

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 19th February 2017

Today's Readings

First Reading Lv 19:1-2, 17-18
Second Reading 1 Cor 3:16-23
Gospel Mt 5:38-48

*Love your neighbor as yourself.
What is wise with the world, is absurd with God.
Turn the other cheek.*

Next Week

*Is 49:14-15
1 Cor 4:1-5
Mt 6:24-34*

On anger and retaliation

Today's gospel is a continuation of Jesus' teaching on the sort of righteousness, the right relationship and justice, to which his followers are called in their living of the Law. The law of Moses (Exod 21:24, Lev 24:20 and Deut 19:21) included a law of retaliation designed to make punishment for wrongdoing to persons or property proportionate to the offence. It was quite enlightened legislation at the time. In a series of striking images, Jesus invites his followers to go far beyond the strict application of the law and to embrace a new way of thinking about and acting towards those who injure them/us.

Relinquishing your right to compensation is one thing. Giving more of your property to one who has stolen from you is quite another. Do we take this teaching literally or do we simply embrace the spirit of non-retaliation that seems to be at the heart of this teaching? A too-easy amnesty does not always bring justice. Last week's gospel reminded us that there is to be no place for uncontrolled anger or murderous thoughts in our hearts. Both that teaching and this seem to be about taking responsibility for how we live. Harboring anger can have disastrous consequences for oneself as well as for others. It tends to skew our capacity for right judgement. What happens to us may be beyond our control. What we do with what comes our way is for us to decide. Jesus makes it clear that we have choices in the face of life's struggles. The disciple is called to choose the way of assuming personal responsibility and refusing the way of retaliation.

The final example or antithesis in the list of six that Jesus offers in the Sermon on the Mount is the most confronting of all: there are to be no limitations on love. Loving one's enemies is quite a challenge, on a personal as well as a global level. We learn the hard way that we cannot change others. We can only change our attitudes and approaches to them.

Venerable Catherine McAuley, founder of the Mercies, wrote that her sisters "never to let the sun go down on their anger".

I used to wonder how they managed that. Over recent years I have found that praying quite deliberately for those who give us a hard time or cause us grief is by far the most effective way of retaining one's peace of mind and of expelling retaliatory thoughts. For me, it is a matter of gently bringing these people to mind, of breathing in the loving kindness or chesed of God that suffuses the universe and of breathing it out for them. That enables me to think of them in kindly ways and act towards them without rancour, even when the sentiments are not reciprocated.

A reflection by Veronica Lawson



Love thy Neighbour

At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive.

Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.

A reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

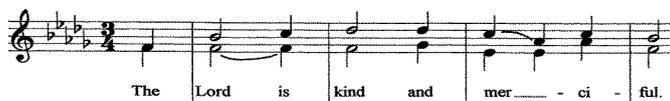
"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8



(R.) Cantor: The Lord is kind and merciful.

All: Repeat

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget his blessings. **(R)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R)**
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **(R)**
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his children, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R)**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 3:16-23

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

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia! ...

All: Repeat



Cantor : Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

All: Alleluia! ...

GOSPEL

Mt 5:38-48

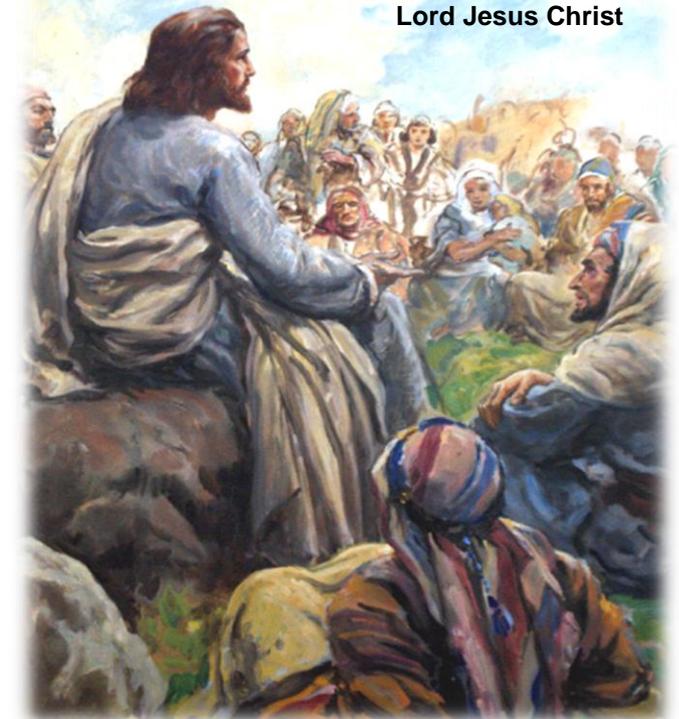
From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You,
Lord Jesus Christ



Processional:

1. O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay:
for we can only wonder
at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to Bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

Recessional:

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down;
fix in us Your humble dwelling;
all your faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, You are all compassion,
pure unbounded love You are;
visit us with Your salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all Your life receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more Your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
serve You as Your hosts above,
pray and praise You without ceasing,
glory in Your perfect love.

3. Finish, then, Your new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Your great salvation
perfectly restored in You;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before You,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

February - Feast Days this Week:

21 St Peter Damian

22 The chair of St Peter, Apostle

23 St Polycarp

25 Blsd Sebastian of Aparicio

Feast day of the Week – St Peter Damian



Peter was born in Italy in 1007. When his parents died, he went to live with one of his older brothers, who treated him cruelly. Sometimes Peter was forbidden to eat any of his brother's food. Another brother helped solve the problem by giving Peter money so that he could afford to go away to school.

Peter did so well in school that he became a professor when he was only 25. After the school day was finished, Peter often invited students and poor people to his home for dinners that he served himself. He remembered what it felt like to be hungry.

Peter became a priest and then a Benedictine monk. He spent his days in prayer and study. After a short time, Peter was elected abbot, or superior, of the community. Although this new responsibility took Peter away from his quiet life, he was an excellent leader. So many men were attracted to religious life because of his example that he established five new monasteries.

Peter was ordained the bishop of Ostia, a diocese near Rome. As bishop, Peter worked to solve problems in his diocese and to remind his priests of their mission.

Pope Stephen X recognized Peter's gifts and asked him to represent the Church in settling disputes and helping to stop practices that were preventing the Church from doing Christ's

work in the world. Peter was so skilled as a peacemaker and reformer that he advised seven popes and traveled to many places representing the Holy Father. He worked with priests, bishops, kings and emperors—all to serve Jesus.

As a monk, a bishop, and a saint, Peter Damian lived one of the Benedictine Rules completely: "Do not prefer anything to the love of Christ." He died in 1072, and is considered to be a Doctor of the Church. St. Peter Damian helps us to remember that if we put Jesus first in our lives, the Lord will always guide us in living as his faithful disciples.

May
God Bless You
ON YOUR JOURNEY

On behalf of the West Tamar Parishioners

This weekend we say goodbye to Fr Tom and welcome back to Fr Martin.
Fr Tom has made our celebration of the Masses in Fr Martins absence a blessing.
We wish both Fr Tom, Ray and Kay safe travels as they make their way home and send Jack our love (from all the ladies)! We are so glad you gave us the opportunity to get to know your family and loved ones.

Fr Martin we are so excited to have you back in our Parish family and we can't wait to hear all about your trip and how your family and friends are.
Welcome home and God Bless!!

Welcome
HOME

Mass at Carmel 23rd & 24th February

Due to refurbishment of the Chapel at the Carmelite Monastery there may not be a public Mass at 7.30am on **Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th February**. Please ring the Monastery on Wednesday 22nd February on 6331 3585 for final confirmation of details.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Adoration will recommence **Friday 24th February, 2017** from 7am to 7pm at St Francis Church, Riverside

Reminders

This Sunday 19th Feb: Latin Mass 6.00pm
This Thursday 23rd Feb: Praise and worship prayer group 7.30pm

Invitation: Celebrating Emmanuel 1987 – 2017 Looking Back – Looking forward
Come and join the conversation. Facilitator: Sr Marion Gambin rsj

What has Emmanuel meant to you over the past 30 years? Is the ministry of Emmanuel still viable? How do you see this ministry moving into the future? **Saturday 25th February 10.30am – 2.30pm** including lunch (provided). Perhaps you would like to email your response to the questions if you are unable to attend.

Emmanuel Pastoral and Spirituality Centre 123 Abbott St, Newstead
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Thanksgiving Mass

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Pastoral Council invites all parishioners to a Thanksgiving Mass on the occasion of the **50th Anniversary of Ordination of Father Edward Zammit OFM.**

When: Saturday 11th March, 2017, 11.00am

Where: Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 33 Goulburn Street, George Town.

A light luncheon will follow in the parish hall. RSVP would be appreciated to assist with catering to Fr Edward on 63 82 1489 or Mrs Wendy Harrap on 63 04 2829 or email Mrs Wendy Fittler - wfittler@bigpond.com.

In keeping with the Franciscan tradition, no gifts please.

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

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

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

Walter Smallbane, Ray Bonner, Joseph Edward (Ted) Symons, Felice Perri, Beryl Hickey, Jessie Waters, Catherine (Kitty) O'Keefe, Wilhelmas Monde, Fr Joachim O'Brien ofm, Jan Siejka, Jean Zampogna, Helen Howard, Vera Green, Mollie Armstrong and Francesca Germano.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

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 25 th February	9.00am Sun 26 th February
Reader:	B Manley	A Cunningham
Commentator:	B Fitzpatrick	E Cunningham
Communion:	T Schouten J Payne	J Izbicki M Cherry
Greeters:	E Webb S Clive	S Rossler V McMullen
Collectors:	M Dilger	J Shadbolt L Males
Counters:		R Midson J Shadbolt
Morning Cuppa:		V McMullen H Skrcyzinski

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.

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

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Reconciliation

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Saturday 5:15 pm—5:45 pm

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