

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
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the Month
12:00 noon 1st Friday of the month

Glengarry:

11:00am
2nd & 4th
Sundays of the Month

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 2nd July 2017

Today's Readings

First Reading 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

Second Reading Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

Gospel Mt 10:37-42

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me.

Next Week

Zec 9:9-10

Rom 8:9.11-13

Mt 11:25-30

The love of God comes first

God has no equal - that is why we owe the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit our undivided loyalty, trust, and obedience. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for the Lord Jesus who calls us to follow him. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies, if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do.

God's compelling love knows no rival

The love of God compels us to choose who or what will be first in our lives. To place any relationship or anything else above God is a form of idolatry. We can allow many different things to take control of our lives and possess us - such as greed and lust for power, possessions, and wealth. But only God's love can set us free to love as he loves - with mercy, kindness, goodness, patience, perseverance, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). The first and great commandment is to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Matthew 22:37). If we pursue the love of God and put his kingdom first in our lives, then he will give us everything we need to sustain us now and in the future as well.

True love overflows in kindness and mercy towards others

True love for God compels us to express charity (merciful deeds of kindness and goodness) towards our neighbours who are also loved by God because he created each of them in his image and likeness. Mother Theresa of Calcutta once told a marvellous story about a destitute family who had nothing to eat for days. When news of their impoverished condition came to the *Missionary Sisters of Charity*, Mother Theresa personally went to their home and brought them some food supplies. The mother of the family immediately divided the food in half and carried it off. When she returned, Mother Theresa asked her, "Where did you go?" She gave the simple answer, "To my neighbours, they are hungry also!" Mother Theresa said, "I was not surprised that she gave - poor people are really very generous. I was surprised that she knew they were hungry. As a rule, when we are suffering, we are so focused on ourselves, we have no time for others."



"God doesn't
call you to be
successful,
He calls you
to be
faithful."

- Blessed Mother Teresa

Jesus declared that any kindness shown and any help given to the people of Christ will not lose its reward (Matthew 10:42). Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. As his disciples we are called to be kind and generous as he is. Jesus sets before us the one goal in life that is worth any sacrifice and that goal is union with God - uniting our heart, mind, and will with his heart and will for our lives. The reward of a life given over to God and obeying his voice is God himself - the source of true peace and joy that lasts forever.

Article from Daily Scriptures and Meditations

The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2



(R.) Cantor: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

All: Repeat

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R)**
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R)**
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R)**

SECOND READING

Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia! ...

All: Repeat



Cantor: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

All: Alleluia! ...

GOSPEL

Mt 10:37-42

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You,
Lord Jesus Christ



Processional:

Refrain:

**Seek, O seek the Lord, while he is near;
Trust him, speak to him in prayer, and he will hear.**

1. God be with us in our lives,
direct us in our calling;
break the snares the world contrives,
keep us from falling. (R)
2. God, increase in us the life
that Christ by dying gave us.
Though we faint in mortal strife
his blood will save us. (R)
3. Strengthen in our hearts the love
we owe to one another.
How can we love God above
and not each other? (R)

Recessional:

Refrain:

**In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.**

1. Christ our star, our map, our road,
to the father's high abode.
2. Christ our shelter, Christ our friend,
our beginning and our end.
3. Christ our hope and our reward;
our redeemer and our Lord.

July - Feast Days this Week:

3 St Thomas the Apostle



4 St Elizabeth of Portugal



5 St Anthony Zaccaria



6 St Maria Goretti



Feast day of the Week – Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

Elizabeth was a Spanish princess who was given in marriage to King Denis of Portugal at the age of twelve. She was very beautiful and very lovable. She was also very devout, and went to Mass every day. Elizabeth was a holy wife, but although her husband was fond of her at first, he soon began to cause her great suffering. Though a good ruler, he did not imitate his wife's love of prayer and other virtues. In fact, his sins of impurity gave great scandal to the people.

Later, to make matters worse, the King believed a lie told about Elizabeth and one of her pages by another page, who was jealous of his companion. In great anger the King ordered the one he believed guilty, to be sent to a lime-burner. The lime-burner was commanded to throw into his furnace the first page who came. The good page set out obediently, not knowing death was waiting for him. On his way he stopped for Mass, since he had the habit of going daily. The first Mass had begun, so he stayed for a second one. In the meantime, the King sent the wicked page to the lime-burner to find out if the other had been killed. And so it was this page who was thrown into the furnace! When the King learned what had happened, he realized that God had saved the good page, punished the liar, and proven Queen Elizabeth to be innocent.

This amazing event helped greatly to make the King live better. He apologized to his wife in front of everyone and began to have a great respect for her. In his last sickness, she never left his side, except for Mass, until he died a holy death. St. Elizabeth lived for eleven more years, doing even greater charity and penance. She was a wonderful model of kindness toward the poor and a successful peacemaker between members of her own family and between nations.

Because St. Elizabeth was faithful to daily Mass, she found strength to carry her many great crosses. And because her page was faithful to daily Mass, he escaped death. We should try our best to make it a habit to go to Mass daily.



**Congratulations to the
First Reconciliation Candidates**

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

Reminders

This Tuesday 4th July: Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting 7.30pm
This Friday 7th July: 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 July.**



St Anthony's Catholic Primary are finishing the term with a bang! Bonfire and Fireworks evening!

On the **Friday 7th July** (the last day of term 2), the School Board, supported by the P&F, are holding a special event for our school community: A bonfire and fireworks night!

It will start at 6.00 pm and there will be food and hot and cold drinks for sale. We are inviting members of our school community to support this event by sponsoring the fireworks. If you are interested in supporting this evening through sponsorship, please contact Geoff Foley on 0418 579 223.

Associates of the Presentation Sisters - Trivia Afternoon

Saturday, 8th July at St Francis Church Riverside commencing at 1.30pm in aid of the Associates of the Presentation Sisters. Come along, bring your friends and have a fun afternoon. Lucky Door Prize and Grocery Hamper Raffle. Afternoon Tea provided. **\$5 entry fee.**

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

Solemnity of our Lady of Mount Carmel

Carmelite Monastery 7 Cambridge St., Launceston

Sunday 16th July 9.30am Sung Mass

Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Julian Porteous, DD

A Novena of Masses and Prayers July 7th – 15th

Intentions may be sent to Mother Teresa-Benedicta.

Morning Tea after Mass All are welcome



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

David Young

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

James Lipscombe, Emanuel Hanson ofm, Anthony Griffin, Sr Mary Grace O'Connor mss, Gerda Maloney, Sr Anges van Baer osc, Anthony Hobbins, Betty Skrzeczynski, Declan O'Rouke, Elliot Parkinson, Margaret Heathfield, Leila Walker Matthew Murray, May Kennedy, Johanna Kennedy and Fr Julian May ofm.

We offer prays for family and friends who are unwell:

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 8th July

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 July

V McMullen
M Amore
H Skrzeczynski V McMullen
S Rossler V McMullen
J Shadbolt L Males
S Clive J Payne V Dearsley
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: 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

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Reconciliation

Riverside: Sat 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

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