

West Tamar Catholic Parish



MASS TIMES

Riverside:

6. 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

Second Sunday of Lent Year A, 12th March 2017

Today's Readings

First Reading Gn 12:1-4
Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10
Gospel Mt 17:1-9

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.
God has saved us, and called us to be holy.
His face shone like the sun.*

Next Week

Ex 17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42



This is my Beloved Son

Today's reading repeats the message of last Sunday that Jesus is the beloved Son. 'This is my Son, the Beloved.' These were the words that propelled Jesus into his ministry, and now, as Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, these words return to confirm his relationship with God.

I think we are dealing here with a very real, historical but inner experience in the life of Jesus – one he probably experienced a number of times. His early ministry had its focus in Galilee where many received him and his message. But Jerusalem is the religious centre of Judaism. The Temple is in Jerusalem. The entire sacrificial system of Judaism is focused on Jerusalem where the high Priestly families and the extended family of Herod live. In Matthew 16 Jesus begins to teach that he must go to Jerusalem (16:21) and this will bring him into conflict with the Jewish leadership groups. Even knowing this, Jesus makes the choice to journey south to Jerusalem.

No doubt before this decision was made he would have spent time in prayer, wondering if this was the path to take, wondering if direct confrontation with the Jewish leaders was really necessary. These times of prayer, even anguish and seeking direction, would have been a struggle to really discern what God was wanting of him. Centuries of creedal faith in Jesus' divinity, can

obscure our faith in his humanity. Our best way of identifying with Jesus is through his humanity as this is our shared experience. Making decisions where we seriously consider what God may want of us is never easy; the Temptation scene of last week depicted such a struggle in Jesus' life. Today's reading depicts the sense of God's confirming presence.

Moments of God's consoling presence, which we read about today, may be rare, and when they come there is the temptation voiced by Peter to want to stay there – to build tents on the mountain. But Jesus is called to leave the mountain of God's presence and go down to Jerusalem.

Knowing he is heading to Jerusalem, God does not promise to protect Jesus, or spare him the struggle his mission will demand. The words heard during the Transfiguration are words of relationship – 'this is my beloved son'. Knowing oneself to be loved and held by God is enough. This is the only certainty that carries Jesus onward. Sometimes this is all any of us can cling to for support through difficult times.

Moses and Elijah are two of Israel's great prophets who experienced the close presence of God at a time in their lives when they were called to take a difficult path. Moses was to lead the children of Israel through the wilderness to the land of Canaan. Elijah was called to denounce the current King and anoint another and this will cause great turmoil. Both men were afraid and wanted to escape from their tasks; and both encountered God on a mountain at a time when they needed great strength to continue their mission. To enter fully into this Gospel you might read the stories of Moses and Elijah and their encounter with God (Exod 33:12-23; 1 Kings 19:1-18). In its symbols of the high mountain, clouds, light, Moses and Elijah, the evangelist presents this as a time when Jesus seeks and receives assurance from God.

The letter to Timothy encourages believers to be strong in the face of hardship and difficulties and, like Jesus, to trust in God, and the gift of God's love (grace) that we have received. The words can sound easy, but discipleship does have a cost. The scenes of the Temptation and Transfiguration give us some glimpses into what it cost Jesus – and ultimately it cost his life.

A reflection by Mary Coloe

The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22



(R.) Cantor: Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

All: Repeat

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R)**

SECOND READING

2 Tm 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Repeat



Cantor: From the shining cloud the Father's voice is
heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

All: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

Mt 17:1-9

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You,
Lord Jesus Christ



Processional:

1. The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.
2. Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law; and to Elijah, fasting came the steeds and chariots of flame.
3. Then grant us, Lord, like them to be by prayer and fast from sin set free; our spirits strengthen with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.

Recessional:

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night, waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord; be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

March - Feast Days this Week:

12 Blsd Angela Salawa
17 St Patrick

14 St Maximilian
18 St Cyril of Jerusalem

15 St Louise de Marillac

16 St Daniel

Feast day of the Week - St Louise de Marillac



Louise de Marillac was born probably at Ferrieres-en-Brie near Meux, France, on August 12, 1591. She was educated by the Dominican nuns at Poissy. She desired to become a nun but on the advice of her confessor, she married Antony LeGras, an official in the Queen's service, in 1613. After Antony's death in 1625, she met St. Vincent de Paul, who became her spiritual adviser. She devoted the rest of her life to working with him. She helped direct his Ladies of Charity in their work of caring for the sick, the poor, and the neglected. In 1633 she set up a training center, of which she was Directress in her own home, for candidates seeking to help in her work. This was the beginning of the Sisters (or Daughters, as Vincent preferred) of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (though it was not formally approved until 1655). She took her vows in 1634 and attracted great numbers of candidates. She wrote a rule for the community, and in 1642, Vincent allowed four of the members to take vows. Formal approval placed the community under Vincent and his Congregation of the Missions, with Louise as Superior. She traveled all over France establishing her Sisters in hospitals, orphanages, and other institutions. By the time of her death in Paris on March 15, the Congregation had more than forty houses in France. Since then they have spread all over the world. She was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1934, and was declared Patroness of Social Workers by Pope John XXIII in 1960.

Reminders

This Tuesday 14th March: Gregorian Chant 7.30pm

Catholic Women's League

Monthly Meeting to be held this **Tuesday, 14th March, 2017 at 1.15pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre, Church of Apostles, Launceston. New Members most welcome. Enquiries to Bernice on 63 441799.

Upcoming West Tamar Parish Mission

Seven Capital Virtues: Overcoming the Seven Capital Sins
Sunday 7th May – Thursday 11th May, 7.00 – 8.00pm

A Parish mission, is a special event for Catholics in which EVERYONE is invited to take part in several days of activity and prayer, all focusing on their coming to a better understanding of the Faith. This mission will be conducted by Fr Ben Cameron CPM, and this series of presentations will show how our Christian lives can be transformed by the Virtues.



St Patrick's College – Launceston

Year 7, 2018 Parent Information Evening

St Patrick's College is hosting an information evening for prospective parents and guardians who are interested in finding out more information regarding Year 7 enrolments for 2018.

This will be held at the St Patrick's College Chapel – 282 Westbury Rd, Prospect at **7.30pm on Wednesday, 22 March 2017.**

Applications for Enrolment are now being accepted and close on Friday, 28 April 2017.

For further information, please contact the Enrolment Registrar, Mrs Denise Costello at registrar@stpatricks.tas.edu.au or 6341 9988.



Youth Pilgrimage to St Patrick's, Colebrook

On the weekend of **18-19th 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.

Email: bernadettewalker1202@gmail.com **Mob:** 0419 992 062

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 24th 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:

Bernice Power and Maria Soroka

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

Patrick Aherne, Edith Power, Bill Nowakowski, Philip Coleman, Lawrence O'Keefe, Jack Hunt, John Holehan, Joy Foley, Bill Foggo, Julieanne Newton, Archbishop Young, Barry Brown, Daphne Connolly, Peter Shady and Kevin Enniss.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

Willie Veldhuis, Rick Murfet, Glennys Westbury, David Ryman, 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, 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 18th March	9.00am Sun 19th March
Reader:	M Townsend	S Finnigan
Commentator:	J Martin	M Cherry
Communion:	J Payne R Cawley	J Izbicki D Furfaro
Greeters:	K McInerney B Harris	S Rossler V McMullen
Collectors:	K McInerney	J Shadbolt L Males
Counters:		S Clive J Payne V Dearsley
Morning Cuppa:		A McCarron K MacLaren

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 and 4th Thurs of the month at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall at St Francis Church, Riverside.

Latin Mass: 2nd 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

Archdiocesan website:

www.hobart.catholic.org.au

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