

First Reading Dt 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live. it gives wisdom to the simple.

Second Reading Col 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

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NEWSLETTER

13 — 14 July 2019

15th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C



St. John the Baptist



St. Monica

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

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, a religious leader who knew the Jewish religious laws and practices tries to test Jesus (in His knowledge of the Jewish Law). But Jesus uses the question to teach us how to love God and how to treat each other. When the lawyer asks: "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus reminds him of the true meaning of "neighbour". The Jewish leaders had narrowed the meaning of neighbour to include only those who belonged to the Jewish community. But Jesus extends it to include all people, even their enemies. This is because love should have no bounds; it cannot be restricted to race, colour or creed. In the story, only the Samaritan is neighbour to the man who "fell into the hands of brigands". It is the Samaritan who "went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them, lifting him onto his mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him" and paid for his care. The story shows: "God's goodness to us, and our goodness to one another can only have one measure: God's love for us. This is His new commandment: **"that we love one another as He has loved us"**.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus teaches us, that it is not enough to **know** that we should be a neighbour to anyone in need. The challenge is to **be** a neighbour to those in need by showing them hospitality and compassion. If we refuse to open our eyes and our hearts to the needs of others and go to their help we may be acting like the priest and the Levite in today's story. (Jesus reminds us that we are all called to treat those around us who are in need with a practical loving kindness. Several years ago, Fr Hans, one of our Salesian missionary priests returned to Melbourne from Pakistan to undergo specialised medical treatment. While in Australia he was very keen to speak to anyone about his work. In Lahore, Pakistan, he was instrumental in building a technical school for boys. While visiting my Salesian Community at Lysterfield, Fr Hans told us a story of one of his experiences while teaching at the technical school. He said, "Pakistan is a very poor Muslim country. There are many local terrorists who terrorise the people. It is also a very dangerous place to be for non – Muslims. Christians are few in number and are often persecuted. Fr Hans risked his life every day while there but he willingly and gladly worked for the good of the young people who came to the technical school to learn a trade. The technical school was built for those young people who came from Christian families. After two years he decided to accept 2 Muslim boys at the school. But some of the Christian boys treated them badly. One day he noticed that one of the Muslim boys came to school by bicycle but left on foot. When he asked him why he was returning home on foot the boy told him that the Christian boys flattened the bicycle tyres. The next day he spoke to the whole school saying: "You call yourselves Christian and you behave like that?" "Do you think you are following Jesus? Jesus would not have done something like that. He taught us to love our enemies. Why then are you interfering with this boy's bicycle?" All the boys did not dare to look up while he spoke as they felt ashamed of their actions. They understood that they had acted foolishly and did not do it again. Furthermore, the two Muslim boys made many friends at the school and they fitted in very well". Let us asks Our Lady, the Mother of Jesus to help us be a neighbour to anyone in need so that we may gain eternal life.

Fr. Guy Riolo

PARISH DIARY

July 2019

13 Saturday

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's
- 6.00pm Mass at St. John's

14 Sunday, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

15 Monday, St Bonaventure

- 9.00am Mass at St. John's

16 Tuesday, Our Lady of Mt Carmel

- 9.00am Mass at St. John's

17 Wednesday

- 8.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9.00am Mass at St. John's

18 Thursday, 12.00pm Mass at St John's

19 Friday

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

20 Saturday

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's
- 6.00pm Mass at St. John's

21 Sunday, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

A New Priest - Let's Celebrate !

Rev. Fr Benjamin Francis Brooks will be ordained to the priesthood at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart on Friday, 19th July at 7:00pm. All Welcome.

Ministers of the Word and Communion.

The rosters for September - November 2019 will be being prepared shortly. If know that you will be unavailable during this period would you let Sheila know, please.

Feast of St Mary Mackillop

The Sisters of St Joseph and the Josephite Associates invite you to a Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop to be held at the Josephite Mission and History Centre, 67 Clare St, New Town on Thursday 8 August 2019 at 7 pm. Light supper to follow. RSVP: 6228 1628 by 5 August for catering purposes (business hours). All welcome

Evangelium Conference

The Evangelium Conference is aimed at engaging Catholics in evangelisation. It will be held on 30 & 31 August 2019 at St Bernard's Church in Claremont. The conference's keynote speaker is Robert Falzon. Tickets are \$65.00 each include access to keynote addresses and workshops, lunch & dinner, morning and afternoon tea, tea and coffee. For further details contact Diana Batchelor on (03) 6210 8805.

The Verbum Domini Institute is offering two bible studies: An Introduction to the Old Testament Prophets: This eight session bible study will guide you through the great prophetic literature of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Amos, and the other prophets. When: Wednesdays 10.30am-12.30pm, 17th & 31st July, 14th August, 11th & 25th Sept., 16th & 30th Oct., 13th Nov. A Study of the Gospel of St. Matthew: Reading the Old Testament in the New. This bible study will help you discover the riches of the Gospel of St. Matthew by plumbing the depths of its Old Testament background. When: Thursdays 6.30 - 8.30pm, 11th & 25th July, 8th & 22nd August. Cost: \$20 per course for study guide. Where: Murphy Room, Diocesan Centre. Register: 6208-6236.

Spring High Tea

Come and enjoy some scintillating company, be tempted with delicious pastries and cakes at a Spring High Tea while supporting students at Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar. Nepal. When? Saturday 21 September. Time? 2.00 - 4.30pm. Where? GYC Catering Suite. Cost? \$20. Bring a friend - or 2.

RCIA - What is it?

Recently we rejoiced in welcoming Preeti Dhillon into the Catholic Church through the RCIA. We are all familiar with infants being baptised but not so familiar with the baptism of an adult. An adult who wishes to be baptised undergoes a time of preparation which includes prayer, reflection on the scriptures, worshipping with the community; an 'apprenticeship' in what it means to be Catholic. When they are ready to make a commitment to Christ they celebrate the sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist - in a single ceremony. Ideally, the three Sacraments of Initiation are received at the Easter Vigil Mass because the Paschal Mystery is the central act of our salvation and the newly initiated Christians begin to deepen and strengthen their faith during the Easter season and beyond.

Parish Fundraiser

Urgent Items requested for trade table and mini auction. Any items would be appreciated. No clothes please. Contact Kay Grainger 6272 9024.

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

St John's and St Monica's Soup and Sandwich Luncheon Sunday 28th July after the 10am Mass. (Eat in or Take away) \$10 per person plus a trade table.

Vocation to the Priesthood

Fr Brian Nicholls will lead a vocation reflection day from 10am to 4pm on Saturday October 5th at Campbell Town Parish. Any young man who is interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood is most welcome to attend. More information will follow.

Footy Points Margin

Another week with no claimants! Unclaimed tickets are for round 7 (39 points), round 13 (19 points), round15 (27 points) and now round 16 (4points).

OUR SICK - Please remember in your prayers:

Leonie Hills, Monique Matzner, Carol-ann Jones, Zayden Direen, Mary Nichols, Charlie White, Patricia Mc Donah, Sarah Gill, Nance Bennette, Kate Hayes-Newington, Patricia Leamey, Delma Walsh, Maila Beekmeijer, Peter Crane, Ted Grainger, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Nell Smith, Peter Drake, Eileen Sherrin, Tracey Deayton, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Frances Direen, Anne Hansch and Lyn Priest

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially Gwendoline Mary Foster, Graziano Ceron Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

WEEKEND MASSES

St John's, Glenorchy

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

St. Monica's, Chigwell

- 8.30am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. John's, Glenorchy

- 9.00am Mon, Tues, Wed, 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

- 8.00am Wednesday

LEGION OF MARY

at St. John's, Glenorchy

- 6.45 pm Every Tuesday

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP

at St. John's, Glenorchy

- 1st Wednesday of the month at 10.00am

COUNTERS' ROSTERS

This Week: 16 July Tues

Roberta Puckett's Team

Next Week : 22 July

Bob Mochrie's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 974.30

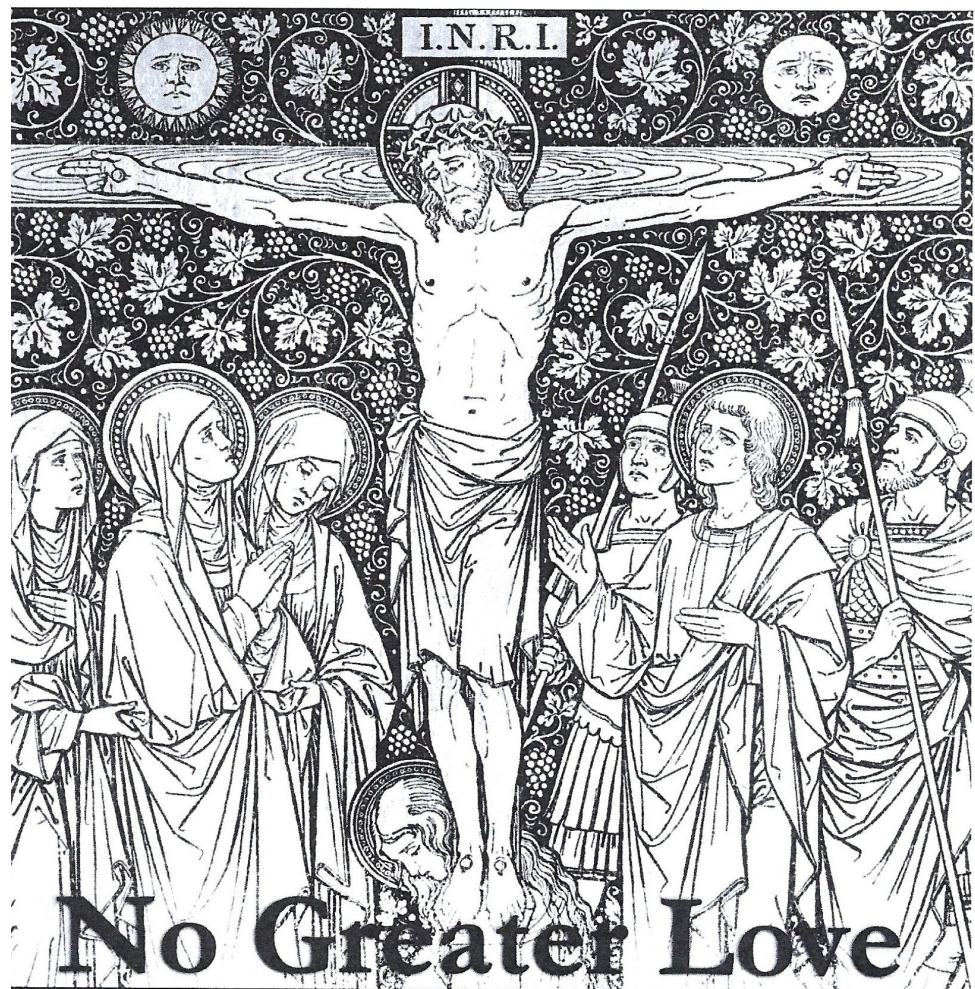
Loose Plate: \$ 923.25

Direct Deposit: \$ 270.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,167.55

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500

Deficit \$ 332.45



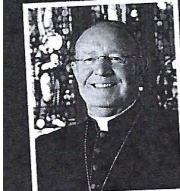
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