

First Reading Is 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.

Second Reading Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

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

Gospel Lk 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

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NEWSLETTER

24—25 August 2019

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

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



St. Monica

Dear Friends,

St Luke, the Gospel writer, invites his readers to re-examine their hearts. We should ask ourselves: am I CHRIST-LIKE by what I say and do? Am I merciful, compassionate and loving? Do I work for peace in this world? DO I ask for forgiveness to those I wrong and promptly forgive others when they hurt me? If I can sincerely say 'yes' to these questions then I am close to Jesus and the door of heaven is wide open to me. Today's Gospel (LK13:22-30) reminds us that no-one has a free ticket to heaven. It is not enough for me to be a member of a Christian community. I must be a person who always forgives, loves others unconditionally and one who brings peace in all my relationships.

Someone asks Jesus: "Sir, will there be only a few saved?" The religious

leaders of His time were divided on this question. Some held the optimistic view that all Jews would be saved when the Messiah came. Others were less optimistic and taught that only a few would be saved. Jesus does not answer the question directly. He says, "Try your best to enter by the narrow door." In other words, Jesus says that it is not easy to be saved. Salvation cannot be taken for granted. But God offers salvation to all without exception. Through the prophet Isaiah, in the First Reading, the Lord announced, "I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory." May all enter God's kingdom through the narrow door of love, peace and forgiveness Jesus won for us on the Cross. And May the Virgin Mary Mother of God, Queen of heaven and earth pray to Jesus for all.

Fr. Guy Riolo

STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE, PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOP CONFERENCE

The Victorian Court of Appeal has today announced that, in a 2-1 decision, Cardinal George Pell's appeal against his convictions for child sexual abuse offences has been dismissed. The Catholic Bishops of Australia believe all Australians must be equal under the law and accept today's judgement accordingly. Cardinal Pell's legal team has said it will examine the judgement in order to determine a special leave application to the High Court. The Bishops realise that this has been and remains a most difficult time for survivors of child sexual abuse and those who support them. We acknowledge the pain that those abused by clergy have experienced through the long process of the trials and appeal of Cardinal Pell. We also acknowledge that this judgement will be distressing to many people. We remain committed to doing everything we can to bring healing to those who have suffered greatly and to ensuring that Catholic settings are the safest possible places for all people, but especially for children and vulnerable adults.

PARISH DIARY
August–
September 2019

24 Saturday, St Bartholomew, apostle

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

25 Sunday, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

26 Monday,

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

27 Tuesday, St Monica

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

28 Wednesday, St Augustine, bishop, doctor

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

29 Thursday, The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

30 Friday,

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

31 Saturday, Mass of Virgin Mary

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

1 Sunday, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Evangelium Conference

The Archdiocese of Hobart is holding its Evangelium Conference at Claremont Parish on Friday night and all day Saturday, August 30-31. Aiming at forming missionary disciples, the speakers will present practical ideas we can implement in our parishes, families, and schools, to help lead people to encounter Jesus Christ and his Church. Everyone is welcome! **Cost:** \$65 per person. *Information & Registration:* <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/evangelium-conference-tas-tickets-61614281976> or call Diana Bachelor at the TCEO on 6210 8805.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL PERTH 8-10 December 2019

To register and for more information please visit : <https://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/>

International Pro-Life Filmmaker to speak on the cultural impact of Euthanasia By Kevin Dunn: August 28

When? 7-9pm on Wednesday August 28 Where? St Mary's Cathedral Centre. For more details Please Contact Ben Smith on 6208 6036 or ben.smith@aohtas.org.au. For more information on Kevin see: www.kevindunn.info.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Talk on "Into the Breach" by Robert Falzon, co-founder of menALIVE. When? 7:30am Saturday 31st August at Holy Rosary school, 29 Wyndham Rd, Claremont. **Please bring a friend and RSVP: Duncan MacFarlane on 0400 095 807**

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT (AUG 13th)

- Sr Pam provided formation to the committee on the Liturgy
- Discussion of forth coming events
- Guidelines for Music were distributed for further discussion at next meeting
- ACYF (Australian Catholic Youth Festival) - to be advertised in newsletter
- Talk on the Mass by Fr. Brian Nichols—Sept 26th

Church Foyer & Kitchen Floor Repairs

We will be doing some repair work to the flooring of the church foyer and kitchen in **Sept– Oct** due to the MAY18 flooding event. There ,may be a need to have the weekday Masses in the Parish Meeting Room for two consecutive weeks. The Weekend Masses will still be held in the church during the work. **Fr. Guy Riolo**

SUNDAY AUGUST 25—PARISH CONFIRMATIONS

This Sunday morning Archbishop Julian Porteous will confirm our parish children. We congratulate Angela Barden, Alexandre Estigoy, Dylan Hoare, Sienna Hoare, Brooklyn Taylor, Juditte Uwineza, Tiago Ashton Romanski. We pray for our confirmation candidates and their families as they receive this important sacrament of initiation. Janeena Kannampuzha who received the Sacraments of Initiation as an infant in India will also receive a special blessing from Archbishop Porteous.

Parish Volunteers,

To meet legal requirements as a result of the Royal Commission on sexual abuse, all parishes must ensure all staff and applicable volunteers have required compliance checks in place, namely a **current Police Check** as well as **Working with Vulnerable People Registration**. We are compiling a list of the status of all these checks and you may find that we contact you to arrange to have these checks in place if you do not already have them. Please contact Sr. Pamela Davis at the parish office as soon as possible.

Fr. Guy Riolo

Sick & retired priests Collection (31 Aug—1 Sept)

Please support our sick and aged priests. Envelopes will be placed in the pews Sat– Sun 31/8–1/9 for you to put money in or pay by credit card etc. The annual collection ensures our sick and aged priests receive adequate care and are provided for in their retirement. Thanks you for your support!

Footy Points Margin

Frane Higgins won round 22 (53 points) but we are still looking for round 21 (56 points); round 20 (22 points); round 13 (19 points) and round 7 (39 points). The nominated game for the 'Bye' round is the E J Whitten Legends Game to be played on Friday 30 August.

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, Ted Grainger, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Nell Smith, Peter Drake, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Frances Direen, Anne Hansch, Lynn Priest, Tom Carty and Rodolfo Gonzales.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially Augusto Di Tommaso, Marie Knight, Esther Underwood, Gwen Foster, Graziano Ceron, Peter Crane, Stephen Cooper, Steven Stivicic and Stan Brach. Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and 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: 26 August

Bob Mochrie's Team

Next Week : 2 September

Mary Parsissons' Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 845.55

Loose Plate: \$1041.45

Direct Deposit: \$ 270.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,157.00

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Deficit \$ 343.00