

First Reading Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14 (R.) Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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NEWSLETTER

17-18 August 2019

20th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

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



St. Monica

Dear Friends,

The Gospel passage today is pointing us to Jesus' mission to suffer death on a cross. We are presented with a few sayings of Jesus: "I have come to bring fire to the earth."

"There is a baptism I must still receive."

"I am not here to bring peace but division."

How are we to make sense of these sayings taken from Luke's Gospel?

As Jesus journeys from Galilee to Jerusalem He wants to prepare His followers for the scandalous event of His death on the Cross and the His sending of the Holy Spirit in the form of tongues of fire at Pentecost. Jesus knows that, that fire burns and will continue to burn through out the ages. It will be the strength of the weak, the light of the church's journey in this world as His followers become witnesses and proclaimers of the Gospel. But this message, and witness will be the cause of personal struggle and persecution. Jesus says that those who belong to Him will at times find themselves like lambs among wolves. Sometimes the wolves are the persons closest to us. It happened to Jesus Himself—He was betrayed by Judas. The images of fire and baptism clearly refer to Jesus' Passion presented as fire that consumes and like an immersion in the waters of baptism and in the deep waters of suffering and death. Jesus expresses His deep desire to complete His mission of salvation that is brought about by the Cross and to see this salvation extend to all people like a large fire fanned by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the cause of division in the sense that He presents all people with a radical choice in their lives: there are those who accept Jesus and there are others who reject Him. This choice will seriously affect all our relationships including family and friends.

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 ensured our sick and aged priests receive adequate care and are provided for in their retirement. Thanks you for your support!

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

Kevin Dunn – International Pro- Life Filmmaker, will speak on the topic of Living, Dying and the Power of Presence, using clips from his documentaries about how euthanasia laws are affecting the culture of The Netherlands, Belgium, USA and Canada and what we can do to stem the tide. 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.

**PARISH DIARY
August 2019**

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

19 Monday, St John Eudes, Priest

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

20 Tuesday, St Bernard, abbot, doctor

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

21 Wednesday, St Pius X, pope

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

22 Thursday, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

23 Friday, St Rose of Lima, Virgin

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

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, 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Confirmation

The Confirmation Mass on Sunday 25 August will be followed by morning tea in the foyer. Everyone is invited to join in this celebration and welcome the newly confirmed and their families. A plate to share would be very welcome.

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.

Footy Points Margin

No claimants again this week so now we are looking for round 21 (56 points) as well as round 20 (22 points) round 13 (19 points) and round 7 (39 points).

Spring High Tea – Tickets on Sale now!

Make sure you don't miss this chance to enjoy lively company, delicious cakes and pastries while listening to our guest speaker talking about Nepal. You will be 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 – or 3.

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**

Volunteer Overseas -

The Cagliari Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking volunteers for January 2020 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, East Timor & Solomon Islands. Applications close October 15th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliari.org.au

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

Parishioners,

I am looking for volunteers to form a maintenance Committee to help me do some maintenance work around the church. **Fr. Guy**

Volunteers needed for CatholicCare

For support students from refugee background with their homework. No teaching experience required.– just a desire to support students aged 14-25 with their learning. Light the Way Study Group is held on Mondays 4-5.30pm in Glenorchy. Leading the Way Study Group is held on Thursdays 3.30 -5pm in New Town. For more details, please contact Catholic Care on 6278 or Paul Campton on 62493518 to find about what tutoring involves.

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 and Tom Craty.

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

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: 19 August

Roberta Puckett's Team

Next Week : 26 August

Bob Mochrie's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,191.35

Loose Plate: \$ 1,065.20

Direct Deposit: \$ 225.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,481.55

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Deficit \$ 18.45