

# West Tamar Catholic Parish



## MASS TIMES

**Riverside:**  
5.00pm Saturday  
9.00am Sunday  
5.00pm Tues & Wed  
6.00pm Friday

**Beaconsfield:**  
11:00am  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month Anointing of sick

**Glengarry:**  
11.00am  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sundays of the Month

Additional Masses: 7.30am Thurs: Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St Launceston

### Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

#### FIRST READING

**Acts 6:1-7**

*They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) Cantor:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**All:** Repeat

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

#### SECOND READING

**1 Pt 2:4-9**

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

#### GOSPEL

**Jn 14:1-12**

*I am the way, the truth, and the life.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

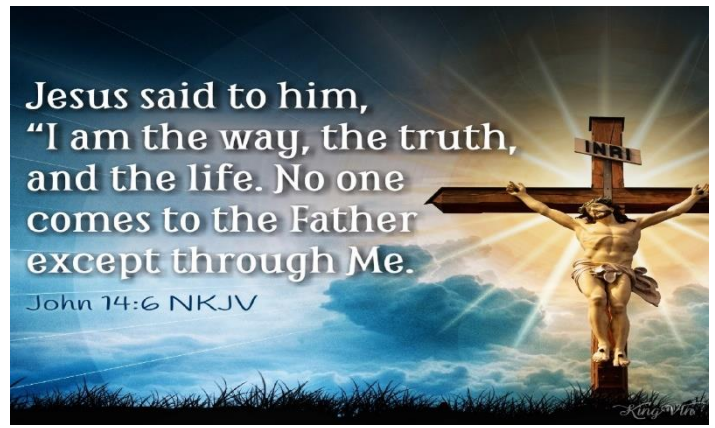
'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**



## *We need to accept Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life:*

We accept Jesus as the Way by walking his narrow way of loving, humble, sacrificial service. We accept Jesus the Truth by learning and practicing what he has taught us, as given in the Bible and in the teachings of the Church. We share the Divine life of God through making use of the means Jesus has established in his Church:

1. by actively participating in the Eucharistic celebration and properly receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion; (Except in this time of Covid-19)
2. by the worthy reception of the other Sacraments;
3. by the meditative and daily reading of the Word of God;
4. by allowing the Holy Spirit living in the Church and within us to guide and strengthen us; and
5. by communicating with God the Source of Life, in personal and family prayers.

Source: <https://www.cbci.in/SundayReflectionsNew.aspx?type=text>

*Fr Martin Aye Ngwe*

## *Catechesis for the Week*

Salvation comes from God alone; but because we receive the life of faith through the Church, she is our mother: "We believe the Church as the mother of our new birth, and not in the Church as if she were the author of our salvation." Because she is our mother, she is also our teacher in the faith.

CCC 169



### A Prayer for Healing for Sick Family and Friends

Lord Jesus, thank you that you love us. I know that you hate what this illness is doing to my loved one. I ask, in the name of Jesus, that you would heal this disease, that you would have compassion and bring healing from all sickness. Help me trust in You. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

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### **Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the malice and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



### **May - Feast Days this Week:**

7 St Rose Venerini  
11 St Ignatius

9 St Catherine of Bologna  
12 Sts Nereus and Achilleus, St Pancras

10 St Damien of Moloka'i  
13 Our Lady of Fatima



# Thank God for Mother's Love

~Anon

There is no love, like a mother's love, no stronger bond on earth...  
like the precious bond that comes from God, to a mother, when she gives birth.

A mother's love is forever strong, never changing for all time...  
and when her children need her most, a mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers, God bless them every one...  
for all the tears and heartache, and for the special work they've done.

When her days on earth are over, a mother's love lives on...  
through many generations, with God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers, for they love with a higher love...  
from the power God has given, and the strength from up above.



## May - Mary's Month

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1).



This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianise the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time.

*The West Tamar parish shall therefore join the universal Church in asking Mary's intercession through the Holy Rosary.*

*We shall be praying for these intentions:*

*An increase of faith within our parish*

*The conversion of hearts within our nation*

*Those in occultic practices, and*

*For peace in our world.*

All Mondays within the month of May shall be called 'Mary's Night', 5pm -5.45pm, St Francis Church - Riverside.  
It shall be a time to pray the rosary and share a reflection on the life of Our Lady.

Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us.

## Understanding Divine Mercy

*Jesus said to St Faustina:*

*"Do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to my mercy.  
I will make up for what you lack."*

**First Australian visit**  
**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
**St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart**  
**5:30pm Holy Mass**  
**6:30pm Talk**

Fr Chris Alar MIC – His biography serves as evidence for two crucial truths that he is spending his religious life proclaiming:

1. The assurance Jesus makes to St Faustina that: "the greater the sinner, the greater the right to my mercy." (Diary, 723) and
2. The life-giving graces that result from Christ's mercy.

Entrusted with spreading the message and devotion of Divine Mercy throughout the World, Fr Chris is prolific in his teaching about the message of Divine Mercy and countless other topics associated with the Catholic faith.

This visit is truly a blessing due to Fr Chris' incredibly busy schedule. If you are interested in attending please call or email the Parish Office: Tel 6327 3971 or [westtamar@aohtas.org.au](mailto:westtamar@aohtas.org.au). If enough people wish to attend it may be possible to organise a bus.



### Bible Studies

Join us in this great adventure as we study the twelve key periods of the Bible.

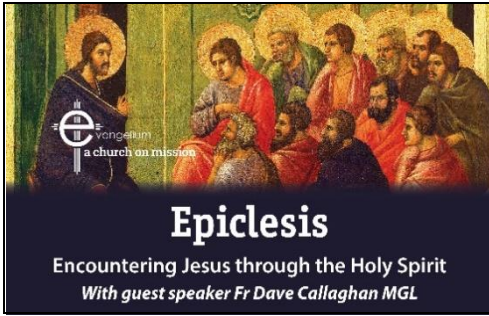
These periods will help you to appreciate the Bible as a salvation history.

**Days:** 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2023.

**Time:** 5 to 6pm.

**Venue:** St Francis Church Hall, Riverside

*Please come with your Bible and writing pad and pen.*



### Epiclesis retreat

Following the success of the 2022 Evangelium Project and Evangelium Conference, we are excited to invite you to the upcoming Epiclesis retreat, a one-day event aimed at deepening our spiritual lives and making us more effective instruments of God in sharing our faith with others.

The retreat will be led by Fr Dave Callaghan MGL, and will include talks, times for prayer and reflection, music, and a shared meal.

**When:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 10:00 am – 3:45 pm

**Where:** St Francis Hall, Riverside

**More Information:** [evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au](mailto:evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au)

**Register Now:** <https://epiclesis-launceston.eventbrite.com.au>

### Catholic Women's League

The Launceston CWL monthly meeting will be held at the Parish Centre, Margaret St., on **Tuesday, 9th May, starting at 1pm.**

(Please bring tinned fish or meat for St V de P collection.)

Following this meeting at 2pm on Tuesday, 9th May, the Launceston CWL will hold its AGM. Please bring a small plate.

New members welcome. Ph Victoria (Sec) 0408398785



### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist Formation

**Call for volunteers to become catechists for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** for 3-6 year old children:

Catechist formation for scriptural and liturgical formation of children based on Montessori educational principles.

**Where:** Kingston Parish.

**When:** July 12-14<sup>th</sup> for Level 1, Part 1, and July 9-11<sup>th</sup> for Level 1 Part 2.

Beginners can register only for Level 1, Part 1.

Volunteers are required at Kingston, Launceston, and Hobart, so if you live nearby and are interested please register.

**Information:** <https://youtu.be/RJZyqsjEjwU>

**Register:** Christine Wood 6208-6236 or [christine.wood@aohtas.org.au](mailto:christine.wood@aohtas.org.au)

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

Fr Theodore Gillian OFM

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

Olimpia Kaczmarek, Fr Daniel McMahon, Cedric Blazely, Fr Tony Hally, Patrick Sullivan, Frances Heritage, Kanina Locket, Eric Midson, Anne Dahl, Alexander Lohrey, Corrie Schouten, Truus Beumer, Anthony Midson, Anthony Cornelius, Mary Aherne, Alida Moolenschot, Don Mace, Brian Walters, Joan Bonner, Iris Simmons, Mollie (Mary Hannah) White, Francesco Zampogna, Lucas U, David U, Cho Aye, Arthur Bligh, Fr Dan Neylon ofm and Agnes Smallbane.

### ***We offer prayers for family and friends who are unwell:***

Ngoc Thu Duong, Quoc An Phan, Joan Worth, Barry Symons, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Eleanor Cameron, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Phil McCormack, Alida Moolenschot, Stephanie Rossler, Elena Bertoia, Karen Gee, Bert Van Galen, Alex Lyall, Louis Rossler, Janine, Warwick Eldridge, Mora Bligh, Andrea and Grey, Samantha Holloway, Tony & Teresa Bidgood, Paul McInerney, Adelynde, Fr Allan Hartcher ofm, Henry Phyo, William Gordon, Lyn Elliott, Neil, Jim O'Connell, Patricia & John McInerney, Fr Tom Chapman, Ray Porter, Andre A, Anthony A, Thea van Borkulo, Maureen Bamping, Sophie and Scott Bailey, Marina Aye, Geoff Jones, Lucius U, Ron Willis, Guy M, Gerard Mackrell, Irene Bingham, Andrew, James, Matthew J, Roger Orr, Trevor Peters, Claire, N.

MaLaine, Max Jamieson and *all patients in St Vincent's, St Luke's & General Hospitals*

### ***We offer prayers for our whole Parish community***

### Next Week's Roster

	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Commentators</b>	<b>Greeters / Cleaners</b>	<b>Servers</b>
<b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	K McInerney	A Lincoln	V McMullen	M Murphy
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	V McMullen	A Cunningham	V McMullen	M Thomas

**Holy Hour:** every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. 6.00pm Mass, Devotion to the Sacred Heart and Benediction

**Anointing of the sick:** every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month during 6.00pm Mass at St Francis Church, Riverside.

**Cenacle within Mass:** every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, St Francis Church, Riverside 11.00am.

**12 Hour Adoration:** Every Friday from 7am-7pm. Concludes at 6.00pm with Mass, Rosary and Benediction.

**Mass at the Carmelite Monastery:** Monday - Sunday at 7.30am

**The Carmel Shop:** 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am- 4.00pm.

Enquiries: Helen 6344 6382 or email: [carmelshop@yahoo.com](mailto:carmelshop@yahoo.com)

**St Francis of Assisi Church**  
399 West Tamar Hwy, Riverside  
**St Francis Xavier Church**  
190 Weld Street, Beaconsfield  
**St Canice Church**  
33 Glengarry Road, Glengarry

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

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