

# West Tamar Catholic Parish



**MASS  
TIMES**

**Riverside:**

6.00pm Saturday  
9:00am Sunday  
9:00am Wed & Fri  
5.00pm Tues

**Beaconsfield:**

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

**Glengarry:**

11:00am  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sundays of the Month

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

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### Today's Readings

*First Reading* Is 49:14-15  
*Second Reading* 1 Cor 4:1-5  
*Gospel* Mt 6:24-34

*Can a mother forget her child?  
The Lord will reveal what is in the heart.  
Do not worry about tomorrow.*

### Next Week

*Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Rom 5:12-19  
Mt 4:1-11*

## Hobart crypt ready for Bishop

The dying wish of a religious pioneer, who became known as a champion for the rights of Australian convicts, is close to being fulfilled 151 years after his death.

**Photo:** Robert William Willson railed against the inhumane treatment of convicts.



The remains of Tasmania's first Catholic Bishop, Robert William Willson, will be flown to Hobart after being exhumed from a crypt at Nottingham's St Barnabas Catholic Cathedral.

More than 10 years after the official request was made, it is hoped Bishop Willson will be laid to rest in a newly completed crypt at St Mary's Cathedral later this month.

Born in Lincoln, England, in 1794, and ordained in 1824, Bishop Willson worked in Nottingham as a pastor for 18 years before travelling to Hobart in 1844.

Upon hearing of his departure to Tasmania, the people of Nottingham petitioned the Pope saying the news was "very upsetting", explained Hobart's current Archbishop Julian Porteous.

"Such was the recognition by people right across the religious divide," he added.

"When Bishop Willson came to Hobart he found it to be a very depressing place ... he was immediately struck when he saw convicts in chains led through the streets."

Bishop Willson is recorded in the Archdiocese of Hobart's history as "a leader in advocating reforms in penal discipline and a more humane treatment of insane persons".

He also campaigned against the use of the lash and partial suffocation torture of convicts during his term as Bishop.

Hobart's Catholic history credits Bishop Willson of lobbying London politicians to close "the most horrible penal settlement of Australia", Norfolk Island.

Bishop Willson had planned to live out his retirement in Hobart, where he had purchased a pub near St Mary's Cathedral. During one of his regular visits back to England, he suffered a severe stroke and died a year later in 1866.

In 2005, an official request was made by the Archdiocese of Hobart for Bishop Willson to return to the place he hoped to retire.

"It was always his intention and his wish to come back to Tasmania," Archbishop Porteous said.

"He very much saw himself as living out his retirement here in Tasmania."

Archbishop Porteous said the return of Bishop Willson, who was bestowed the title of Archbishop posthumously, would be a good opportunity for the Catholic community of Tasmania to appreciate history and honour "a man of great influence".

### Crowded final resting place

Bishop Willson will join former archbishops Ernest Tweedy, Guilford Young and Eric Darcy who were placed inside the Hobart crypt following their exhumations in September.

The ethereal crypt, two flights of stairs below St Mary's, boasts an ornate wooden altar veiled with a red cloth with the inscription "Sanctus" in written in triplicate — a term which means "holy" in Latin.

A row of candles has been placed along the altar which sits at the centre of the crypt and Bishop Willson's relics are destined to fill a low lit cabinet on one side of the tomb.

Each wall will house the remains of the former archbishops, who will be placed into the crypt in the order they served the church.

"I will be number 11," laughed Archbishop Porteous, as he pointed out a spot reserved for himself on the black marbled wall.

Archbishop Porteous said the local church, family, friends and the diocese in Nottingham would all contribute to the cost of bringing Bishop Willson to Hobart.

"Everyone knows the significance of him as the very first Catholic Bishop, so there's great historical significance."



Article from [abc.net.au/news](http://abc.net.au/news)

# The celebration of the Word

## FIRST READING

Is 49:14-15

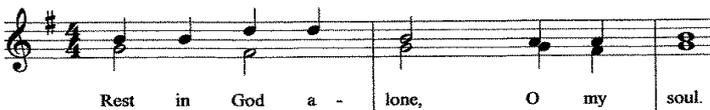
### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Zion was saying, 'The Lord has abandoned me, the Lord has forgotten me.' Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 61:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6



(R.) **Cantor:** Rest in God alone, O my soul.

**All:** Repeat

1. In God alone is my soul at rest;  
my help comes from him.  
He alone is my rock, my stronghold.  
He is my fortress, and I shall stand firm. (R)
2. In God alone be at rest, my soul;  
for my hope comes from him.  
He alone is my rock, my stronghold.  
He is my strength, and I shall not be moved. (R)
3. In God is my safety and glory,  
the rock of my strength.  
Take refuge in God, trust him at all times.  
Pour out your hearts before him, all you people. (R)

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 4:1-5

### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

People must think of us as Christ's servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God. What is expected of stewards is that each one should be found worthy of his trust. Not that it makes the slightest difference to me whether you, or indeed any human tribunal, find me worthy or not. I will not even pass judgement on myself. True, my conscience does not reproach me at all, but that does not prove that I am acquitted: the Lord alone is my judge. There must be no passing of premature judgement. Leave that until the Lord comes: he will light up all that is hidden in the dark and reveal the secret intentions of men's hearts. Then will be the time for each one to have whatever praise he deserves, from God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Cantor:** Alleluia! ...

**All:** Repeat



**Cantor :** The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

**All:** Alleluia! ...

## GOSPEL

Mt 6:24-34

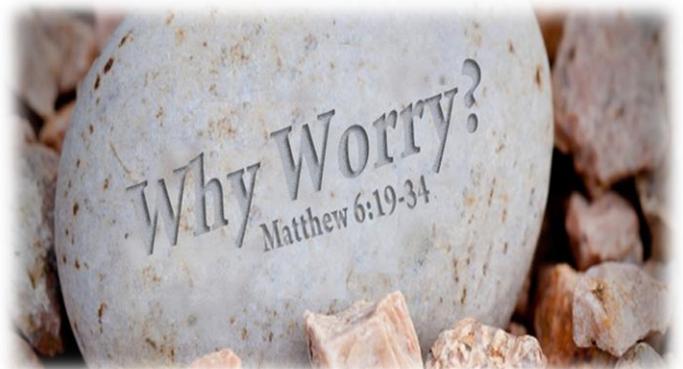
### From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

'That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry, do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You,  
Lord Jesus Christ



**Processional:**

**Antiphon:** *Glory and praise to our God,  
who alone gives light to our days.  
Many are the blessings he bears  
to those who trust in his ways.*

1. We the daughters and sons of him  
who built the valleys and plains,  
praise the wonders our God has done  
in every heart that sings.
2. In his wisdom the strengthens us,  
like gold that's tested in fire.  
Though the power of sin prevails  
our God is there to save.
3. Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day  
our God is waiting to save,  
always ready to seek the lost,  
to answer those who pray.

**Recessional:**

1. O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.
2. Beneath the shadow of your throne  
your people lived secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.
3. O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come:  
be our defense while life shall last,  
and our eternal home!

<b>February - Feast Days this Week:</b>		
27 St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows	28 Blsd Daniel Brottier	
	<b>March</b>	
1 St David of Wales	2 St Agnes of Bohemia	4 St Casimir

**Feast day of the Week - St Agnes of Bohemia**



Agnes was the daughter of King Ottokar of Bohemia. She was engaged to Boleslaus when she was three and when he died, to Henry, son of Emperor Frederick II, when she was nine. She was overjoyed when Henry married the daughter of the Duke of Austria, as she had offered herself to God and hoped to live a life of austerity and virginity.

Her brother affianced her to Frederick, and when in 1235 Frederick sent for her she petitioned Pope Gregory IX to intercede for her; when he did, Frederick released her from the engagement. In 1236 she built a convent for the Friars Minor in Prague, staffed by five nuns sent by St. Clare, and Agnes took the veil there. She was named abbess soon after and became renowned for her humility, aid to the poor, and her dedication to poverty. She died in Prague on March 2, 1282.

**Reminders**

**This Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** Anointing of the Sick 9.00am Mass and Holy Hour 7.00pm  
**This Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March:** Cenacle: Devotion to Mother Mary 11.00am

**Updates**

Fr Martin has been working in our Parish now for three years, 7 days a week. He has decided that Monday will now be his day of rest.

**Tuesday Mass** will remain at 5.00pm. For all Mass times please see the top of the front page of this bulletin.

**Ash Wednesday Mass Times – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

- 9.00am St Francis, Riverside
- 10.00am St Anthony's Catholic Primary
- 12.00 noon St Francis Xavier, Beaconsfield

**World Day of Prayer**

This year the Service will be held at St Oswalds' in Bain Terrace, Trevallyn, next **Friday the 3rd March 2017 at 10.00 am.**  
 This lovely heartfelt service is written by the Christian Women of the Philippines.  
 We hope you can come.

**The Associates of the Presentation Sisters**

We will be gathering at St Francis Church, Riverside on **Saturday 11th March commencing at 3 pm.**  
 A simple afternoon tea will be provided.  
**Please note that we will be starting at 3 pm.**

**The new Benedictine Priory**

The new Benedictine Priory Foundation Mass and Vespers were attended by many West Tamar parishioners. Their support for this venture was appreciated. All who attended were touched by the absolute beauty of the chant, rising incense and deep prayer by these young men, and also by the wonderful restoration of the Church in Colebrook. Please pray for Dom Pius Mary Noonan and the young men entering into this vocation. Donations towards the establishment of the Priory can be left in a clearly marked envelope 'Benedictine Priory' and left on the plate at any time during the year, and Fr Martin will forward accordingly.

**Youth Pilgrimage to St Patrick's, Colebrook**

On the weekend of **18-19<sup>th</sup> March**, Archbishop Porteous is leading a Youth Pilgrimage from St John's Richmond to St Patrick's Colebrook. For more information and a copy of the brochure, please contact Helen Smith at the Archdiocese of Hobart on ph. 6208 6223



**St Vincent de Paul Society: Assist a Student Program**

Each year the St Vincent de Paul Society in Tasmania invites parishioners to support students in the Asia-Pacific Region. For less than twenty cents a day you will help one student go to school for a year. One of the program's strongest and most attractive features is that the administration costs are funded by the Society. Nothing is deducted from your donation of \$70; 100% goes towards the student's educational needs. This includes: books, uniforms, transport and compulsory school fees.

Our 2017 promotion concludes on Saturday November 28. Parishioners, I encourage you to support education as a means for alleviating poverty. To quote Winston Churchill, "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give". For further enquiries or more resources please contact the Assist A Student Coordinator, Bernadette Walker.

Resources are available for presentations in Schools, Workplaces or Community Groups.

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**First Spiritual Exercises Retreat**

**St Joseph's Parish** is hosting Fr. Yong Tang a Jesuit from China who is part of the Australian Jesuit Tertianship as he facilitates a 4 week retreat programme entitled **First Spiritual Exercises Retreat**. The focus of this retreat is the *Gift of Unconditional Love*. This is the first time the Jesuits have offered this programme in Tasmania. The retreat commences with an introductory session on **Monday 24th April and concludes on Saturday 20th May**. The weekly commitment is to prayer on four days, Monday to Thursday.

Participants pray the First Exercises individual at home during the week. The exercises are simple and easy to follow. In addition, participants meet for 90 minutes weekly in small groups with the retreat director for spiritual guidance. **The first session will be on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> April**, at a time to be determined. There is nothing in the First Spiritual Exercises, either content or process that you cannot do. It is about developing a living relationship between you and God. Enquiries speak to Fr Peter on 6234 4866.

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

Maria Soroka, Aileen Reynolds, Tadeusz Zuber, Basil Tarnawski, Maureen Welch and Eric Kozakiewicz

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

Dot Munting, Richard Kompa, Peter Barker, Claude Hyde, Ralph Thurling, Patricia Mace, Phoebe Lyons, Margaret Fleming, Harry Sylvester, Gwendolyn Lebski, Ted Lynch and Jeff Collinson.

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

Willie Veldhuis, Rick Murfet, Glennys Westbury, David Ryman, Anthea Maynard, Rick Waters, Hannah P, 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, Susan Finnigan, 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 4 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Reader:</b>	K McInerney	B Sexton
<b>Commentator:</b>	J Payne	M Sexton
<b>Communion:</b>	E Webb            T Schouten	H Skrcyzinski    J Izbicki
<b>Greeters:</b>	K McInerney    B Harris	S Rossler            V McMullen
<b>Collectors:</b>	K McInerney    T Foley	J Shadbolt            L Males
<b>Counters:</b>		S Clive                J Payne                V Dearsley
<b>Morning Cuppa:</b>		D & J Mohr

**Holy Hour:** every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month 7.00pm. (Reconciliation is available)

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

**Cenacle:** every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, St Francis Church, Riverside 11.00am.

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

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

**Praise and Worship Prayer Group:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of the month at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall at St Francis Church, Riverside.

**Latin Mass:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 6.00pm, St Francis Church, Riverside.

**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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