses: 5.00pm Wed: St Vincent's Hospital Chapel
7.30am Thurs: Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St Launceston

Beaconsfield:

11:00am
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the Month
12:00 noon 1st Friday of the month

Glengarry:

11:00am
2nd & 4th
Sundays of the Month

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A, 21st May 2017

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 *The Messiah is proclaimed and accepted in Samaria.*
Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18 *Suffer for good deeds, not evil.*
Gospel Jn 14:15-21 *Jesus promises disciples the Paraclete.*

Next Week

Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23
Mt 28:16-20

'The Father will give you another Paraclete.'

This Gospel continues from last Sunday as Jesus offers consolation to his disciples on the eve of his departure. Today we hear of the Spirit who will come to the disciples when Jesus returns to his Father. Because the Spirit will come and dwell with them, the disciples will not be left orphaned; they will not be left alone and desolate. The Spirit dwelling in the community will continue to mediate the presence of God with us.

In the OT there was no distinction between the loss of both parents and the loss of a father. To be an orphan was to be 'fatherless,' without a protector. During the Exile Israel cried out, 'We have become orphans, fatherless' (Lam 5:3). The image of the orphan hearkens back to the opening verses of John 14, which were discussed in last week's commentary: 'In my Father's household are many dwellings.' Even though the physical Jesus of Nazareth is no longer with the disciples, they are promised that the Father, Jesus and Spirit will dwell in them. They will still dwell within the Father's house/hold and so will not be left 'fatherless'.

When Jesus says, 'I live' the evangelist uses a form of the verb *zoē*. In John's Gospel this term is used to describe not just ordinary life (*bios*) but the intimate life of God which Jesus participates in and following his death, when disciples are drawn into his relationship with God, they too will have, they too 'will live'. Right now, disciples have ordinary mortal life (*bios*), but in and through Jesus they will become part of the household of God and will have eternity life (*zoē*). As this Gospel says, 'I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.' Here, before the events of the crucifixion, Jesus interprets the meaning of his death for his disciples. His death in John is called his return to the Father. Death is the means of his returning to the original glory of his being with God. But in his death, disciples become brothers and sisters and children of God.

The word 'Paraclete/Advocate' comes from the world of legal dealings. It can seem a strange word but it is the image Jesus offers to emphasise we have God on our side. The Greek word is based on the word 'to call' and so it means 'one who answers the call' or one who is called on for support – thus ad-vocate. John's community was engaged in a struggle with both the Roman world and the Jewish world where Christianity had its origins. This is the context in which Jesus speaks of the Spirit as the Advocate in these struggles. The one who will answer their call, who will help and offer support.

Today, our context is different but we still have much to struggle with in a society that no longer lives out and publicly espouses Gospel values. We still need the Spirit to be on our side as we struggle to live as Jesus lived; we still need the Spirit of truth to offer guidance and counsel as we struggle with the complex moral issues raised in our times. The Gospel still needs to be given a voice through the example and words of Christian men and women supported by our Advocate, the Spirit of truth.



A reflection by Mary Coloe

The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1



(R.) Cantor: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
All: Repeat

1. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R)**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing praise to your name!
Come and see the works of the Lord,
tremendous are his deeds among his people. **(R)**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R)**
4. Come and hear, all you who fear the Lord.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R)**



SECOND READING

1 Pt 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia! ...

All: Repeat



Cantor: All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.

All: Alleluia! ...

GOSPEL

Jn 14:15-21

From the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You,
Lord Jesus Christ**

Processional:

Refrain:

***In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.***

1. Christ our star, our map, our road,
to the father's high abode.
2. Christ our bread along the way;
Christ our rescue when we stray.
3. Christ our shelter, Christ our friend,
our beginning and our end.
4. Christ our hope and our reward;
Our redeemer and our Lord.

Recessional:

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. Glory to God who does wondrous things
let all the people God's praises now sing,
all of creation in splendour shall ring:
Alleluia! (**Refrain**)
2. See how salvation for all has been won
up from the grave our new life has begun
life now perfected in Jesus, the Son:
Alleluia! (**Refrain**)
3. Now in our presence the Lord will appear,
shine in the faces of all of us here,
fill us with joy and cast out all our fear:
Alleluia! (**Refrain**)

21 St Christopher of Magallanes & Companions
24 Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patron of Australia
26 St Philip Neri

May - Feast Days this Week:

22 St Rita of Cascia
25 St Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi
27 St. Augustine of Canterbury

Feast day of the Week - Saint Rita of Cascia



Augustiniannun, also called Margarita. She was born in Roccaporena, near Spoleto, Italy, in 1381, and expressed from an early age the desire to become a nun. Her elderly parents insisted that she be married at the age of twelve to a man described in accounts of her life as cruel and harsh. She spent eighteen extremely unhappy years, had two sons, and was finally widowed when her husband was killed in a brawl. Both sons also died, and Rita, still anxious to become a nun, tried unsuccessfully to enter the Augustinians in their convent at Cascia. She was refused because she was a widow and because of the requirement that all sisters should be virgins. Finally, in 1413, the order gave her entry, and she earned fame for her austerity, devotion to prayer, and charity.

In the midst of chronic illnesses, she received visions and wounds on her forehead which resembled the crown of thorns. She died on May 22 at Cascia, and many miracles were reported instantly. Canonized in 1900, she is honored in Spain as La Santa de los Impossibles and elsewhere as a patron saint of hopeless causes.

Reminders

This Sunday 21st May: Latin Mass 6.00pm
This Tuesday 23rd May: Gregorian Chant 7.30pm



Important Notice

Change of Winter Mass Time

Beginning 21st May, June, July and August, our Saturday evening Vigil Mass will commence at the **New starting time of 5.00pm**

We will return to the 6.00pm timeslot in September



Kindergarten 2018

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 2018 at all Northern Catholic Primary Schools, including St Anthony's. Enrolment forms for St Anthony's are available from the school office or may be downloaded from the school website at <http://www.stanthonys.tas.edu.au/fees-and-levies>. Families currently at the school who have an eligible child intending to enroll in Kindergarten 2018 must complete an application form. I ask parents to inform others who have a Kindergarten aged child that applications are now being taken. Application forms must include a copy of the child's Birth Certificate, Immunisation Record and Baptismal certificate (if applicable). Age eligibility – child must be 4 years of age on or before the 1st January 2018. For more information please contact the school office on 63273618.

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill

Tasmania's lower house will be debating another Bill supporting euthanasia on 24 May.

This requires your urgent attention! Please take action today to stop our MPs legalising medical killing!

The *Voluntary Assisted Dying* Bill proposed by Lara Giddings (ALP) and Cassy O'Connor (Greens) would legalise both euthanasia and 'physician assisted suicide' – permitting Tasmanian doctors to kill, or assist in the suicide of, their patients. Australia has rejected euthanasia many times – because NO safeguards exist that can make killing safe.

Those supporting euthanasia are pulling out all the stops. Your voice needs to be heard.

Please help us stop this dangerous Bill!

Will you take time NOW to act? Our action website allows you to **email all your local State MPs** (five lower house and one upper house) – and politely and respectfully ask them to reject the push for state sanctioned killing!

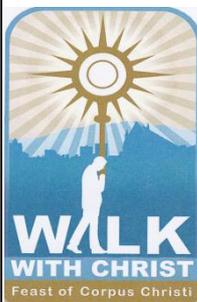
Christopher Dawson Center presentation: The Media, the Royal Commission and Freedom of Religion

Presenter Gerard Henderson, Executive Director of the Sydney Institute & Columnist for the Australian Newspaper.
Monday 22nd May at 6.00pm, Hobart Town Hall Conference Centre. RSVP to director@dawsoncentre.org.au or 0408 879 494

World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations Day

The Catholic Women's League, Launceston Branch, will be celebrating this day on the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia and the League, with attendance at the **12 noon Mass on Wednesday, 24th May, 2017**, at Church of Apostles, Launceston and followed by a light lunch in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Tim Gourlay of Catholic Care will be Guest Speaker. All League Members and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Parish are invited to the Mass and Luncheon to help us celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady and WUCWO Day. Enquiries to Jenny Smith on 0466473096.

Walk with Christ



Hobart City, **Sunday 18th June 1:15 to 3:00 pm.**

Celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ by walking with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through the city of Hobart.

Be at St Joseph's Church (Harrington St) by 1.15 pm, and walk with us to St Mary's Cathedral for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction concluding at 3:00pm. There will be a 'cuppa' afterwards.

If you can't do the walk come to the Cathedral at 2:00 for prayer and Adoration.

Experience our rich Catholic heritage in solidarity with Catholics all over the world and through the ages, by bearing public witness to our Lord and Saviour.

Can't join us in person? Prayer intentions written in the 'Book of Life' in your parish will be taken in the procession and presented at the Cathedral.

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

Arthur Frederic Bligh and Susan Finnigan

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

Anna Furfaro, Marie Males, Fr Richard Youngberry, Vincent Spong, Thomas Patrick Roberts, Kevin Dawson, Edna Marjory Gaetani, Geoffrey Bourke, Fr Bernadine Bradbury ofm, and Fr Brendan Rogers ofm.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

Brenda Hall, Ray Porter, Willie Veldhuis, Rick Murfet, Anthea Maynard, Rick Waters, Andre A, Anthony A, Brian Hoare, Ted Gillies, Thea van Borkulo, Shannon Visser, Anthony Midson, Nettie Burke, Maureen Bamping, A L, Sophie and Scott Bailey, Daniel and Marina Aye, Geoff Jones, Mary Townsend, Lucius U, Kylie Breen, Pat Duffy, Doug Chase, Sandra Shields, Sally Bonner, Lorna Capps, Andrea Franchina, Peter Franchina, Melissa Cherry, Maureen Symons, Ron Willis, Guy M, Gerard Mackrell, Irene Bingham, Lyn Porter, Ria Van Galen, Murray Jones, Andrew, James, Matthew J, Roger Orr, Fr Richard Ross, Trevor Peters, Errol Vincent, Ann Gordon, Claire, N. MacLaine, Max Antel, Ben Beumer, 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

6.00pm Sat 27th May

Reader: B Manely
Commentator: B Fitzpatrick
Communion: T Schouten J Payne
Greeters: E Webb S Clive
Collectors: M Dilger
Counters:
Morning Cuppa:

9.00am Sun 28th May

A Cunningham
E Cunningham
J Izbicki V McMullen
S Rossler V McMullen
J Shadbolt L Males
S Clive J Payne V Dearsley
D & J Mohr

Holy Hour: every 1st Friday of the month 7.00pm. (Reconciliation is available)

Anointing of the sick: every 1st Friday of the month during 9.00am Mass at St Francis Church, Riverside.

Cenacle: every 1st Saturday of the month, St Francis Church, Riverside 11.00am.

Rosary: every Monday at 7.30pm at Church of the Apostles.

Gregorian Chant: every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm at St Francis Church, Riverside. Compline and Benediction every 4th Tuesday.

Praise and Worship Prayer Group: Every 2nd Thurs of the month at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall at St Francis Church, Riverside.

Latin Mass: Once a month 6.00pm, St Francis Church, Riverside. Contact office for next Mass time.

Mass at Calvary Health Care: St Vincent's: 5 pm Wed, 5 Frederick St.

Human Life Protection Society: Prayers for mothers, babies, the sick, the elderly and the dying. Thursdays 1pm, Chapel at St Vincent's Hospital.

One Hour with Jesus: every First Sunday at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge Street, Launceston at 2.00pm

St Francis of Assisi Church

108 Pomona Road, Riverside

St Francis Xavier Church

190 Weld Street, Beaconsfield

St Canice Church

Glengarry Road, Glengarry

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Reconciliation

Riverside:

Saturday 5:15 pm—5:45 pm

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