

West Tamar Catholic Parish



**MASS
TIMES**

Riverside:

6. 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

First Sunday of Lent Year A, 5th March 2017

Today's Readings

First Reading Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 *The Lord creates man and the garden of Eden.*
Second Reading Rom 5:12-19 *Jesus has atoned for Adam's sin.*
Gospel Mt 4:1-11 *Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert.*

Next Week

Gn 12:1-4
2 Tm 1:8-10
Mt 17:1-9

We don't have to be God!

Hearing the story of Adam and Eve in today's first reading reminds me of the little boy who opened the large family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mummy, look what I found', the little boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: 'I think it's Adam's suit!'

The Genesis story about the origins of sin in the world rewards very careful reading. The serpent promises Eve two things: that her eyes will be opened to know good from evil and that this will make her like God. Such a temptation was irresistible and nothing has changed.

Knowledge is a gift given us by God. I am always grateful for being a Catholic because, along with other long-standing Christian denominations, we highly value scholarship, rational thought and inquiry. As anxious as the Church has sometimes been about scientific investigations, our best traditions are to see God revealed in human thoughts and scientific achievements that ennoble our human family. It is the application of knowledge, or the way it is abused, that can be harmful.

On the domestic front, many families have a 'know-it-all', the relative who has an extraordinary ability to retain facts and figures and who seems to gain a sense of self-worth by correcting us mid-sentence when we get a number, place or fact wrong. He or she can be very irritating. On the world stage we have seen how scientific knowledge can try and seduce us into believing that all scientific achievements are good no matter how unknown the consequences of these choices might be for future generations. Every new piece of knowledge brings with it wonderful potentialities and serious responsibilities.

As this story demonstrates, the temptation to know as much as God has never been more real than it is right now.

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. The scientists walk up to God and say, 'God we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and get lost.'

God listened patiently and after the scientists were finished, said, 'Very well! How about this? Let's have a woman-and-man-making contest.' To which they agreed. However God added, 'How about we do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam?' The scientists said, 'Sure, no problem', and bent down and grabbed some dirt. God just looked at them and said, 'No, no, no. You go and get your own dirt!'

Today's Gospel is about knowledge too. Satan knows who Jesus is. His temptations are an attempt to get Jesus to betray his humanity and not endure the limitations of his daily life. Jesus knows that the only way to be true to his divinity is allow us to see it shine in and through his human life. The rejection of the temptation to compromise his frail human frame gives us the hope that we, too, can glimpse the power of God's greatness in every moment we reject the desire to be directors of our own destiny and to see good triumph over evil in the choices we make.

It's a relief to know we don't have to be God!

May this Lent see us do what we are created for: to use all our knowledge to praise, reverence and serve the Loving One who willed us into being.



A reflection by Richard Leonard SJ

The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3



(R.) Cantor: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
All: Repeat

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R)**
2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, only you, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R)**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
From your presence, do not cast me away,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R)**
4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R)**

SECOND READING

Rom 5:12-19

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 results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

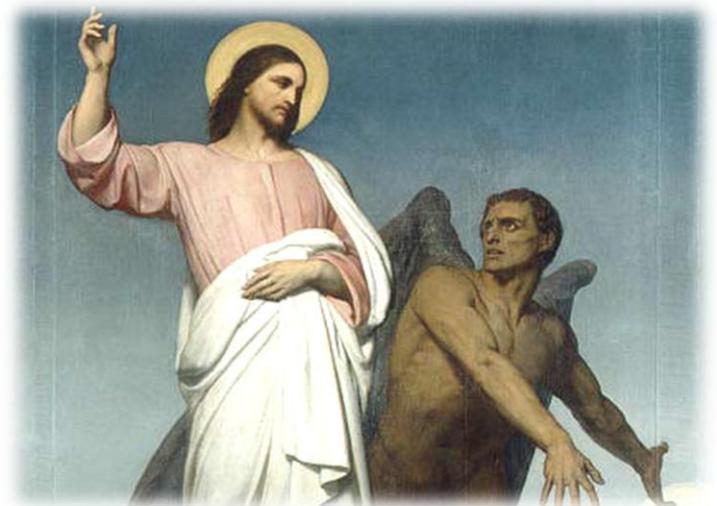
Cantor: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Repeat



Cantor: No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All: **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Processional:

1. This season calls us to return that by repentance we may learn to seek but Christ and Christ alone, who by his cross makes us his own.
2. O may the joy of holy Lent bring us the patience to repent, to lose our lives for Christ this day and run by faith the gospel way.
3. Come make our yoke, O Christ, so sweet, our burden light, our joy complete, that we may praise the Trinity this day and all eternity.

Recessional:

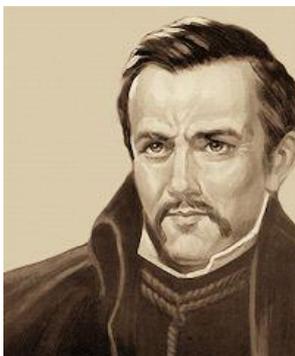
May this Lenten discipline, which we undertake with love turn our minds to things above.

1. Sin has sundered us from God, selfish we have grown and cold, foolish were the ways we trod, evil habits keep their hold.
2. Now we fast that we may feast where the Lord of Life presides; may our hunger be increased for the bread which he provides.
3. As we keep this Lent with prayer and from pleasures are withdrawn, minds and bodies we prepare for the joy of Easter dawn.

March - Feast Days this Week:

7 Sts Perpetua & Felicity 8 St John of God 9 St Frances of Rome 10 St Dominic Savio 11 St John Ogilvie

Feast day of the Week - Saint John Ogilvie



Born in 1579, John Ogilvie belonged to Scottish nobility. Raised a Calvinist, he was educated on the continent. Exposed to the religious controversies of his day and impressed with the faith of the martyrs, he decided to become a Catholic. In 1596, at age seventeen he was received into the Church at Louvain. Later John attended a variety of Catholic educational institutions, and eventually he sought admission into the Jesuits. He was ordained at Paris in 1610 and asked to be sent to Scotland, hoping some Catholic nobles there would aid him given his lineage. Finding none, he went to London, then back to Paris, and finally returned to Scotland. John's work was quite successful in bringing back many people to the Faith. Sometime later he was betrayed by one posing as a Catholic. After his arrest he was tortured in prison in an effort to get him to reveal the names of other Catholics, but he refused. After three trials, John was convicted of high treason because he converted Protestants to the Catholic Faith as well as denied the king's spiritual jurisdiction by upholding the Pope's spiritual primacy and condemning the oaths of supremacy and allegiance. Sentenced to death, the courageous priest was hanged at Glasgow in 1615 at the age of thirty-six.

Reminders

This Tuesday 7th March: Parish Pastoral Council 7.30pm
This Thursday 9th March: Praise and worship prayer group 7.30pm

Updates

Fr Martin has been working in our Parish now for three years, 7 days a week. He has decided that Monday will now be his day of rest. As a result, Office Hours will now be Tuesday and Thursday 9.00 – 1.30pm and Friday 9.00 – 11.30am.

Tuesday Mass will remain at 5.00pm. For all Mass times please see the top of the front page of this bulletin.



Mission Stall Reminder:

We once again thank our wonderful helpers behind our Mission Stall. Please bring along produce, cakes craft etc. All donations will make the stall a success. Our next stall will be held NEXT weekend, **Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th March.**

The Associates of the Presentation Sisters

We will be gathering at St Francis Church, Riverside on **Saturday 11th March commencing at 3 pm.**

A simple afternoon tea will be provided.

Please note that we will be starting at 3 pm.

Youth Pilgrimage to St Patrick's, Colebrook

On the weekend of **18-19th March**, Archbishop Porteous is leading a Youth Pilgrimage from St John's Richmond to St Patrick's Colebrook. For more information and a copy of the brochure, please contact Helen Smith at the Archdiocese of Hobart on ph. 6208 6223

First Spiritual Exercises Retreat

St Joseph's Parish is hosting Fr. Yong Tang a Jesuit from China who is part of the Australian Jesuit Tertianship as he facilitates a 4 week retreat programme entitled **First Spiritual Exercises Retreat**. The focus of this retreat is the *Gift of Unconditional Love*. This is the first time the Jesuits have offered this programme in Tasmania. The retreat commences with an introductory session on **Monday 24th April and concludes on Saturday 20th May**. The weekly commitment is to prayer on four days, Monday to Thursday. Participants pray the First Exercises individual at home during the week. The exercises are simple and easy to follow. In addition, participants meet for 90 minutes weekly in small groups with the retreat director for spiritual guidance. **The first session will be on Monday the 24th April**, at a time to be determined. There is nothing in the First Spiritual Exercises, either content or process that you cannot do. It is about developing a living relationship between you and God. Enquiries speak to Fr Peter on 6234 4866.

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

Aileen Reynolds, Tadeusz Zuber, Basil Tarnawski, Maureen Welch and Eric Kozakiewicz

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

Keith Bullock, Eileen Hay, Florence Smith, Mick Clynes, Warren Kilkeary, Yula Beams, Damien McDermott, Athol French, Len Dix, Chris Cronin, Rosemary Silvestri-Van Noord, Bill Zeeman, Alan Brown and William Burke.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

Willie Veldhuis, Rick Murfet, Glennys Westbury, David Ryman, 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, Susan Finnigan, Geoff Jones, Mary Townsend, Lucius U, Kylie Breen, Pat Duffy, Doug Chase, Sandra Shields, Sally Bonner, Lorna Capps, Andrea Franchina, Peter Franchina, Melissa Cherry, 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 11th March

Reader: P Fleming
Commentator: R McManamey
Communion: R Cawley S Clive
Greeters: E Davis E Webb
Collectors: T Foley M Dilger
Counters:
Morning Cuppa:

9.00am Sun 12th March

E Cunningham
A Cunningham
S Rossler M Cherry
S Rossler V McMullen
J Shadbolt L Males
K McInerney B Harris
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 and 4th Thurs of the month at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall at St Francis Church, Riverside.

Latin Mass: 2nd Sunday of the month 6.00pm, St Francis Church, Riverside.

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

St Francis of Assisi Church

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St Francis Xavier Church

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Reconciliation

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Saturday 5:15 pm—5:45 pm

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