

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

The Ascension of the Lord Year A, 28th May 2017

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading Eph 1:17-23
Gospel Mt 28:16-20

Jesus is taken up into heaven.

Christ is head of the church.

Jesus sends forth the apostles with the promise to be with them always.

Next Week

Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23

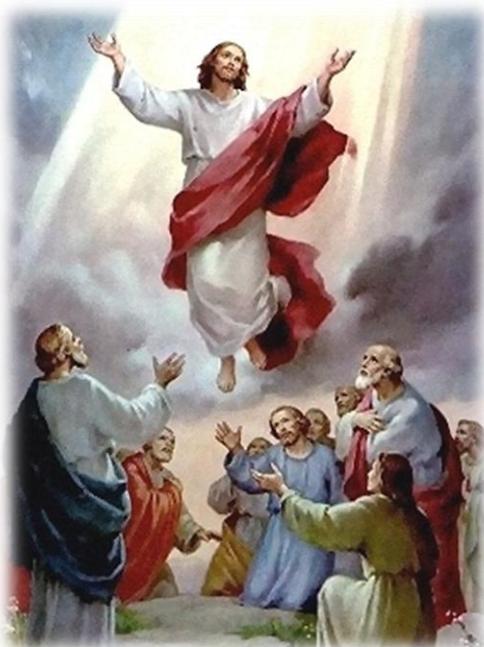
'I am with you always.'

Today is a strange feast. A celebration of a real absence and a real presence. The Galilean Jesus of Nazareth as known by his disciples is no longer with us. This historical Jesus is absent and today acknowledges that absence. And yet, the Risen Christ known to those of faith continues to be a living presence in our midst. This is the real presence we celebrate today.

The graphic story of Jesus' Ascension is found only in Luke's Gospel where the Jesus of history is carried up to heaven and so begins a second phase as the Spirit empowers the community to continue the mission of Jesus. Luke then opens his second volume, The Acts of the Apostles with this same experience of the Ascension, followed by the coming of the Spirit during the Jewish Festival of Pentecost. This is Luke's perspective.

Matthew's theology is different. There is no description of Jesus leaving, in fact Matthew's Gospel ends with the promise of Jesus, 'I am with you always'. These words '*I am with you*' echo the words spoken to Joseph when Jesus' birth is first announced, 'He shall be called Emmanuel – a name that means *God-is-with-us*.' The entire Gospel is framed by this image of God-with-us. This is who Jesus is for the first disciples, and this is who Jesus is for all who continue in their footsteps.

Matthew's Jesus is modelled on the great Jewish prophet and teacher Moses, which is evident in this scene. Where the followers of Moses were those within Israel, Jesus commands that discipleship now be extended to 'all nations'. God's covenant with Israel is now open to all people. Where belonging to Israel was sealed with the ritual of circumcision, Jesus gives his disciples a new ritual for those who would belong to his community, namely, the ritual of baptism. Where Judaism was founded on the teaching and Law of Moses, the community of Christians is founded on the teaching of Jesus.



You might recall that in Matthew's Gospel Jesus says, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.' (Matt 5:17-18) But in Matthew's account of the crucifixion there are signs that mark the end of the world. There is an earthquake and the tombs open and those once dead return to life. For Matthew the Cross marks the passing away of heaven and earth and the beginning of a new age. Jesus' commission to his disciples establishes the membership, the initiation ritual, and the ethic for a new community in the new age. A community for 'all nations,' who participate in one baptism and follow the teaching of Jesus.

These final words of Matthew's Gospel I find most encouraging. We are told that when the disciples saw Jesus, some worshipped him, but some still doubted. This small nucleus of the Christian community holds both people of faith and disciples with room to doubt. This is the community who, in spite of its frailty hears the words, 'I am with you always.'

Let us be heartened by these words of a God who continues to be with us, even in our failings.

A reflection by Mary Coloe

The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

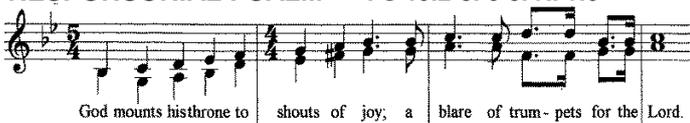
Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6



(R.) Cantor: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All: Repeat

1. All peoples clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
Great King over all the earth. **(R)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with a trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over all the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R)**

SECOND READING

Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia! ...

All: Repeat



Cantor: Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

All: Alleluia! ...

GOSPEL

Mt 28:16-20

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You,
Lord Jesus Christ

Processional:

1. By ev'ry nation, race and tongue,
worship and praise be ever sung;
Praise the Father: Alleluia!
For pardoned sin, death overcome,
and hopes that live beyond the tomb:

**(R) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia,**

2. Saints who on earth have suffered long
for Jesus' sake enduring wrong,
ever faithful: Alleluia!
Where faith is lost in sight,
rejoice and sing
with never wearied voice: **(R)**
3. Let earth and air and sea unite
to celebrate his glorious might,
their creator: Alleluia!
Sun, moon and stars in endless space
echo the song of ev'ry race: **(R)**

Recessional:

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come
from Thy bright heav'nly home,
come, take possession of our souls
and make them all Thy own.
2. Thou who art called the Paraclete,
best gift of God above,
the living spring, the living fire,
sweet unction and true love.
3. Through Thee may we the Father know,
through Thee th' eternal Son,
and Thee the Spirit of them both,
thrice blessed Three in One.
4. All glory to the Father be
with his co-equal Son:
the same to Thee, great Paraclete,
while endless ages run.

May - Feast Days this Week:

29 St. Madeleine Sophie Barat

June

1 St Justin

2 Sts Marcellinus & Peter

3 St Charles Lwanga & Champions



Important Notice

Change of Winter Mass Time

**May, June, July and August, our Saturday evening Vigil Mass will commence at the
New starting time of 5.00pm**

We will return to the 6.00pm timeslot in September



Wear something Red for Pentecost Sunday next week



Family Mass: Saturday 3rd June, 5.00pm

All families of St Anthony's and the West Tamar Catholic Parish
are invited to join us for a Family Mass!

We look forward to welcoming all families of St Anthony's to celebrate Mass together
and we look forward to welcoming you to St Francis Church, Riverside,
on Saturday 3rd of June at 5pm.



The Most Holy Trinity Sunday Mass

The Weekend of the 10th & 11th June

the 5pm Vigil Mass will be celebrated as usual, however, on Sunday there will be **only ONE Parish Mass**
which will be celebrated at
**10am in the Assisi Centre,
St Anthony's Catholic School, Riverside.**

Please bring a plate for a shared meal after the celebration.

Thank you!

Fr Norbert Pittorino ofm wishes to thank the West Tamar parishioners for their support over many years for the used stamps which was
a very good fund raiser for the Franciscan Mission in PNG, however due to the slump in the market he will no longer process used
stamps



My sincere thanks for the 9 years my fellow parishioners have offered prayers for my daughter-in-law,
Melissa Cherry. After 2 major operations for two different cancers she is now in remission and only requires an
annual check.

Thank you, Margaret Cherry

Message from the Franciscan Friars

It is with great sadness that the Franciscan Friars of the Province of the Holy Spirit announce the death of
Emeritus Archbishop Sir Brian Barnes ofm.



Christopher Dawson Centre presentation:

Thursday 15th June, 7.30pm .Upper room, Launceston Pastoral Centre

Speaker Dr.David Daintree: " By the skin of our teeth" Ancient and medieval books and the Western tradition.

Saint Elisabeth Convent, Minsk, Belarus:

The Sisters of St Elisabeth are bringing an Icon Exhibition to Hobart. The hand painted icons are created with an
ancient style, which uses egg tempera.

The Exhibition will be held at Masterpiece@IXL Gallery, 2/19a Hunter St, Hobart and will run from **30th May until 15th June.**

Sacred Heart College 144th Reunion:

When: Saturday 24th June at 12 noon

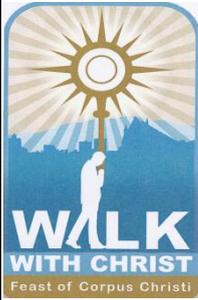
Where: Albert and Victoria Restaurant, Albert Hall

Cost: Luncheon \$40.00 including soft drink

RSVP: 10th June, with payment to Ann Stewart, 15 Seaport Bld, ph: 6331 0173 or 0418 554 245, email: seaport@bigpond.net.au
Or Pauline Scott, 78 High St, ph: 6334 0780 or 0409 002 259, email: lady33rose@yahoo.com.au

Cheques made payable to Sacred Heart Old Collegians Association
or direct deposit, your name as reference to BSB: 067 600 Account: 00901816

Walk with Christ



Hobart City, **Sunday 18th June 1:15 to 3:00 pm.**

Celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ by walking with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through the city of Hobart.

Be at St Joseph's Church (Harrington St) by 1.15 pm, and walk with us to St Mary's Cathedral for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction concluding at 3:00pm. There will be a 'cuppa' afterwards.

If you can't do the walk come to the Cathedral at 2:00 for prayer and Adoration.

Experience our rich Catholic heritage in solidarity with Catholics all over the world and through the ages, by bearing public witness to our Lord and Saviour.

Can't join us in person? Prayer intentions written in the 'Book of Life' in your parish will be taken in the procession and presented at the Cathedral.

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

Arthur Frederic Bligh

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

Maria Grygencza, Ivy Gill, Joan Holeman, Josip Beg, Shirley Manion, Joan Schnierer, Betty Parish, Fr Augustine Watson ofm, Br Francis Say ofm, Serconsiciona Plaza, Christine Gatenby and Frank Nieuwhof.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

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 3rd June

9.00am Sun 4th June

Reader:	St Anthony's students	B Sexton
Commentator:	St Anthony's students	M Sexton
Communion:	E Webb T Schouten	H Skrzeczynski J Izbicki
Greeters:	K McNerney B Harris	S Rossler V McMullen
Collectors:	K McNerney T Foley	J Shadbolt L Males
Counters:		K McNerney B Harris
Morning Cuppa:		V McMulleen H Skrzeczynski

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:

Saturday 4:15 pm—4:45 pm

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