

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

Third Sunday of Lent Year A, 19th March 2017

Today's Readings

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

Second Reading Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Jn 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

The Israelites complain to Moses in the desert.

Christ laid down his life for us.

Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well.

Next Week

1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

Love is the foundation of our hope.

The reaction of the people in the wilderness to the lack of water laid bare their resistance to the leadership of Moses and the shallowness of their trust in God. After all that God had done, they still put God to the test. Just as God had delivered them from the bondage of Egypt through the leadership of Moses, so now, again through the actions of Moses, God gives them the water they demand. The miracle demonstrates that God is indeed in their midst. Why does God endure such thanklessness, rebellion and audacity? This is but another example of God's boundless and compassionate love for sinners.

The relationship between God and the people is characterised in the psalm response by means of several metaphors. God is the rock of their salvation, their creator and their shepherd. The images of rock and shepherd characterise God as protector. The psalmist issues a serious plea to be open to the voice of God. This is followed by an appeal by God for a response that is different than the spirit of rebellion that governed their ancestors while they were in the wilderness. God desires hearts that are open, not hardened by selfishness or a lack of faith. 'Today' the descendants of those rebellious wanderers are called upon to respond with open faith and willing obedience.

He tells the Christians in Rome that they have been justified through the actions of others, not their own. Human righteousness is based on the righteousness that originates in God, a righteousness that gives and sustains life, security and well being. We have no right to this relationship with God. It has been won for us by the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul maintains that this divine love is the foundation of our hope. This love is poured into our hearts through the Spirit who has

been given to us. The prodigality of God's graciousness is beyond comprehension. It is poured out like water, life-giving, enriching, overflowing. Anticipation of the Trinitarian theology here is unmistakable.

Jesus asks the Samaritan woman for water when in fact he intends to give water. He is not talking about the water that could be drawn from the well. However, his real meaning was not immediately evident, and her misunderstanding is the opening for Jesus' instruction. His knowledge of her marital situation prompts her to call him a prophet and to engage him in a discussion about the proper place to worship God. Once again Jesus moves the conversation away from what is merely perceptible to the level of deep spiritual meaning. He declares that when the eschatological hour arrives, all religious observance will be superseded by worship that is animated by the Spirit. Ultimately it is through this woman that the word of salvation takes root in the hearts of the despised and marginalised and grows into a great harvest.



A Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Ex 17:3-7

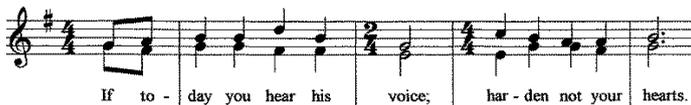
A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8



(R.) Cantor: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

All: Repeat

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we are
the people of his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R)**

SECOND READING

Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



Cantor: Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst
again.

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

GOSPEL

Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

From the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You,
Lord Jesus Christ**

Processional:

1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all His words most wonderful,
most sure in all His ways.
2. O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.
3. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all His words most wonderful,
most sure in all His ways.

Recessional:

1. Lord of earth and all creation,
let your love possess our land:
wealth, and freedom, far horizons,
mountain, forest, shining sand:
may we share, in faith and friendship,
gifts unmeasured from your hand.
2. Lord, life-giving healing Spirit,
on our hurts your mercy shower;
lead us by your inward dwelling,
guiding, guarding, every hour.
Bless and keep our land Australia:
in your will her peace and power.

March - Feast Days this Week:

19 St Joseph	20 St Salvador of Horta	21 St Peter Damian	22 St Nicholas Owen
23 St Turibius de Mogrovejo	24 St Catherine of Genoa	25 Annunciation of the Lord	

Feast day of the Week - St Turibius de Mogrovejo



Together with Rose of Lima, Turibius is the first known saint of the New World, serving the Lord in Peru, South America, for 26 years. Born in Spain and educated for the law, he became so brilliant a scholar that he was made professor of law at the University of Salamanca and eventually became chief judge of the Inquisition at Granada. He succeeded too well. But he was not sharp enough a lawyer to prevent a surprising sequence of events. When the archdiocese of Lima in Peru required a new leader, Turibius was chosen to fill the post: He was the one person with the strength of character and holiness of spirit to heal the scandals that had infected that area. He cited all the canons that forbade giving laymen ecclesiastical dignities, but he was overruled. Turibius was ordained priest and bishop and sent to Peru, where he found colonialism at its worst. The Spanish conquerors were guilty of every sort of oppression of the native population. Abuses among the clergy were flagrant, and he devoted his energies and suffering to this area first. He began the long and arduous visitation of an immense archdiocese, studying the language, staying two or three days in each place, often with neither bed nor food. Turibius confessed every morning to his chaplain, and celebrated Mass with intense fervor. Among those to whom he gave the Sacrament of Confirmation was the future Saint Rose of Lima, and possibly the future Saint Martin de Porres.

After 1590, he had the help of another great missionary, Francis Solanus, now also a saint. Though very poor his people were sensitive, dreading to accept public charity from others. Turibius solved the problem by helping them anonymously.

Reminders

This Wednesday 22nd March: Parish Finance Committee Meeting 7.00pm
This Thursday 23rd March: Praise and worship group 7.30pm

Liturgy Group Meeting

The Parish Liturgy Group will be meeting for Holy Week and Easter preparation on **Saturday 25th March** (after Mass) at 7.00pm in the Annexe. Readers, Servers, Musicians and anyone interested in our Parish preparations for this important season are invited and encouraged to attend.

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. Ben is coming from Kentucky in the USA and is a Father of Divine Mercy. 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.



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 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:

Jeanette McGann, David Ryman, Bernice Powell and Maria Soroka

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

Maria Chalupnik, Margaret McManus, Annie Norgrove, Frederick Toms, Olive Micallef, Illarion Strishko, Florence Upham, Greg Hetherington, John Kacprzak, Nancy Symonds, Leo Curran ofm, and Adrian La Palombara.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

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, 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 March	9.00am Sun 26 th March
Reader:	K McInerney	V McMullen
Commentator:	B Manley	M Amore
Communion:	R Cawley T Schouten	D Furfaro H Skrcyzinski
Greeters:	V Dearsley S Clive	S Rossler V McMullen
Collectors:	M Dilger T Foley	J Shadbolt L Males
Counters:		M Cherry M Jansen
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.

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

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Reconciliation

Riverside:

Saturday 5:15 pm—5:45 pm

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