

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 30th July 2017

Today's Readings

First Reading 1 Kng 3:5,7-12
Second Reading Rom 8:28-30
Gospel Mt 13:44-52

You have asked for wisdom.

*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.
He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Next Week

*Dan 7:9-10,13-14
2 Pet 1:16-19
Mt 17:1-9*

The Pearl of Wisdom

Once there was a teacher who desired to make progress in his career and to climb the social ladder. He worked very hard. In fact, his work was his life. He put his best hours and his best efforts into it. He had little time to appreciate his family, and even less for the enjoyment of life. It was clear to everyone where his treasure was.

But then he had a heart attack. He was taken to hospital where he lay for days, drifting in and out of consciousness, and not knowing whether he would live or die. During moments of lucidity he saw these shadowy figures by his bedside. One day those figures came into focus and he immediately recognised them. They were his wife and children who visited him faithfully every day and spent hours at his bedside.

At that moment he saw where his true treasure lay – it lay in his family, his home, in the gift of life, and of course in God. He saw how foolish he had been up to now. And he prayed with all his heart: 'Lord, give me back my life, and I'll be happy'. And he resolved that if he got well, he would turn his priorities upside down.

He made a full recovery. The day he walked out of hospital he was deliriously happy. Everything had been given back to him. Through that painful experience he acquired much wisdom. Prior to this, he was completely focussed on himself and his career. Now he decided to open himself to others and to work for them. And he was happier than he had ever been in his life.



All of us are searchers and treasure-hunters in the sense that we are looking for happiness. The goal is legitimate, but it may be that (like that teacher) we are looking in the wrong place. Jesus said, 'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be too'. So, if we want to know what our treasure is, all we have to do is ask ourselves where our heart is. What is it that we love, that we pursue with all our hearts? There lies our treasure.

The wisdom we are talking about here is not the same as worldly wisdom. It is something deeper and very much more precious. It means knowing what is truly important in life. It means being able to see life from God's point of view, and being able to live the way God wants us to live. If we don't have that, then no matter how many possessions we have, or how successful we are, we will not be happy.

Wisdom is the pearl of great price. Once found no one can rob us of it.

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The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97



(R.) Cantor: I love your law, O Lord. I love your law.

All: Repeat

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **(R)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **(R)**
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **(R)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and brings wisdom to the simple. **(R)**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You,
Lord Jesus Christ



Processional:

1. Praise to The Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for He is your health and salvation.
All you who hear,
now to his altar draw near;
join in profound adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now in praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again,
now as we worship before him.

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:

30 St Peter Chrysologus

31 St Ignatius of Loyola

August

- 1 St Alphonsus Mary Liguori
- 3 St Dominic

- 2 St Peter Faber, St Eusebius of Vercelli, St Peter Julian Eymard
- 4 St John Mary Vianney, St Sixtus and companions, St Cajetan

Feast day of the Week – Saint Cajetan



Like most of us, Cajetan seemed headed for an “ordinary” life—first as a lawyer, then as a priest engaged in the work of the Roman Curia.

His life took a characteristic turn when he joined the Oratory of Divine Love in Rome, a group devoted to piety and charity, shortly after his ordination at 36. When he was 42 he founded a hospital for incurables at Venice. At Vicenza, he joined a “disreputable” religious community that consisted only of men of the lowest stations of life—and was roundly censured by his friends, who thought his action was a reflection on his family. He sought out the sick and poor of the town and served them.

The greatest need of the time was the reformation of a Church that was “sick in head and members.” Cajetan and three friends decided that the best road to reformation lay in reviving the spirit and zeal of the clergy. Together they founded a congregation known as the Theatines—from Teate [*Chieti*] where their first superior-bishop had his see. One of the friends later became Pope Paul IV.

They managed to escape to Venice after their house in Rome was wrecked when Emperor Charles V's troops sacked Rome in 1527. The Theatines were outstanding among the Catholic reform movements that took shape before the Protestant Reformation. Cajetan founded a *monte de pieta*—“mountain or fund of piety”—in Naples, one of many charitable, nonprofit credit organizations that lent money on the security of pawned objects. The purpose was to help the poor and protect them against usurers. Cajetan's little organization ultimately became the Bank of Naples, with great changes in policy.

Reminders

- This Tuesday 1st August:** Parish Pastoral Council meeting 7.30pm
This Friday 4th August: Anointing of the Sick 9.00am Mass and Holy Hour 7.00pm
This Saturday 5th August: Cenacle: Devotion to Mother Mary 11.00am

Thank You

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for your prayers, condolences and sympathy for both myself and my family during the past few weeks.

Your kindness and support has been greatly appreciated at this very difficult time.

Thank you once again, Fr Martin

Parish Raffle

Congratulations to our winners of the last raffle.

1st prize to Stephanie Rossler

2nd prize to Jadwiga Izbicki

3rd prize to Suzette Clive

Thank you to all who have supported this fundraising endeavour.



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.**



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.



Devotions Honouring the Fatherhood of God

to be held on **Sunday 6th August at 3.00pm** at St. Francis' Church, Riverside. Devotions will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers to God the Father and conclude with Benediction. Afternoon Tea will follow Devotions. All welcome.
Celebrant - Fr. Martin. Enquiries to Rozanne - 0498 278 057.

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

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.

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

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

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

Clarence McCarthy, Geoff McQuestin, Brendan Manion, Baden Riley, Jessie Tyler, Carolyn Flemington, Robert Saunders, Leonore Walker, Barry Kirby ofm, Frederick Dobson, Margaret Stanwix, Kathleen Dee, John Smith, Helena Rimmelzwaan, Len Harding, Anne Knight, Fr Hilary Turner ofm, Livio De Michiel, Jack Reynolds, Fr Joseph Gleeson ofm and Tony White.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

Fr Tom Chapman, 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

	Readers	Commentators	Communion	Greeters	Collectors
Sat 5th Aug	R Cawley	P Fleming	J Payne, T Schouten	K McInerney, B Harris	K McInerney
Sun 6th Aug	M Amore	A Cunningham	H Skrzeczynski, S Rossler	S Rossler, V McMullen	J Shadbolt, L Males
Sunday Counters	S Clive, J Payne, V Dearsley		Morning Cuppa	V McMullen, 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

Glengarry Road, Glengarry

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Reconciliation

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

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