First Reading Dt 4:1-2. 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Sunday 10:00am Mass Psalm

(R.) Lord you have words of everlasting life

Second Reading Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation Jas 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Next weeks readings: First Reading Is 35:4-7, Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1, Second Reading Jas 2:1-5, Gospel Acclamation cf. Mt 4:23, Gospel Mk 7:31-37

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NEWSLETTER

2nd September 2018 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



St. John the Baptist

The Parish has been entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco since 2000

Dear Friends.

John McCain, United States Senator from Arizona died on 25 August from brain cancer. His death caused more than a passing notice in Australia because he loved our country, was a frequent visitor and was respected for his non-partisan stance on many issues including the war in Iraq. He was a Republican contender for President in 2008 but was defeated by Barack Obama.

In 1967 John McCain was flying a bombing mission over North Vietnam. He was shot down by a missile over Hanoi. Both arms and a leg were broken when he ejected from the aircraft. He nearly drowned



arms and a leg were broken when he ejected from the aircraft. He nearly drowned after he parachuted into a lake. Some North Vietnamese pulled him ashore, then others crushed his shoulder with a rifle and bayoneted him.

He spent five and a half years as a Prisoner of War. For two of those years he was subjected to severe torture. In his autobiography he tells of the time he was punished for communicating with a prisoner in the next cell. He was bound up tightly with ropes. Late one night the door suddenly opened and a young guard entered the room, motioned to him to be silent and without looking at him, loosened the ropes that bound him. He left without a word. Just before dawn the guard returned, guickly tightened the ropes and left.

In the month that followed, McCain would see the guard occasionally but he never even glanced in McCain's direction. Then, on Christmas morning, he was briefly allowed out of his cell to stand alone in the prison yard. The young guard approached and stood close to him. Without speaking or looking at him, this young man just stared at the ground in front of them, and then very casually, he used his foot to draw a cross in the dirt. They both stood looking for a minute until he rubbed it out and walked away.

"At that moment," McCain wrote, "I forgot my hatred, the war, and lived in the reality that bridges seemingly unbridgeable divisions in humanity." Perhaps in our lives there are one or two people we would call 'enemy'. Let us work to build bridges rather than walls.

Fr Lawrie



Today we recognize that the qualities of fathering include tenderness, love, compassion and understanding. On Father's Day we honour the fathers in our parish and wish to show them our affection and gratitude.

PARISH DIARY September 2018

1 Saturday, Week 21

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass at St. Johns

2 Sunday, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass at St. 10hns

3 Monday, St Gregory

• 7.00pm Fr Will Matthews meets with Parish Groups

4 Tuesday, Week 22

• 9.00am Mass at St. lohn's

5 Wednesday, Week 22

• 6.00pm Dominic College Council

6 Thurs, Week 22

• 12.00pm Mass at St John's

7 Friday, Week 22

• 9.00am Mass at St John's

8 Saturday, Nativity of Blessed the Virgin Mary

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass at St. Johns

9 Sunday, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass at St. lohns

WELCOME TO FR WILLIAM MATTHEWS

Commencing on Thursday, 30th August week the new Salesian Provincial, Fr William Matthews will be making his first visit to the Salesian Community. His task is to familiarize himself with our work in the Parish and at Dominic College and to strengthen and encourage us. Fr Provincial will be the main celebrant at this



Sunday's 10:00am Mass. He will meet with representatives of parish groups on Monday 3rd at 7:00pm.

Sacramental Preparation

Information meetings about the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist will be held in St. John's presbytery meeting room at 2.00 pm. and repeated at 7.00pm. on Tuesday 18 September. Please choose whichever is most convenient for you. To register your interest or for further information contact St. John's parish office (6272) 6363) during office hours or Jo (0419 510 014).

APPEAL FOR VICTIMS OF FLOODS in INDIA

Salesian Missions Australia have launched an Appeal for the victims of severe floods in the Indian State of Kerala, which has been hit by its worst monsoon in almost a century. After several days of heavy rain, floodwaters, bursting dams and landslides have all combined to cause severe damage across the southern tip of India. The death toll has already exceeded 320, with another 220,000 people forced to take up refuge in makeshift camps. Thanks to those who made a donation using the Appeal envelopes at Mass last Sunday. Envelopes are available on the table in the fover.

The annual **John Wallis Memorial Lecture** will be delivered by family man, theologian and author, Mr Michael McGirr, an entertaining and anecdotal speaker. In God, Family and Other Home Truths, he will share, what it is like to ride the bumpy journey to faith and meaning with three teenagers in the internet age. Auslan interpreter. Books for sale. Supper. Donation: \$10/\$5. Guilford Young College, Hobart Campus 7pm Wednesday 19 September: RSVP (catering) Eva Dunn 0417 734 503.

New Parish Website

As a result of the Pastoral Council's decision to adopt the Parish Administration and Communication System (PACS) last year we now have a presence on the internet. Our web address is: http://cdtas.org.au/glenorchy and you are encouraged to visit it and provide feedback to any member of the Pastoral Council on your impressions! Fr. Damien has been involved in its development to date. We want it to be and remain useful and current. If you have an interest | ● 8.30am Sunday in being involved in the ongoing maintenance of the website then please let Fr. Damien know.

SICK AND AGED PRIEST'S FUND **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Envelopes are available on the table at the fover.

Parish Fundraiser



Saturday 22nd September after the **6pm Mass.** Trade table, Assortment of gifts, books, plants, lemons, jewellery, Jam, pickles, cakes etc.

September 10:00am Mass. Trade table as above. and Sausage sizzle. This fundraiser event can only be a success if each and every one

of us contribute something, even our time. Any items for the trade table would be appreciated. Contact Kay Grainger.

Spring High Tea

The International Outreach committee is holding a Spring High Tea on Saturday 15 September from 2.00 – 4.30pm. in the Guilford Young College Glenorchy catering suite, cost \$15. (Entry via Mill Lane). Come and be tempted with delicious cakes, scones and pastries and hear Dr. Bridgette Watts share some of her experiences in Nepal. Silent auction, lucky door etc. All proceeds go to supporting students at Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal, Tickets available after Mass or RSVP to phillipsfelecia@hotmail.com or mob. 0447 887 512 by 8 September.

FOOTY POINTS MARGIN

Where are all the winners? Round 20 (3 points), round 21 (43 points), round 22 (8 points) and now round 23 (22 points) have not been claimed. The nominated game for the first week of the finals will be the Melbourne v. Geelong game to be played on Friday night.

OUR SICK - Please remember in your prayers:

Leonie Hills, Ester Underwood, Monique Matzner, Carol-ann Jones, Zayden Direen, Mary Nichols, Charlie White, Patricia Mc Donah, Sarah Gill, Nance Bennette, Trevor Coleman, Kate Hayes-Newington, Patricia Leamey, Delma Walsh, Maila Beekmeijer, Peter Crane, Ted Grainger, Lani Baron, Marie Knight, Alida Beric, Nell Smith, Peter Drake, Eileen Sherrin Tracey Deayton, Warwick Cardamatis and Marge Eade

WEEKEND MASSES

St John's, Glenorchy

- 9.00am Saturday
- 6.00pm Saturday Vigil
- 10.00am Sunday

St. Monica's, Chigwell

WEEKDAY MASSES St. John's, Glenorchy

- 9.00am Tues, Friday, Sat.
- 12.00pm Thursday

ROSARY At St. John's, Glenorchy

• 8.40am every Saturday

RECONCILIATION At St. John's, Glenorchy

• 9.30am & 5.15pm Sat.

EXPOSITION OF THE **BLESSED SACRAMENT** At St. John's, Glenorchy

• Cancelled until further notice

LEGION OF MARY at St. John's, Glenorchy

• 6.45 pm Every Tuesday

ST. 10SEPH'S PRAYER GROUP at St. John's, Glenorchy

 1st Wednesday of the month at 10.00am

COUNTERS' ROSTERS

This Week: 3 Sept

Mary Parsisson's Team

Next Week : 10 Sept

Anne Hansc's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$971.00 Loose Plate: \$957.40 Direct Debit: \$125.00 TOTAL: \$2,053.40

Weeks Budget: \$ 2,500

Deficit: \$446.60