

# 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  
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

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Year A, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### Today's Readings

*First Reading* Dt 8:2-3, 14-16 *He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*  
*Second Reading* 1 Cor 10:16-17 *Though we are many, we form a single body*  
*Gospel* Jn 6:51-58 *My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

### Next Week

*Jer 20:10-13*  
*Rom 5:12-15*  
*Mt 10:26-33*

*'I am the living bread – anyone who eats of this bread will live forever.'*

There are two experiences that lie behind the images used in this Gospel. The first was the experience of the Israelites when they escaped from Egypt and were fed by the manna in the wilderness. The second is the experience of Eucharist in the early Christian communities. Remember that this Gospel was written long after Jesus' death and Christians have been gathering for Eucharist for about sixty years. The evangelist affirms in very strong and vivid language the reality of Jesus' presence when Christians gather to eat and drink at the table of the Eucharist. Just as food nourishes ordinary human life, the bread and wine of the Eucharist nourishes the life of Christ in the believer.

By the first century, the gift of the manna was being linked to both Wisdom and the Law. So to speak of eating the manna/bread was a way of speaking about being nourished by God's wisdom and by the Law. Wisdom speaks:

'Come to me, you who desire me, and eat your fill of my produce... those who eat me will hunger for more, and those who drink me will thirst for more. Whoever obeys me will not be put to shame and those who work with my help will not sin. All this is the book of the Covenant of the Most High God, the law which Moses commanded us as an inheritance for the congregation of Jacob.' (Sirach 24: 19-23)

Even within Judaism, the story of the Manna in the wilderness was being spiritualised so that later generations could still think of themselves as the recipients of this gift. Eating the bread of Wisdom was a metaphorical way of speaking about living according to the Law.

'Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed, leave simpleness and walk in the way of insight.'" (Proverbs 9:1-6)

John's Gospel continues this Jewish tradition of 'spiritualising' the manna, but takes it much further. Now, it is not the Law that provides the path to Wisdom, or can provide nourishment, but Jesus. Where the nourishment offered by Wisdom was such that people hungered for more, the nourishment Jesus offers is for eternity life since belief in Jesus draws the believer into Jesus' own life – 'whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in them.'

Many in John's community were Jews who had come to faith in Jesus. As Jews they had a long tradition of celebrating Passover and recalling the gift of the manna. Now, as believers in Jesus, these Jews are no longer welcome in the Synagogue and so can no longer celebrate the Jewish Passover. The Gospel offers reassurance to them that they no longer need look to their past traditions, that they still have 'bread come down from heaven' in Jesus and this bread will offer life forever.

The Gospel makes no attempt to explain *how* this happens, even though the Jews want to know this. The Gospel simply affirms *that* it happens, that this is what the Johannine community experience. When Christians gather together in prayer and thanksgiving Jesus is present. Each Eucharist is a recommitment, a restatement of our faith that Jesus is our way of life.



# The celebration of the Word

## FIRST READING

Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

### A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12



**(R.) Cantor:** Praise the Lord Jerusalem;  
Come praise the Lord.

**All:** Repeat

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. **(R)**
2. He established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. **(R)**
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
to them he has not taught them his decrees. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 10:16-17

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

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent  
for pilgrims in their banishment,  
the bread for God's true children meant,  
that may not unto dogs be given:  
oft in the olden types foreshadowed;  
in Isaac on the altar bowed,  
and in the ancient paschal food,  
and in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,  
still show to us thy mercy sign;  
oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;  
so may we see thy glories shine  
in fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,  
our present food, our future rest,  
come, make us each thy chosen guest,  
co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest  
with saints whose dwelling is with thee.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Cantor:** Alleluia! ...



**Cantor:** I am the living bread from heaven, says the  
Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**All:** Alleluia! ...

## GOSPEL

Jn 6:51-58

### From the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You,  
Lord Jesus Christ

**Processional:**

1. Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory,  
of His Flesh the myst'ry sing:  
of the Blood, all price exceeding  
shed by our immortal King,  
destined for the world's redemption  
from a noble womb to spring.
  
2. Of a pure and spotless Virgin  
born for us on earth below,  
he, as Man with man conversing  
stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;  
then He closed in solemn order  
wondrously His life of woe.

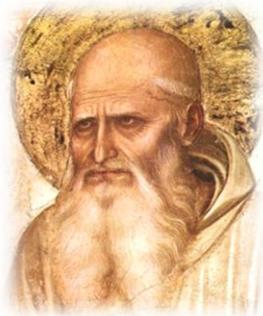
**Recessional:**

1. On the night of that last supper,  
seated with His chosen band,  
he the Paschal Victim eating,  
first fulfills the law's command;  
then, as food to His apostles  
gives himself with His own hand.
  
2. Word made flesh, the bread of nature  
by His word to Flesh He turns:  
wine to His own Blood He changes;  
what though sense no change discerns?  
Only be the heart in earnest,  
faith her lesson quickly learns.

**June - Feast Days this Week:**

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| 18 Venerable Matt Talbot          | 19 St Romuald                     | 20 St Paulinus of Nola | 21 St Aloysius Gonzaga          |
| 22 St John Fisher, St Thomas More | 23 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus |                        | 24 Birth of St John the Baptist |

**Feast day of the Week – Saint Romuald**



St. Romuald was born at Ravenna about the year 956. In spite of an infinite desire for virtue and sanctity, his early life was wasted in the service of the world and its pleasures. Then one day, obliged by his father, Sergius, to be present at a duel fought by him, he beheld him slay his adversary. The crime made such an impression upon him that he determined to expiate it for forty days, as though it were entirely his own. For this purpose he retired to a Benedictine monastery of St. Apollinare, near Ravenna, where he became Abbot. After founding several monasteries, he laid the foundations of the austere Order of Camaldoli in Tuscany. Like all the saints, he fought a lifelong battle against the assaults of devils and men. In the beginning of his spiritual life he was strongly assailed by numerous temptations, which he conquered by vigilance and prayer. More than one attempt was made on his life, but Divine Providence enabled him to escape from the danger. Like many servants of God, he also became the victim of calumny, which he bore in patience and silence. In his old age, he increased his austerities instead of diminishing them. After a long life of merit, he died in the monastery of Castro, which he founded in Marquisate of Ancona. His death occurred on June 19, about the year 1027.

**The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**



Fr Martin would like to invite all parishioners to the **9.00am Mass on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, at St Francis, Riverside**, to celebrate the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This will be followed by a recollection for the candidates receiving Reconciliation next week. Following the Mass for the Body and Blood of Christ there will be adoration from 10.00am – 6.00pm and at 6.00pm we will conclude with Benediction.

Please come and adore our Lord Jesus during these hours. Thank you

**A Prayer for our Reconciliation Candidates**

**Stephanie Grose, Lachlan Tonelly, Jordan Powell, Grace Foley, Bree O'Shea, Will Symons and Elizabeth Sexton.**

Loving God help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

The children will celebrate Reconciliation on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June.



**The Planned Giving Envelopes for 2017/2018**

are available for collection in the narthex. If anyone would like to join the envelope system please complete the form below and return to the office, to Fr Martin or in the offertory plate. Thank you.

**I would like to participate in the Parish PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like a set of envelopes? YES / NO**

**Would you like information about credit card or direct debit contributions? YES / NO**

**Sacred Heart College 144<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

**When: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon**

**Where:** Albert and Victoria Restaurant, Albert Hall

**Cost:** Luncheon \$40.00 including soft drink

**RSVP:** 10<sup>th</sup> June, with payment to Ann Stewart, 15 Seaport Bld, ph: 6331 0173 or 0418 554 245, email: [seaport@bigpond.net.au](mailto:seaport@bigpond.net.au)  
Or Pauline Scott, 78 High St, ph: 6334 0780 or 0409 002 259, email: [lady33rose@yahoo.com.au](mailto:lady33rose@yahoo.com.au)

Cheques made payable to Sacred Heart Old Collegians Association  
or direct deposit, your name as reference to BSB: 067 600 Account: 00901816

**St Peter's Church 40 Yr Anniversary – Kings Meadows**

A BYO Lunch will be held on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017, 12.30 pm** in the St Peter's Parish Centre to mark the occasion of the blessing and opening of the current church at Youngtown. Previous parishioners and others who have been involved with St Peter's over the past 40 years are warmly invited to join King's Meadows parishioners in celebrating this milestone. Photos and other memorabilia welcome on the day. Enquiries Lorraine Mannion Ph 0438 447 551

**Healing Pathways**

incorporating Rachel's Vineyard and Grief to Grace wish to invite you to a fundraising lunch on **July 8th 2017** at the Harold Gregg Centre 1 Southerwood Dr Sandy Bay starting at **11.30am finishing at 2.30pm**. Guest speakers will be Archbishop Julian Porteous and Murray Thomas giving a personal testimony of his experience on Grief to Grace. Cost is \$35 RSVP June 18th 2017. Reservations can be made by calling Anne Sherston on 0478 599 241 or email [info@griefftogracetas.org.au](mailto:info@griefftogracetas.org.au)

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

David Mulcahey

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

Christina Coleman, Patricia Mohr, Marie Turner, Charlie Connolly, Stan Townsend, Carolyn Symons, Barbara Dally, Kazimierz Izbicki, Franco Perotti, Shirley Milliken, Eileen Johnston, Hendericka Dekkers, Tom Redmond, Fr Paul Campbell ofm, Frances French, Patrick Kearns, and Fr Joseph Flannery.

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

David Young, Matthew Cameron, 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, 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 24<sup>th</sup> June**

**Reader:** K McNerney  
**Commentator:** B Manley  
**Communion:** R Cawley T Schouten  
**Greeters:** E Davis S Clive  
**Collectors:** M Dilger T Foley  
**Counters:**  
**Morning Cuppa:**

**9.00am Sun 25<sup>th</sup> June**

V McMullen  
D Keppa  
D Furfaro H Skrzeczynski  
S Rossler V McMullen  
J Shadbolt L Males  
K McNerney B Harris  
V McMullen H Skrzeczynski

**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> 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

**12 Hour Adoration:** Every Friday from 7am-7pm. Concludes with Benediction.

**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 4:15 pm—4:45 pm

**Archdiocesan website:**

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