

First Reading Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7 (R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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NEWSLETTER

26—27 October 2019

30th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C



St. John the Baptist

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



St. Monica

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector to teach us how to pray. Jesus has a different way of seeing things. He wants Christians to humble themselves before God and continually ask for His help in everything.

The tax collector is our model of how to pray because he acknowledges his sinfulness, beats his breast in sorrow, prostrates himself, does not dare to raise his eyes to heaven and is filled with confusion at his unworthiness and nothingness before God. The tax collector says: **"God, be merciful to me a sinner."** His prayer is simple but yet the most pleasing to God. It is the prayer which all Christians need to pray always.



Jesus, Himself prayed always and urged His disciples to do the same. He lived in constant contact with His Father. For Jesus, prayer was closely related to His daily life. To discern God's will for Him, and to be faithful to God's plan of salvation for humanity, He often went to a lonely place where He could be on His own. Jesus constantly prayed the Psalms and knew them off by heart. With every breath of His life Jesus was committed to doing His Father's will at all costs. St John the Evangelist writes, "He can do nothing by himself; he can only do what he sees his Father doing (Jn 5:19)"

If I examine my prayer life am I like the Pharisee or the Tax Collector? May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for all.

Fr. Guy Riolo

PARISH DIARY
October–November
2019

26 Saturday, Mass of Virgin Mary

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

27 Sunday, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's

- 10.00am Mass at St. John's

28 Monday, Sts Simon and Jude apostles

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

29 Tuesday,

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

30 Wednesday,

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

31 Thursday,

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

1 Friday, All Saints' Day

- 9.00am & 7.00pm Mass at St John's

2 Saturday, The Com- memoration of ALL the Faithful Departed

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

3 Sunday, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

THE LITURGY GROUP MEETING OCTOBER 8TH

- The value of silent periods within the Mass, and the desirability of facilitating silent reverence before Mass begins.
- Planning for the formation of Ministers of the Word October 17th
- Criteria to be a Reader: 16 years old or over, regular attender at Mass and fully initiated. Approval of each Reader is required by the Parish Priest.
- Planning for the church environment over Advent and Christmas
- Preliminary planning for Lenten program next year.

Ministers of the Word and Communion

The rosters for 30 November to 23 February will be drawn up shortly. If you know you will be unavailable during this time please let Threesa know before 27 October.

Plant Fundraiser by Wendy, Peter & Betty

We have raised \$110.00 and Thank you to those who contributed.

IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL 2020

A ten-day live-in formation school for young people aged 15-35 year olds, with talks on the faith from awe- some speakers, Daily Mass, Prayer, Eucharistic Adora- tion, Praise and Worship, Fun and Fellowship and lots more. *When:* 1-10 Jan 2020 | *Where:* The Glennie School, Toowoomba, QLD
Early Bird Registration are open until 18 Nov for \$390
Please visit www.sisteroftheimmaculata.org.au/ims or 0406372608 for more information.

Candidates' Corner

This week we explore what we mean when we say we are 'fed by the Eucharist'. During his time on earth many people got to know Jesus by sharing a meal with him. Today one of the ways in which we get to know him better is when we share at the table of the Eucha- rist.

Date Claimer

Meli Melo Christmas concert – Saturday 30 No- vember at 2.00pm. Get this date in your diary now! You won't want to miss this afternoon of Christmas, folk and classical music and song! Contact Jo 0419 510 014

BIBLE STUDY ON VIRGIN MARY

"Holy Queen, The Mother of God in the Word of God": this ex- citing bible study introduces you to the Old Testament back- ground to the role of Mary in Jesus' work of salvation. Discover how Mary is depicted as the new Eve, the new Ark of the Cov- enant, and the new Queen Mother of the Kingdom of God. The biblical based for the central Catholic doctrines of Mary will also be discussed. When: Thursdays 31st Oct., 14th and 28th Nov., 6.30-8.30pm. Where: Murphy Room, Diocesan Centre, New Town. Cost: \$20 for study guide. Register: Dr Christine Wood on 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au

2020 COLUMBAN CATHOLIC ART CALENDERS

Please write your name, contact details and number of orders on the sheet of paper available in the foyer. The payments can be made to Sr. Pam Davis (Glenorchy Parish) or Bruce Gill (St. Monica's) at the placement of your order. We will be taking orders until late November. Please share this with your family and friends. Thank you! *Threesa K. Dona*

ALL SAINTS' DAY | 1ST NOVEMBER | FRIDAY

Mass will be celebrated for this Solemnity at 9.00am and 7.00pm at St John's.

ALL SOULS' DAY | 2ND NOVEMBER | SATURDAY

Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am and 7.00pm at St John's. Rosary will be recited at 8.30am as usual.

Footy Points Margin

Denise Horder has claimed the Grand Final runner up (88points). Last chance to claim for round 7 (39 points), round 13 (19 points), the 1st Week of the Finals (10 points) and the Preliminary Final (19 points). You have until 29 October to claim or the winnings will go to the parish.

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, Maïla 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, Rodolfo Gonzales, Ken Young and Judy Pigden.

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, Pe- ter Crane, Stephen Cooper, Steven Stivicic, Stan Brach, John O'Brien, Kevin Walsh, Anna Zito and Lena Trzeciak. 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 AND ROSARY

• **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 9.30am

COUNTERS' ROSTERS

This Week: 28 Oct

Bob Mochrie's Team

Next Week : 4 Nov

Mary Parsissons' Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 991.00

Loose Plate: \$1,167.60

Direct Deposit: \$125.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,283.60

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Deficit \$ 216.40