

West Tamar Catholic Parish



MASS TIMES

Riverside:

5.00pm Saturday
9:00am Sunday
9:00am Wed & Fri
5.00pm Tues

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

Additional Masses: 5.00pm Wed: St Vincent's Hospital Chapel
7.30am Thurs: Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St Launceston

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 25th June 2017

Today's Readings

First Reading Jer 20:10-13
Second Reading Rom 5:12-15
Gospel Mt 10:26-33

*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.
God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.
Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

Next Week

2 Kg 4:8-11
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11
Mt 10:37-42

To Trust in God



Many of those who once looked through the barbed-wire fences of Australia's detention centres carry personal stories of fear of persecution. One such story, the story of Najaf Mazari, is beautifully narrated by Najaf and Robert Hillman in their joint work, *The Rugmaker of Mazar-e-Sharif*. Najaf is an Afghani Hazara who suffered persecution and torture at the hands of the Taliban. He escaped to Australia via Indonesia in 2002. After some time in detention, he established a rug making business in suburban Melbourne. He was reunited with his wife Hakeema and daughter Maria in 2008 and became an Australian citizen in June 2014.

Some of the first century Christian groups, including Matthew's community, were a bit like the Afghani Hazaras and Syrian or Iraqi Christians in that they are persecuted simply on account of who they are vis à vis those who seek exclusive political and cultural power. They have every reason to fear bodily harm and even death, as did Jesus and his followers. The scene at Gethsemane suggests that Jesus himself experienced deep fear in the face of his impending suffering and political execution. Yet Jesus tells his disciples not to fear those who kill the body.

How are these words to be understood? To return to the story of Najaf: the Taliban had power to destroy his body, but no power over his spirit. A man of deep faith, supported by a family who sacrificed their own comfort and placed their trust in God (Allah), he survived against the most incredible odds. Even if he had died in the effort to find freedom, his faith in the fullness of life with God and the witness of his courage would remain, in stark contrast with the bullying power of the Taliban who could kill the body but not an indomitable spirit.

Trust in God is at the heart of Jesus' response to suffering. The disciples are sent out on mission. They are to proclaim in the marketplace or from the "housetops" the gospel they have received in the security of the household. They can expect rejection and humiliation. They are not to be deterred from their mission. Above all, they are not to give up the struggle or capitulate in the face of persecution. Like all God's creatures, they are precious in God's eyes and will not be abandoned. On the contrary, Jesus will "acknowledge" them before God "in heaven". Trust in the author and sustainer of life is the appropriate response to suffering endured for the sake of God's empire. Trust in God does not take away the pain. Rather, it puts the inevitable suffering of the disciple on mission into the broader perspective of life in its fullest expression.

A Reflection by Veronica Lawson

The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14



(R.) Cantor: Lord, in your great love, answer me.
All: Repeat

1. It is for you I suffer taunts,
and shame covers my face.
I have become a stranger to my brothers and
sisters, and alien to my mother's children.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R)**
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
O God, in your great love, answer me,
with help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R)**
3. The poor will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **(R)**

SECOND READING

Rom 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia! ...
All: Repeat



Cantor: The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

All: Alleluia! ...

GOSPEL

Mt 10:26-33

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You,
Lord Jesus Christ



Processional:

1. For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
who to this world their faith in you confessed,
your name, O Jesus, Be forever blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!
2. You were their rock, their fortress and their might;
their noble captain In the well-fought fight;
and in the darkest hour their one true light.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Recessional:

1. Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord:
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.
2. Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire:
give joy and peace;
give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.
3. Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care the men of every race:
like wind and fire
with life among us move
till we are known as Christ's
and Christians prove

June - Feast Days this Week:

27 St Cyril of Alexandria



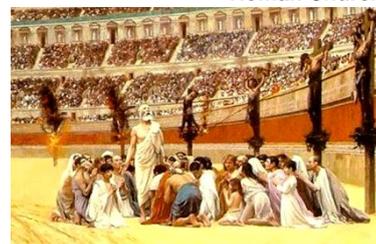
28 St Irenaeus



29 Sts Peter & Paul the Apostle's



30 The first Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church



A Prayer for our Reconciliation Candidates

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

Loving God help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally.
Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive.
Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

The children will celebrate Reconciliation this Tuesday 27th June.



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.

The Planned Giving Envelopes for 2017/2018

are available for collection in the narthex. If anyone would like to join the envelope system please complete the form below and return to the office, to Fr Martin or in the offertory plate. Thank you.

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.**

I would like to participate in the Parish PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ **PHONE:** _____

Would you like a set of envelopes? YES / NO

Would you like information about credit card or direct debit contributions? YES / NO

The Charitable Works Collection will be conducted this weekend **24th & 25th June**. Envelopes are available on the pews. Donations can be made with these envelopes or by phone or online. (See the envelopes for details).

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



St Peter's Church 40 Yr Anniversary – Kings Meadows

A BYO Lunch will be held on **Sunday 2nd July 2017, 12.30 pm** in the St Peter's Parish Centre to mark the occasion of the blessing and opening of the current church at Youngtown. Previous parishioners and others who have been involved with St Peter's over the past 40 years are warmly invited to join King's Meadows parishioners in celebrating this milestone. Photos and other memorabilia welcome on the day. Enquiries Lorraine Mannion Ph 0438 447 551

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@griegtograces.org.au

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

David Mulcahey

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

Paul Els, Henri Clif, Kevin Lahiff, Sr Biddy Clippingdale, Noel Sutcliffe, Sr Wendy Edwards PC, Beth Hope, Bronwyn McLean, Noreen Deegan, Maria Antel, Ella Williamson, Eileen Trevillion, Sr Phillipa Chapman, Sr M Viruilus McShane LCM, Maureen Lowe, Phyllis Luttrell, Elfriede Juri, Thelma Manion, Gertrude Milbourne, Alexander & Janima Izbick and Anton Griffin.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

David Young, 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 1st July

Reader: B Fitzpatrick
Commentator: R Cawley
Communion: T Schouten S Clive
Greeters: S Clive E Webb
Collectors: T Foley M Dilger
Counters:
Morning Cuppa:

9.00am Sun 2nd July

M Sexton
B Sexton
J Izbicki S Rossler
S Rossler V McMullen
J Shadbolt L Males
R Midson J Shadbolt
J Peters D Lynch

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

Glengarry Road, Glengarry

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Reconciliation

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

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