

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 Transfiguration of the Lord Year A, 6th August 2017

Today's Readings

First Reading Dan 7:9-10,13-14

Second Reading 2 Pet 1:16-19

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

*His raiment was as white as snow.
We heard this voice from out of heaven.
His face was shining like the sun.*

Next Week

1 Kgs 19:9,11-13

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

Are you prepared to see the glory of the Lord and to share in his glory as well?

The Lord Jesus is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when some of the disciples see Jesus transfigured in glory on a high mountain. Jesus often went to a lonely place to pray - to seek solitude and sanctuary away from the crowds. But on this occasion, Jesus' face became radiant like the sun and his clothing became dazzling white (Matthew 17: 2 and Luke 9:29).

This vision of radiant light and glory is prefigured in the prophecy of Daniel. In chapter 7 of the Book of Daniel in the Old Testament we see a vision of the "Son of Man who came with the clouds of heaven" and was presented before the royal court of heaven and the "Ancient of Days" who is clothed in a radiant garment "white as snow" (Daniel 7:9,13). The prophet Daniel foretold that God would send his Anointed One, the *Son of Man who would come on the clouds of heaven* to bring God's reign of glory and righteousness on the earth (see Daniel 7:13-15). Daniel's vision describes a royal investiture of a human king before God's throne. The *Son of Man* is a Messianic title for God's anointed King, the Lord Jesus Christ. The New Testament word for "Messiah" is "Christ" which literally means the "Anointed One" or the "Anointed King". God sent us his Son not to establish an earthly kingdom but to bring us into his heavenly kingdom - a kingdom ruled by truth, justice, peace, and holiness. The kingdom of God is the central theme of Jesus' mission. It's the core of his Gospel message.



The Lord Jesus came to fulfill all that Moses and the prophets spoke

Jesus on three occasions told his disciples that he would undergo suffering and death on a cross to fulfill the mission the Father gave him. As the time draws near for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the cross, he takes three of his beloved disciples to the top of a high mountain. Just as Moses and Elijah were led to the mountain of God to discern their ultimate call and mission, so Jesus now appears with Moses and Elijah on the highest mountain overlooking the summit of the promised land. Matthew's Gospel tells us that Jesus was *transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light* (Matthew 17:2).

Jesus reveals his glory to the apostles and to us

Why did Jesus appear in dazzling light with Moses and Elijah? The book of Exodus tells us that when Moses had met with God on Mount Sinai *the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God* (Exodus 34:29). Paul the Apostle wrote that *the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness* (2 Corinthians 3:7). After Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, had destroyed all the priests and idols of Baal in the land, he took refuge on the mountain of God at Sinai. There God showed Elijah his glory in great thunder, whirlwind, and fire, and then spoke with him in a still quiet voice. God questioned Elijah, "What are you doing here?" And then directed him to go and fulfill the mission given him by God. Jesus, likewise, appears in glory with Moses and Elijah, as if to confirm with them that he, too, is ready to fulfill the mission which the Father has sent him to accomplish.

Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: *This is my beloved Son; listen to him*. The Father glorified his son because he was faithful and willing to obey him in everything. The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again (see Exodus 16:10, 19:9, 33:9; 1 Kings 8:10; 2 Maccabees 2:8).

Christ's way to glory

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory - follow me - obey my words. Take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessing of my Father's kingdom - your name, too, will be written in heaven. Jesus fulfilled his mission on Calvary where he died for our sins so that Paradise and everlasting life would be restored to us. He embraced the cross to win a crown of glory - a crown that awaits each one of us, if we, too, will follow in his footsteps.

Source: Daily Scripture readings & meditations dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org

The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Dn 7:9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.



(R.) Cantor: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

All: Repeat

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, the many coastlands be glad. His throne is justice and right. (R)
2. Let the skies proclaim his justice; and all the peoples see his glory. All you spirits worship the Lord. (R)
3. For indeed, you are the Lord most high above the earth exalted far above all the spirits. (R)

SECOND READING

2 Pt 1:16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Alleluia! ...

All: Repeat



Gregorian chant, mode VI

Cantor: This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

All: Alleluia! ...

GOSPEL

Mt 17:1-9

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You,
Lord Jesus Christ



Processional:

1. O raise your eyes on high and see, there stands our sovereign Lord; his glory is this day revealed, his word a two edge sword.
2. We glimpse the splendour and the pow'r of him who conquered death, the Christ in whom the universe knows God's creating breath.
3. The prophets stand and with great joy give him all strife is stilled; the promise made to Abraham in him has been fulfilled.

Recessional:

1. Christ be beside me, Christ be before,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.
2. Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be in all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

6 Transfiguration of the Lord, St Dominic
10 St Lawrence

August - Feast Days this Week:

8 St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
11 St Clare

9 St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
12 St Jane Frances de Chantal

Feast day of the Week – St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

St. Mary MacKillop, in full Saint Mary Helen MacKillop, also called Saint Mary of the Cross (born January 15, 1842, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia—died August 8, 1909, North Sydney, New South Wales, Australia; canonized October 17, 2010; feast day August 8), religious figure, educator, and social reformer who was the first Australian beatified by the Roman Catholic Church and the first Australian to be recognized as one of its saints.

MacKillop was born in Australia to Scottish immigrants. Her father, a former seminarian whose ill health had caused him to abandon study for the priesthood, stressed the importance of education and homeschooled his nine children. When she was 14, MacKillop began working, and she was often her family's main source of support. In 1860 she moved

to the small rural town of Penola to serve as governess for the children of her aunt and uncle. There MacKillop provided her cousins with a basic education and soon extended this to the poor children of the town. A young priest, Father Julian Tenison Woods, encouraged her to continue this work, assuring her that educating the poor would be an ideal way to serve God.

In 1866 MacKillop and Woods founded Australia's first order of nuns, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, and also established St. Joseph's School in a converted stable in Penola, providing a free education to children from the area. In 1867 MacKillop took vows and became the first mother superior of the sisters. The following year the sisters opened schools in other Australian cities, as well as an orphanage and a refuge for women released from prison.

MacKillop intended that the order be self-governed and devoted to teaching and charity. She and Woods, who composed the rule for the order, insisted that the sisters would accept a life of total poverty, trusting in Divine Providence. Further, her school at Penola and the other schools that her order founded provided secular as well as religious education, regardless of the religious affiliation of the students, and accepted no money from the government, remaining open to all and accepting only what tuition parents could afford, at a time when the government still provided funding to religious schools. Some Australian priests and bishops were openly hostile both to the degree of autonomy that the Josephites enjoyed and to MacKillop's rejection of federal funding. In 1871, perhaps intentionally misinformed by his advisers, Bishop Laurence Sheil of Adelaide excommunicated MacKillop for insubordination. The next year, however, on his deathbed, Sheil acknowledged that he might have been misled, and he reinstated MacKillop.

The remainder of MacKillop's career was marked by clashes with priests and bishops of the Australian church. After an 1873 meeting with Pope Pius IX, she won papal approval for the Josephite rule, with modifications that relaxed the degree of poverty imposed upon the sisters. MacKillop expanded the order's educational and charitable endeavours and attracted new sisters. In 1875 she was appointed superior general of the order. Despite her elevation, she continued to meet with hostility from a number of priests and bishops, and the sisters' work was circumscribed in certain cities. In 1885 she was removed as superior general, though she was reinstated in 1899 and remained at the head of the order until her death.

In June 1995 MacKillop was beatified by Pope John Paul II. In February 2010, after evaluating the testimony of an Australian woman who claimed that her terminal cancer had disappeared after she called upon MacKillop in prayer, Pope Benedict XVI recognized MacKillop as a saint.

Reminders

This Tuesday 8th August: Gregorian Chant 7.30pm
This Thursday 10th August: Praise and worship prayer group 7.30pm

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**.

**No mission stall next week**

The Mission stall has changed to the weekend of 19th / 20th August for this month only.

Associates of the Presentation Sisters

will be gathering together on **Saturday, 12th August**, at St Francis Church, Riverside, **commencing at 2pm**.
If anyone is interested in finding out what the Associates are all about, please feel free to come and join with us on the 12th.

Catholic Women's League

Monthly Meeting this **Tuesday, 8th April, 2017 at 1.15pm for 1.30pm start**, in Parish Pastoral Centre, Church of Apostles.
New Members most welcome. Enquiries to Jenny on 0466473096.

Parish Fundraiser- Rattslotto is back

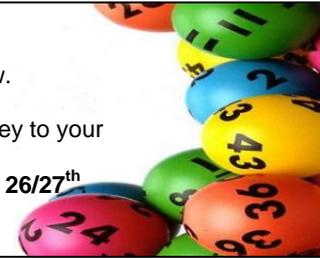
\$10 = 5 weeks of chances to win.

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

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

Ian Turner, Lyn Porter and Daniel Aye

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

Tony Carey, Maria Post, Allan Trickett, Margaret Coppock, Vernon Manger, Fr Victor Bonello ofm, Harold Woodland, Sr Felicitas lcm, Ray Hortin, Antoni Skinder, Bailey Richardson, Winifred Carlin, Maria Nieuwhof, Betty Clive, David Doolan and Dulcie Hayes.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

Alex Lyall, 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, 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 12th Aug	R McManamey	B Manley	R Cawley, T Schouten	E Webb, S Clive	T Foely, M Dilger
Sun 13th Aug	V McMullen	D Kappar	J Izbicki, S Rossler	S Rossler, V McMullen	J Shadbolt, L Males
Sunday Counters	K McInerney, B Harris		Morning Cuppa	A McCarron, K MacLaren	

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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Reconciliation

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

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