

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A, 2nd April 2017

Today's Readings

First Reading Ez 37:12-14
Second Reading Rom 8:8-11
Gospel Jn 11:1-45

*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.
The Spirit of God dwells in us.
I am the resurrection and the life.*

Next Week

*Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14 – 27:66*

Our Journey

The plunging of an adult or an infant into the baptismal font three times is the most important moment in the ceremony and meant to be the most moving one as well. Most of us think that this action is associated with the Trinity. It is. But the more ancient association is with the three days Jesus lay in the tomb. This is one reason why the Church now encourages candidates for baptism to be fully immersed wherever practicable. The sprinkling of water over a catechumen's head just doesn't capture the drama which the ritual intends. But when we see a person take a breath, plunge under the water and come up for air three times, we can powerfully see the identification between Jesus' time in the tomb and the person rising to new life in Christ.



The season of Lent has its origins in third century Egypt where there was a commemoration of Jesus' forty days in the desert. In the fourth century these forty days are moved to their present location in the Church's calendar as the final preparation time for baptismal candidates at Easter and by the fifth century these penitential and baptismal focuses came together as one season for all believers to observe. Even the word Lent, from the old English word *Lencten* meaning Spring, alerted Christians in the northern hemisphere that this season was linked to the waking of nature after the long sleep of winter. Lent is about waking up to see that light and life have come in Christ.

Over the centuries the Church has tended to place more emphasis on penance than baptism. The Second Vatican Council, however, went back to the most ancient sources of this season, re-established the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and encouraged us to see the link between our acts of penance and our ongoing conversion to Christ expressed in the baptismal promises made for us many years before.

On this last Sunday in Lent Lazarus is given to us to help us think about the tombs in which we lie hidden and the life to which we are called. The bad spirit seduces most of us into having some form of secretive life. It might be a secret we can't tell, a sin we can't confess or a memory we want to bury. At its worst it can be a lifestyle or a pattern of unethical behaviour we have divorced from the rest of our lives. We may even con ourselves into believing that all of this is normal and 'not so bad'.

These tombs often look similar. They seem small on the surface, but as we get away with our secrets we bury ourselves in them more deeply. We jealously guard the entrance, displacing energy to defend our tombs and we're ashamed if anyone rolls away the stone and sees the mess inside.

But this Sunday Jesus stands at the entrance of our tombs and calls us out of them. We're asked to face down the bad spirits that keep us locked in secrecy, to move away from shame, embrace repentance, recognise the price to be paid for being true to what's best in ourselves and we're invited to know the light and life of Christ's healing and forgiveness.

No one can pretend that this journey is easy, but it's what Lent is all about: the journey from the tomb of our own particular deaths, through penance to the new life of Easter. May this Eucharist allow us to see the Lord stand at our tomb and gently call us by name, 'Come forth'. And at His word may we be unbound and let go free.

A reflection by Richard Leonard SJ

The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Ez 37:12-14

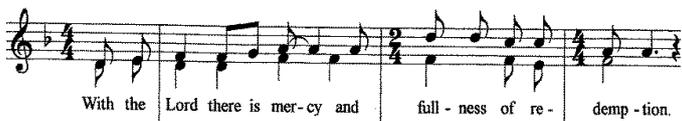
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 129. R. v.7



(R.) Cantor: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

All: Repeat

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **(R)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **(R)**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. **(R)**
4. Let the watchman count on daybreak, and Israel on the Lord.
Because with the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **(R)**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

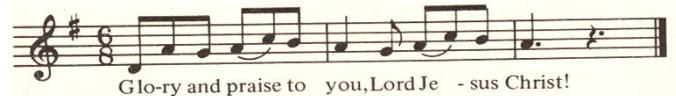
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

All: Repeat



Cantor: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

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

GOSPEL

Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

From the Holy Gospel according to John

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You,
Lord Jesus Christ

Processional:

1. Love will be our Lenten calling,
love to shake and shatter sin,
waking every closed, cold spirit,
stirring new life deep within,
till the quickened heart remembers
what our Easter birth can mean.
2. Peace will be our Lenten living
as we turn for home again,
longing for the words of pardon,
stripping off old grief and pain,
till we stand, restored and joyful,
with the Church on Easter day.
3. Truth will be our Lenten learning:
hear the Crucified One call!
shadowed by the Saviour's passion,
images and idols fall,
and, in Easter's holy splendour,
God alone is all in all.

Recessional:

1. I am the Resurrection I am the life.
You who believe in me,
even if you die, you shall live forever.

Refrain:

***And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up
on the last day.***

2. Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ, the Son of God,
Who has come into the world. **(R)**

April - Feast Days this Week:

2 St Francis of Paola

3 St Irene

5 St Vincent Ferrer

7 St John Baptist de la Salle

Feast day of the Week – Saint Vincent Ferrer



St. Vincent Ferrer is the patron saint of builders because of his fame for "building up" and strengthening the Church: through his preaching, missionary work, in his teachings, as confessor and adviser. At Valencia in Spain, this illustrious son of St. Dominic came into the world on January 23, 1357. In the year 1374, he entered the Order of St. Dominic in a monastery near his native city. Soon after his profession he was commissioned to deliver lectures on philosophy. On being sent to Barcelona, he continued his scholastic duties and at the same time devoted himself to preaching. At Lerida, the famous university city of Catalonia, he received his doctorate. After this he labored six years in Valencia, during which time he perfected himself in the Christian life. In 1390, he was obliged to accompany Cardinal Pedro de Luna to France, but he soon returned home. When, in 1394, de Luna himself had become Pope at Avignon he summoned St. Vincent and made him Master of the sacred palace. In this capacity St. Vincent made unsuccessful efforts to put an end to the great schism. He refused all ecclesiastical dignities, even the cardinal's hat, and only craved to be appointed apostolical missionary. Now began those labors that made him the famous missionary of the fourteenth century. He evangelized nearly every province of Spain, and preached in France, Italy, Germany, Flanders, England, Scotland, and Ireland.

Numerous conversions followed his preaching, which God Himself assisted by the gift of miracles. Though the Church was then divided by the great schism, the saint was honorably received in the districts subject to the two claimants to the Papacy. He was even invited to Mohammedan Granada, where he preached the gospel with much success. He lived to behold the end of the great schism and the election of Pope Martin V. Finally, crowned with labors, he died April 5, 1419.

Reminders

- This Sunday 2nd April (for April only):** Latin Mass 6.00pm
This Tuesday 4th April: Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting 7.30pm
This Friday 7th April: Anointing of the Sick 9.00am Mass and Holy Hour 7.00pm



Mission Stall Reminder:

We once again thank our wonderful helpers behind our Mission Stall. Please bring along produce, cakes craft etc. All donations will make the stall a success. Our next stall will be held NEXT weekend, **Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th April.**

The Associates of the Presentation Sisters

We will be gathering at St Francis Church, Riverside on **Saturday 8th April commencing at 2pm.**
A simple afternoon tea will be provided.

Sunday Morning Cuppa's

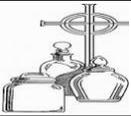
We are urgently requesting volunteers to assist with the running of Morning Cuppa's after the 9.00am Sunday Mass. At the moment it has been left to only a very few volunteers. If you would like to go on the roster please contact the Parish Office on 6327 3971 or email Jenelle on wtparish.bigpond.com

Save the Date

Sunday, 23rd April is Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be Devotions in the Church of Apostles, commencing at 2pm - Veneration of the image of Jesus, Divine Mercy, Rosary, 3o'clock prayer, Litany of Divine Mercy and Benediction. We have been asked to **please go to Confession before the Feast Day,** to make it easier for our priests. St. Faustina recommends this.
Enquiries: Rozanne 0498 278 057 or Bernice 0428 987 771.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

This will be held on **Wednesday 5th April at 7.00pm** St Francis, Riverside



Chrism Mass

Will be held at St Mary's in Hobart, **Tuesday 11th April** at 7.00pm.
Father Martin will be attending this Mass and all Parishioners are welcome to join him.
Mini bus leaves at 3.30pm sharp. Register your name on the sheet in the Narthex to save your seat.

Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday

7.00pm Mass St Francis, Riverside

Good Friday

10.00am Stations of the Cross, St Anthony's Catholic Primary
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, St Francis, Riverside



Easter Vigil

7.00pm Mass St Francis, Riverside

Easter Sunday

9.00am St Francis, Riverside
11.00am St Francis Xavier, Beaconsfield

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.



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

Jim McMahan msc, Jeanette McGann, David Ryman and Bernice Powell.

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

Pope John Paul II, Claude Haig, Mark Finn, Dinah Hall, Joseph Jancigay, Dianne Kilkeary, Nicola Basalto, Kerry Tol, Aurora Talusan, Eric Bugg, Denny Locke and Mary Young.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

Dorethea Morris, 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 8th April

Reader: J Payne
Commentator: K McInerney
Communion: E Webb R Cawley
Greeters: K McInerney B Harris
Collectors: M Dilger
Counters:
Morning Cuppa:

9.00am Sun 9th April

S Finnigan
V McMullen
H Skrzeczynski M Cherry
S Rossler V McMullen
J Shadbolt L Males
K McInerney B Harris
D & J Mohr

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 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

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Reconciliation

Riverside:

Saturday 5:15 pm—5:45 pm

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