

First Reading Wis 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:35-40

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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St. John the Baptist

NEWSLETTER

10-11 August 2019

19th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

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



St. Monica

Dear Friends,

A few days ago we celebrated the Transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor. Jesus reveals His divinity and the divine life that await those who believe in Him. In a few days' time, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul into heaven. Mary is the one closest to Jesus and she is the first to enter Paradise. She precedes all those who are destined, like her, to receive the same inheritance. If paradise is our inheritance and destiny, then the question arises: what must we do? How should we behave in this world? In the Gospel, Jesus outlines the necessary requirements: do not put your heart in the things of this world that wear out and pass away but "get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it." Therefore, use material things not just for yourselves but also for the good of others, to come to the aid of those in need and to share what you have. Jesus says, "See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks." "Being dressed for action" is about being prepared for a long journey or for going to work. "Having your lamps lit" is about being prepared for the unexpected return of the Master in the middle of the night. A happy end to life does not depend on being rich - as we heard last week in the parable of the rich man. It depends, rather on being awake and ready and gathering a treasure which does not pass away. However important other matters might be, our Father in heaven, His loving presence among us and His Kingdom should be our real treasure. And there, where our treasure is should our hearts also be.

Fr. Guy Riolo

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL PERTH 8-10 December 2019

This is a national gathering of Catholic young people. With it's theme of "Listen to what the Spirit is saying" the Australian Catholic Youth Festival invites young people to Perth, WA for a 3 day event that will provide opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia. Overall costs of attendance (Registration, fares, accommodation and food) is \$1000 per person. Some financial subsidy from the Parish may be available for 1-2 young people (18-30 years of age). Visit the website for more information: <https://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/>

**PARISH DIARY
August 2019**

- **10 Saturday, St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr**
- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's
- 6.00pm Mass at St. John's
- **11 Sunday, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass at St. John's
- **12 Monday, St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious**
- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- **13 Tuesday, Sts Pontian, pope, martyr and Hippolytus, priest, martyr**
- 9.00am Mass at St. John's
- **14 Wednesday, St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr**
- 8.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9.00am Mass at St. John's
- **15 Thursday, the ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
- 12.00pm Mass at St John's
- 7.00pm Mass at St John's
- **16 Friday, St Stephen of Hungary**
- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- **17 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
- **18 Sunday, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass at St. John's

Dear Parishioners,

The new rosters for Vigil/Sunday Mass Ministers of the Word and Communion (September—November 2019) is now finalised. Please collect a copy for your reference from the Parish Foyer. **Thank you!**

Congratulations to Maria and Vincenzo Mele who celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary at the 10am Mass today.

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

Footy Points Margin

No claimants this week so now we are looking for round 20 (22 points) as well as round 7 (39 points) and round 13 (19 points).

Beanies & Biscuits

Thank you to all the happy knitters who knitted beanies for Louis' Van 60+ were presented on behalf of St. Johns Parish.

Confirmation Candidates' Corner

The candidates meet this Sunday for the last time before their confirmation by Archbishop Porteous on 25 August when they will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit given to them at their baptism. We have looked at how the Holy Spirit has been nourished by their families over the years and how it is recognised in its fruits such as patience, joy, gentleness, self-control. Please continue to pray for these young people and welcome them and their families at Mass.

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**

PPC Salient Points Meeting 5th August 2019

- Received a report from Guilford Young College including: Information on student, Ben Dowling's participation in the Salesian Immersion Program in Cambodia. Review of delivery of Religious Education to Yrs 11 and 12 with a proposed new program. A service held in memory of two recently deceased past students with a focus on "Donate Life" and fundraising for purchase of two seats for student use, a memorial.
- Progressed Plans for celebration of Dominicans Sisters' 60th Anniversary in Glenorchy.
- Discussed Chapters 4 & 5 of Safe Communities Manual. Agreed to display in both churches the procedure for Response to, and reporting of, Abuse. Resolved all PPC will complete online training within the month.
- Undertook to review Constitution plus Role and Function of PPC.

Coming events for the diary

- 13 Aug—Liturgy Committee Meeting
- 14 Aug—Parish Finance Committee Meeting
- 15 Aug—Feast of the Assumption 7.00pm Mass & Cuppa
- 20 Aug—ARCHBISHOP meets with Confirmation Children 7.00pm
- 25 Aug—ARCHBISHOP Celebrates 10.00am Mass and confirms children
- 30—31 Aug—Evangelium Conference, St Bernard's Church, Claremont (Please see flyers in foyer)
- 2 Sept—Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- 7—10 Sept—Salesian Provincial Visitation
- 11 Sept—Parish Finance Meeting
- 15 Sept—60th Anniversary of the arrival of the Dominican Sisters at the 10.00am Mass
- 26 Sept—Talk on the Mass, Fr Brian Nichols 7.00pm

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 and Lynn Priest.

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 and Steven Stivicic. 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:	12 August
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Anne Hansch's Team

Next Week :	19 August
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Roberta Puckett's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 1,052.00
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Loose Plate:	\$ 1,021.20
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Direct Deposit:	\$ 425.00
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TOTAL:	\$ 2,498.20
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<u>Week's Budget:</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
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