

West Tamar Catholic Parish



MASS TIMES

Riverside:	Beaconsfield:	Glengarry:
5.00pm Saturday	11:00am	11:00am
9:00am Sunday	1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Sundays of the Month	2 nd & 4 th
9:00am Wed & Fri	12:00 noon 1 st Friday of the month	Sundays of the Month
5.00pm Tues		
Additional Masses: 5.00pm Wed: St Vincent's Hospital Chapel		
7.30am Thurs: Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St Launceston		

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 23rd July 2017

Today's Readings

First Reading Wis 12:13,16-19 *God is mighty and gentle*
Second Reading Rom 8:26-27 *The Spirit overcomes our weaknesses*
Gospel Mt 13:24-30 *Parables of the weeds in the field and the mustard seed*

Next Week

1 Kgs 3:5,7-12
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-46

Gardening for the Soul

The gospel continues on from the parable of the Sower that we heard last week. Divine Wisdom, now present in Jesus, continues to teach those who would listen. If God, the householder, sows only good seed why is it that there are such mixed results? The parable makes two points. Firstly that an enemy is responsible for the weeds, not the householder; secondly that the householder will deal with these weeds at the harvest time.

It is important to read this parable in its context. Jesus is dealing with why so many do not respond to his teaching, for his ministry receives a very mixed response. In the symbolism of the parable, the reign of God that Jesus announces is met by vigorous opposition from the powers of evil. This is the reality in Jesus' time, the reality faced by Matthew's community and it continues to be our reality. The voice of the Gospel continues to struggle to be heard in our present society. Other values are presented as offering a better way of life – if we allow asylum seekers in, our 'white Australian' quality of life may change – if we stop embryonic research we may lose our scientists and possible cures for many illnesses.

With many of the complex issues we face it is not easy to discern the weeds from the wheat. On the two issues named above good people of faith hold different views. The parable seems to suggest that the servants need to live with both the wheat and the weeds and leave the task of judgment to God. Jesus offers this teaching to console and encourage his followers. Their task, as servants, is to sow goodness. The task of destroying evil is God's.

Perhaps an even greater challenge is to realise that the parable speaks about me. The paradox within my own life – I too have to learn to live with the wheat and the weeds within my own heart. Many years ago I read a story of Tony D'Mello's; it goes something like this. The preacher came and asked the class, 'If all the good people wore white and all the bad people wore black, what would you wear?' Mary Jane answered, 'I'd wear polka dots!' For all our good intentions, and efforts we will probably continue to struggle with some issues all our lives. The garden of our soul will always need a little weeding. These inner struggles will continue to call us to conversion and we will continue to need to call on God and allow God to be the gardener of our souls. Knowing the weeds and wheat within our own individual lives, can help us be a little more patient, or tolerant of the weeds and wheat around us – in our families, communities, our Church. This is not an invitation to complacency but a reminder to 'get real' as young people say.



The reading from Romans is from chapter 8, and earlier in this letter Paul had lamented, 'When I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inner self, but I see in my outer self another law at war with my soul' (7:21). I think Paul speaks of this same inner struggle of knowing the weeds and the wheat which leads him to rely on the Spirit of God as he says in the reading today. 'The Spirit helps us in our weakness... The Spirit intercedes for us ... the Spirit searches the inner hearts of all people.' Paul then continues, 'If God is for us, who can be against us' (8:31). In the struggle to live a good meaningful life, we can sometimes be our own worst enemy in being far too harsh and unforgiving towards ourselves. The Parable may invite us to greater kindness towards ourselves and to leave the task of major garden work to God.

A reflection by Mary Coloe

The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Wis 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5



(R.) Cantor: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All: Repeat

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my call. **(R)**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **(R)**
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **(R)**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia! ...

All: Repeat

Gregorian chant, mode VI



Cantor: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

All: Alleluia! ...

GOSPEL

Mt 13:24-43

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You,
Lord Jesus Christ**



Processional:

- 1. Holy God we praise your name,
Lord of all, we bow before you:
all on earth your power proclaim,
all in heaven above adore you;
boundless is your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.
- 2. Hear that loud celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising,
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
and adoring bend the knee
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Recessional:

Father bless us as we go.
Jesus walk beside us.
Holy Spirit guide us.

23 St Bridget

24 St Sharbel Makhluf

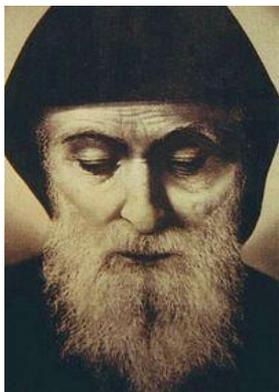
July - Feast Days this Week:

25 St James, Apostle

26 Sts Joachim & Anne

29 St Martha

Feast day of the Week – Saint Sharbel Makhluf



Although this saint never traveled far from the Lebanese village of Beka-Kafra where he was born, his influence has spread widely. Joseph Zaroun Makluf was raised by an uncle because his father, a mule driver, died when Joseph was only three. At the age of 23, Joseph joined the Monastery of St. Maron at Annaya, Lebanon, and took the name Sharbel in honor of a second-century martyr. He professed his final vows in 1853, and was ordained six years later. Following the example of the fifth-century Saint Maron, Sharbel lived as a hermit from 1875, until his death. His reputation for holiness prompted people to seek him to receive a blessing and to be remembered in his prayers. He followed a strict fast and was very devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. When his superiors occasionally asked him to administer the sacraments to nearby villages, Sharbel did so gladly. He died in the late afternoon on Christmas Eve. Christians and non-Christians soon made his tomb a place of pilgrimage and of cures. Pope Paul VI beatified Sharbel in 1965, and canonized him 12 years later. John Paul II often said that the Church has two lungs—East and West—and it must learn to breathe using both of them. Remembering saints like Sharbel helps the Church to appreciate both the diversity and unity present in the Catholic Church. Like all the saints, Sharbel points us to God and invites us to cooperate

generously with God’s grace, no matter what our situation in life may be. As our prayer life becomes deeper and more honest, we become more ready to make that generous response.

Sacramental Program – Confirmation 2017: Expressions of Interest



Dear Parishioners,

In Term 3, children in Grade 4 or above, who are intending to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 9th September**, will begin their preparation. Preparation workshops for Confirmation will begin on Tuesday 15th August at 6.00pm in the Church hall. If you would like your child/ren to be involved this year, please contact Fr Martin **no later than Monday, 14th August**.



Keep in your thoughts and prayers

It is with great sadness that we hear that Pat and Michael Turner’s beloved son Ian, passed away on Saturday in Sydney. Ian was 35 and had given his life in service to his country both here and abroad in areas of conflict such as Afghanistan, as a Commander in the Australian Defence Force. He will be honoured with a full military funeral on Monday in Sydney. Please keep Pat, Michael and their family in your prayers, as we pray for Ian - Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Peter’s Pence Annual Collection

The annual Peter’s Pence collection will be taken up again **THIS WEEKEND**. Envelopes will be available on the pews. Please give generously.

New Rosters



for Readers, Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Counters, Morning Tea and Senior Servers are available in the Narthex or have been emailed to you. If you would like your roster to be emailed to you please let Jenelle know at the office (wtparish@bigpond.com). Thank you to all the volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents.

Parish Fundraiser- Rattslotto is back

\$10 = 5 weeks of chances to win.
Prizes are linked to the supplementary numbers of the Saturday Tattslotto draw.
1st supplementary no. = \$20, 2nd supplementary no. = \$10,
Numbers are valid for the 5 Saturdays in **September**. Please give your name and money to your friendly Parish representative **by Sunday 20th August** and your lucky numbers will be drawn and displayed at each Mass centre on the weekend of **August 26/27th**
Good Luck.

Contacts: Riverside- Rob Midson, Kevin McInerney. Top End- Pat Turner, Joan Worth.



Gracefest

The Archdiocese will hold a Gracefest event for all students in Years 9 – 12 and young adults below the age of 30 on **Saturday 12th August 2017**. The event will be the start of Tasmania’s journey to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival that will be held in Sydney later this year.
Gracefest will run from **6.00 – 9.00pm at St Ailbe’s Hall**, 46 Margaret St, Launceston and will welcome Stephen Kirk as well as other guests. The event will include live music, talks, food/drink, activities, discussion and prayer.
Register at www.gracefesttasmania.org.au

Tasmanian Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast

An opportunity to learn from the story of an exceptional role model, who as a committed Christian, provided leadership to the NSW Police Force for 9 ½ years. **Andrew Scipione AO APM, former NSW Police Commissioner, is the guest speaker at the 12th Tasmanian Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast.** Kelly Ottoway and Randal Muir, accomplished Tasmanian musicians, will be performing along with St Mary's College Choir. **Wed August 16, 2017 from 7 – 9 am** in the Federation Ballroom of Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart.

For bookings go to our new website: tasmanianprayerbreakfast.com or contact Susan on 0407 499 456

Save the Date: Saturday 16th September, 2017

160th Anniversary of Saint Michael Parish, Campbell Town.

11.00am Mass with Archbishop Julian Porteous, D.D as Main Celebrant, Preacher and Concelebrant.
All welcome.

Sacraments Basic Course

A new **FREE** course for adults on the Sacraments will be offered by the Verbum Domini Biblical & Catechetical Institute over **four Saturdays starting July 29 (9am-2.30pm)** at the Pastoral Centre, Launceston. Module 1 will provide a fresh look at the biblical basis of Baptism and Confirmation and how these sacraments are so necessary for our Christian life. TCEO teachers can obtain professional learning credit for attendance. Parishioners, RCIA team members, and catechists are encouraged to attend.

Register: call Dr. Christine Wood, ph. 6208-6236. **Information:** <https://hobart.catholic.org.au/>

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

Ian Turner, Lyn Porter, Daniel Aye, Carmel Woodward (Nan) and David Young

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

Bernat Mlynski, Sr Paul Joseph Stewart ocd, Des Alford, Kenneth McManamey, Rita Lacy, Mollie Taylor, Fred Goodall, Madeleine Lyons, Fr Alphonsus Collier ofm, Gertrude Stott, Gertrude Haig, Anna Van Riel, Jim O'Brien, Margaret Stott, Eileen Colrain, John Mackey and Patrick Young.

We offer prayers 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, 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, 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 29th July		9.00am Sun 30th July	
Reader:	B Fitzpatrick		B Sexton	
Commentator:	J Payne		M Sexton	
Communion:	R Cawley	S Clive	D Furfaro	S Rossler
Greeters:	E Davis	E Webb	S Rossler	V McMullen
Collectors:	T Foely	M Dilger	M Sexton	L Males
Counters:			R Midson	J Shadbolt
Morning Cuppa:			M & S Waters	

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

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Reconciliation

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

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