

First Reading 2 Sm 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel
All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2
(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.
He 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 Mk 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according Luke
The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'
One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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NEWSLETTER

23—24 November 2019

34th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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



St. John the Baptist



St. Monica

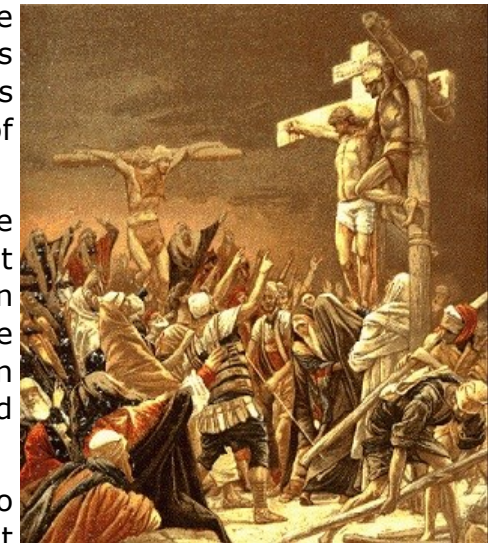
Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the great feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It also marks the last Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Scripture Readings on this occasion have as their main theme the Person of Jesus Christ, the centre of creation, of people and of history.

In the second reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians, St Paul presents Jesus as the First-Born of all creation, 'for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth; everything visible and everything invisible.'

The Gospel helps us to understand more deeply in what sense Jesus is King. He is the Christ of God, the Chosen One. His death on the cross reveals to all God's infinite love and mercy. On the cross Jesus saved the repentant thief. On the cross He saves all who put their trust in Him. On the cross Jesus is absolutely free from the injustices of evil people. By dying on the cross He overcame death itself.

Jesus' promise to the good thief – "today you will be with me in paradise" is a source of great hope to a world searching for meaning. God's help is much greater than anything we may ask for. Jesus knows the deepest longings of people and invites all to put their trust in Him as the repentant thief did. May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Her Son, Jesus for all especially those who have lost their way or may be abandoned or despairing. (Fr. Guy)



**PARISH DIARY
November–December
2019**

**23 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

**24 Sunday, Our Lord
Jesus Christ, King of
the Universe**

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

25 Monday, St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

26 Tuesday,

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

27 Wednesday,

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

28 Thursday,

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

**29 Friday, 9.00am
Mass at St John's**

30 Saturday, St Andrew, apostle

- 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, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
 - 10.00am Mass at St. John's

Legion of Mary Annual Reunion

You are all invited

Saturday November 30, 2019 | Commencing 2pm
Christ Priest Catholic Church Jindabyne Road, Kingston
A plate to share for afternoon tea would be appreciated
If transport required please contact John Brereton.

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*

MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND COMMUNION

Please inform Jo Elliott on 0419510014 if you are unavailable during January–February 2020.
Thank you! Thresa K. Dona.

The Carols on the Hill Community Choir

The Carols on the Hill Community Choir are seeking voices to join them. All are welcome. Rehearsal dates are: Thursday 5, 12, 19 December. These will be held at the St Mary's Cathedral Centre from 6:00 pm – 6:40 pm. Please contact Ella Tobin on ella.tobin@aohtas.org.au or 0468 601 517 to register your interest. RSVP by Friday 29 November.

The Liturgy Group met on November 12th

The following were the main topics of discussion:

- Formation: "O Antiphons" of Advent
- Liturgical Environment over Advent and Christmas
- Speakers and topics for 2020 Lenten Faith Formation proposed. Yet to be finalised
- Consideration of new Ministers of Communion. Still to be finalised.

St John's Christmas Luncheon

Venue: Carlyle Hotel, 232 Main Rd, Derwent Park TAS 7009 |
Date: 13th December (Friday) 2019 | Time: 12.00 noon.
Please put your name down on the sheet of paper available in the foyer to save your seat.

For further information, please contact Kay Grainger on 0438081651. Thank you!



The Meli Melo Christmas Concert

The Meli Melo Christmas Concert has something for everyone – choral and solo items, French horns, Alpen horns and even a harp! So come along with a friend – or two – or three at **2.00pm on Saturday 30 November at St. John's the Baptist Church, Glenorchy** and enjoy an afternoon of music to lift your spirits. Entry is by donation and includes afternoon tea with all proceeds going to support students at Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal.



The Meli Melo Christmas Concert— Help Needed

The success of the Meli Melo Christmas concert depends on both the music and the hospitality which follows the concert. The choir has been practising for months and give of their talents free, simply for the joy of making music. Your help in providing a plate for the afternoon tea would be greatly appreciated and can be delivered to the kitchen any time after 1.30pm. on Saturday 30 November.

★ CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FUNDRAISER ★

As usual we will have our Christmas Raffle to be won by a lucky family! If you would like to sponsor or make a donation for this our major fundraising event, please contact Kay Grainger on 62729024. Thank you!

VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS

Eight cards per pack at \$4.00 per packet. If interested, please contact Des Mortimer on 62726023. Thank you!

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, Maila Beekmeijer, 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, Judy Pigden, Ian Irvine, Robert Campbell and Mary Dowd.

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, Stan Brach, John O'Brien, Kevin Walsh, Anna Zito, Lena Trzeciak and Peter Imlach. 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

- 6.00pm Saturday
- 10.00am Sunday

St. Monica's, Chigwell

- 8.30am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. John's, Glenorchy

- 9.00am Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
- 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: 25 Nov

Bob Mochrie's Team

Next Week : 2 Dec

Mary Parsissons' Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 1,039.80
Loose Plate:	\$ 1,263.30
Direct Deposit:	\$ 305.00
TOTAL:	\$ 2,608.10
Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00	
Deficit	\$ 108.10