

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

Pentecost Sunday Year A, 4th June 2017

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

The Spirit comes to the Apostles as tongues of fire

We are one body with different gifts.

Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the Apostles.

Next Week

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

2 Cor 13:11-13

Jn 3:16-18

'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.'

To appreciate both Luke's description of the descent of the Spirit and John's Gospel it is essential to know something about the Jewish background to this Festival. This was one of the three most important festivals in Israel, one of the three times in the year when pilgrims would descend on Jerusalem to be present for the Temple rituals.

In its origins the festival was simply a harvest festival to give thanks for God's care and bounty in the harvest. In response to God's gifts of grain the people brought offerings of their first fruits, hence one of its names, the Festival of First Fruits. Gradually, the Festival was linked to the great covenants in Israel's history, the covenants with Noah, Abraham and particularly the great covenant with all the people at Mt Sinai. These covenants signified the creation of a new people of God. Following the Flood this new community began with Noah's family, then with Abraham who was to be the Father of a great multitude, and then through the Sinai covenant the people solemnly declared that they now belonged to YHWH. The community at Qumran celebrated this festival and this was the day when new members were welcomed into the community and the covenant was renewed.

Following the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in the year 70 CE, the Rabbis shifted the focus from the celebration of the Covenant to the celebration of the gift of the Law on Sinai. It was the Torah, not Temple ritual, that was to help the Jewish people survive without Temple, sacrifices or priesthood. The Law was considered the First Fruits of the Exodus. The Festival was also known as the feast of weeks since it was celebrated seven weeks after the Passover. In the Greek speaking world the Feast was therefore called the fiftieth day or Pentecost.

In the Gospel of John the Spirit is given to the disciples as the Easter gift on the same day as the Resurrection. Luke's theology links the Spirit with the Jewish Festival of First Fruits/Pentecost as he understands the Spirit as the First Fruit of Easter. Luke is writing his Gospel in the 80's. In linking the Spirit with the First Fruits, Luke is drawing on an image already used by Paul in his letter to the Romans.

Paul wrote, 'We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.'

(Rom 8:22-23) So by the time Luke was writing, the image of the 'first fruits' was already linked to the Spirit. For Luke, the gift of the Spirit is the First Fruit of the Risen Christ. The promise that something has already begun and is in process. In the Synoptic Gospels there is a scene within the ministry of Jesus when he sends the disciples out to preach, heal and cast out demons. In today's Johannine Gospel the missioning of disciples does not occur until after the Resurrection. Prior to the crucifixion Jesus is the only one on mission from his Father, but now as he returns to the Father, that mission is to continue through his disciples. Just as Jesus' mission began with the coming of the Spirit to dwell with him at his Baptism (Jn 1:32), so also the mission of the disciples begins as Jesus breathes on them the gift of the Spirit.

Jesus' mission had been to reveal God's love for the world and to overcome the power of evil that held people back from believing and accepting this great gift of love. The disciples are similarly empowered. They are given authority from Jesus to announce the forgiveness of sin. No longer are people to be held back from God by fear and guilt. The Spirit of holiness is a power we now have access to.

In this Gospel the evangelist shows this power already operating in the extraordinary change that happens to the disciples. They are locked in on themselves, afraid, possibly reliving their failures over recent days. Then suddenly the Risen One is present. He speaks no words admonishing them for their failures, instead all fear and failure is immediately banished and replaced by joy and peace. May the power of God's Spirit inflame our hearts with the Easter gifts of peace and joy!



A reflection by Mary Coloe

The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30



(R.) Cantor: Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

All: Repeat

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Lord, God, how great you are,
clothed in great glory and majesty,
wrapped in light as in a robe. **(R)**
2. How great are your works, O Lord!
In your wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
O Bless the Lord, O my soul. **(R)**
3. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R)**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, from the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor, come with treasures which endure; come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, dost refreshing peace bestow; Thou in toil art comfort sweet; pleasant coolness in the heat; solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine, visit thou these hearts of thine, and our inmost being fill: If thou take thy grace away, nothing pure in man will stay; all his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour thy dew; wash the stains of guilt away: bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen, warm the chill; guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, with thy sevenfold gifts descend: give us comfort when we die; give us life with thee on high; give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia! ...

All: Repeat



Cantor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

All: Alleluia! ...

From the Holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

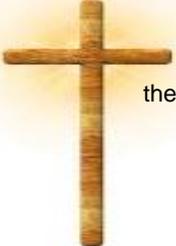
The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

Hymns
Processional: "Come, Holy Ghost" – Catholic Worship Book 654
Recessional: "Tell out my Soul" – Gather Australia 550

June - Feast Days this Week:

5 St Boniface 6 St Norbert, St Marcellin Champagnat 7 Servant of God Joseph Perez 8 St William of York
 9 St Ephrem

Reminders
This Tuesday 6th June: Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting 7.30pm
This Thursday 8th June: Praise and Worship Prayer Group 7.30pm



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.

NO Mission Stall:
 As we will be celebrating Mass at St Anthony's next week, there will be NO Mission Stall next weekend. Our next Mission stall will be held the following weekend of **Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th June.**





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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

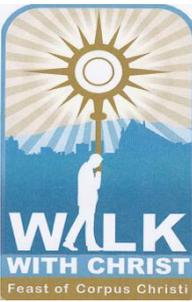
Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation has begun this week in the Parish. If there are other children or parishioners who wish to prepare for and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation it is not too late to let Fr Martin know of your interest as soon as possible.
 The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on **Tuesday 27th June, 2017.**



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.**



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.

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

If you are an experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, here is a volunteering opportunity that will change your life. Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and improve processes and procedures for organisations vital to reducing poverty. To ensure sustainable development they prefer those willing to come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12 months. If you want to find out more, please contact Christine on 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au



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@griegtogracetas.org.au

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:

Karolina De Cesaris, Lillian Mitchell, Fr Maurice West, Ken Lohrey, Shelia Clynes, Enrico Visentin, Kevin Manion, Giuseppe Coniglio, Rachael Spradbury, Brian Keady, Michael McGee, Jessie Clippingdale, Edward Wellard, James Lipscombe, Keith Keegan, Bill Hannah, Peter Watson and Libby Ryman.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

Brenda Hall, Ray Porter, Willie Veldhuis, Rick Murfet, Anthea Maynard, Rick Waters, Andre 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 10th June	9.00am Sun 11th June
Reader:	P Fleming	E Cunningham
Commentator:	R McManamey	A Cunningham
Communion:	R Cawley S Clive	S Rossler V McMullen
Greeters:	E Davis E Webb	S Rossler V McMullen
Collectors:	T Foley M Dilger	J Shadbolt 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

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St Canice Church

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Reconciliation

Riverside:

Saturday 4:15 pm—4:45 pm

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