

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A, 9th April 2017

Today's Readings

First Reading Is 50:4-7
Second Reading Phil 2:6-11
Gospel Mt 26:14 – 27:66

*Despite rejection, Isaiah does not abandon his call.
Jesus made himself lowly and was exalted.
The Passion of the Lord*

Next Week

*Acts 10:34, 37-43
Col 3:1-4
Jn 20:1-9*



Palm Sunday is the first step in our journey into Holy Week. Two gospel passages are proclaimed today.

Procession



Jesus' entry into the city has symbolic meaning. He is in complete control of the incident, knowing in advance what is available, what can be done, and what should be said. The entrance itself must have been quite dramatic. Jesus is not on foot like a pilgrim, but riding like a messianic king (Zech 9:9). He comes over the crest of the eastern hill at the Mount of Olives, a place long associated with the appearance of the messiah (Zech 14:4). The people spread their cloaks on the ground before him as their ancestors had done in deference to kings (2 Kgs 9:13), and they praise him with an acclamation taken from one of the psalms (Ps 118:25-26). The reading states that the entire city was electrified by the occasion.

Mass

In the first reading for today's Mass, God provides the speaker with ears to hear God's word and a well-trained tongue to speak that word to others. This description marks the speaker as a prophet, one who hears God's word and proclaims it. Since the words that are spoken are given for the sake of the weary or downtrodden, they would be words of comfort. The speaker willingly accepts the consequence of his prophetic ministry, suffering both physical attack and insult for its sake. He does not recoil from suffering, maintaining that God is his strength. He does not feel disgraced, for he is certain of the authenticity of his call and convinced of the truth of the words that he communicates.

The passage from Paul reflects on the nature of Jesus who, though still in the form of God, freely chose the form of a servant or slave. He then became obedient, even unto death. In a sense, Christ's crucifixion, a common punishment for slaves, was inevitable, for obedience to God in a world that was alienated from God placed his life in jeopardy. Christ's exaltation was as glorious as his humiliation was debasing. While he freely emptied himself, it was God who glorified him. In exalting Jesus, God bestowed dignity on his human name, raising it above every other name. Now spiritual beings in heaven, living beings on earth, even the dead under the earth all praise Christ, whose exaltation gives glory to God.

Today's passion reading recounts Jesus' last days. Though he appears to be passive in the hands of others, he is really in charge of his destiny. He claims that his death/resurrection is the *kairós* event, that decisive moment when God's promises are brought to completion. At the end of the reading we are left at the sealed tomb. Pilate has executed Jesus, whom he saw as a threat to Roman order. The Jewish leaders have silenced the wonder-working preacher, and any possibility of future upheaval has been sealed in the tomb with his body. Neither Pilate nor the Jewish leaders realise that in reality everything is now in place for the eschatological event of the resurrection.

A Reflection by Dianne Bergant

The celebration of the Word

FIRST READING

Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Phil 2:6-11

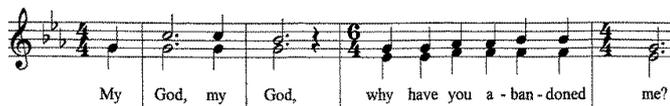
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2



(R.) Cantor: My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?

All: Repeat

1. All who see me deride me,
they curl their lips, toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if he is his friend.' **(R)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R)**
3. They divide my clothes among them.
They cast lots to see who takes my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to save me! **(R)**
4. I will tell of your name to my people
and praise you where they are gathered.
'You who fear the Lord revere him;
give him glory, O children of Israel. **(R)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

All: Repeat



Cantor: Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.

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

GOSPEL

Mt 26:14 – 27:66

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew



Processional:

**All glory, praise, and honour
to you, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

1. You are the King of Israel,
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
Our king and Blessed One. **Refrain**

2. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went:
our praise and prayers and anthems
before you we present. **Refrain**

3. To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. **Refrain**

Recessional:

1. Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

**Angels, saints and nations sing
praised be Jesus Christ , our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary."**

2. King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our minds, our hearts, our wills
till in peace each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings.

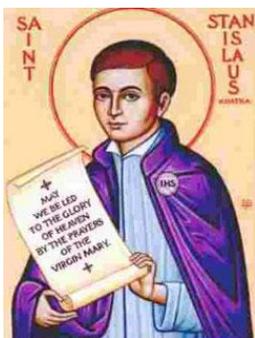
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April - Feast Days this Week:

11 St Stanislaus

13 St Martin 1

Feast day of the Week – Saint Stanislaus



Anyone who reads the history of Eastern Europe cannot help but chance on the name of Stanislaus, the saintly but tragic bishop of Kraków, patron of Poland. He is remembered with Saints Thomas More and Thomas Becket for vigorous opposition to the evils of an unjust government.

Born in Szczepanow near Kraków on July 26, 1030, he was ordained a priest after being educated in the cathedral schools of Gniezno, then capital of Poland, and at Paris. He was appointed preacher and archdeacon to the bishop of Kraków, where his eloquence and example brought about real conversion in many of his penitents, both clergy and laity. He became bishop of Kraków in 1072.

During an expedition against the Grand Duchy of Kiev, Stanislaus became involved in the political situation of Poland. Known for his outspokenness, he aimed his attacks at the evils of the peasantry and the king, especially the unjust wars and immoral acts of King Boleslaus II.

The king first excused himself, then made a show of penance, then relapsed into his old ways. Stanislaus continued his open opposition in spite of charges of treason and threats of death, finally excommunicating the king. Enraged, the latter ordered soldiers to kill the bishop. When they refused, the king killed Stanislaus

with his own hands while he was saying Mass in a chapel outside the city.

Forced to flee to Hungary, Boleslaus supposedly spent the rest of his life as a penitent in the Benedictine abbey in Osiak.

Saints John the Baptist, Thomas Becket, Thomas More, and Stanislaus are a few of the prophets who dared to denounce corruption in high places. They followed in the footsteps of Jesus himself, who pointed out the moral corruption in the religious leadership of his day. It is a risky business.

Reminders

There will be no Gregorian Chant or Charismatic Praise and Worship prayer group this week due to Holy Week celebrations.

Catholic Women's League

Monthly Meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 11th April 2017, at 1.15 pm**, in the Parish Pastoral Centre, Church of Apostles, Launceston. New Members most welcome. Enquiries to Bernice on 63 441799.

Project Compassion

This year all money donated through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion appeal will help to work hand in hand with communities around the world. This years theme is Love your neighbour.

We hope you will give generously.

Holy Land Collection

A special collection for the Holy Land will be carried out on **Good Friday**. Envelopes can be found in the pews of the Church. Please give generously.



Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil

If you are attending either or both these celebrations could you please bring along a bell (if you have one) to use during the Gloria.

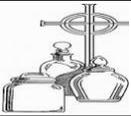
Easter Rosters

All readers, commentators, Eucharistic Minister and Senior Servers, please collect a copy of the Roster for Holy Week, from the Narthex.

Easter Masses

After both the Vigil and Sunday Easter Masses there will be tea and coffee for everyone to enjoy. Please bring along a plate to share.





Chrism Mass

Will be held at St Mary's in Hobart, **Tuesday 11th April** at 7.00pm.
Father Martin will be attending this Mass and all Parishioners are welcome to join him.
Mini bus leaves at 3.30pm sharp. Register your name on the sheet in the Narthex to save your seat.

Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday

7.00pm Mass St Francis, Riverside

Good Friday

10.00am Stations of the Cross, St Anthony's Catholic Primary
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, St Francis, Riverside



Easter Vigil

7.00pm Mass St Francis, Riverside

Easter Sunday

9.00am St Francis, Riverside
11.00am St Francis Xavier, Beaconsfield

Upcoming West Tamar Parish Mission

Seven Capital Virtues: Overcoming the Seven Capital Sins **Sunday 7th May – Thursday 11th May, 7.00 – 8.00pm**

A Parish mission, is a special event for Catholics in which EVERYONE is invited to take part in several days of activity and prayer, all focusing on their coming to a better understanding of the Faith. This mission will be conducted by Fr Ben Cameron CPM. Ben is coming from Kentucky in the USA and is a Father of Divine Mercy. This series of presentations will show how our Christian lives can be transformed by the Virtues.



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

Jim McMahon msc, Jeanette McGann and David Ryman

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

James Café, Sr Ona Kaukenas pbvm, Sr Helen Browne osc, Neil Reeve, Alphonsus Moolenshot, John Sebrechts, Maria Begent, Fr Anselm Stoner ofm, Stella Hampton, Mary Briggs, Edna McKinnon, Kate Clippingdale and Brian Harradine.

We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:

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, 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 15th April Easter Vigil

9.00am Sun 16th April Easter Sunday

Reader:	K Newington	W Eldridge	M Amore	
Commentator:	B Fitzpatrick	B Sexton	M Cherry	
Communion:	J Izbicki	T Schouten	J Izbicki	D Furfaro
Greeters:	E Webb	E Davis	S Rossler	V McMullen
Collectors:	K McInerney	T Foley	J Shadbolt	L Males
Counters:			S Clive	J Payne
Morning Cuppa:			M & S Waters	V Dearsley

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: 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

108 Pomona Road, Riverside

St Francis Xavier Church

190 Weld Street, Beaconsfield

St Canice Church

Glengarry Road, Glengarry

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Reconciliation

Riverside:

Saturday 5:15 pm—5:45 pm

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