

### First Reading Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1 (R.)** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

### Second Reading Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

### Gospel Lk 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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St. John the Baptist

### NEWSLETTER

3 –4 August 2019

18th 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 acclamation give us the key to unlock the true meaning of the Scripture Readings today – "*HAPPY THE POOR IN SPIRIT: THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS THEIRS!*"

Yes, if we put our trust in God and not on the things of this world we are truly blessed because what God grants us is eternal life and everlasting joy and peace. Jesus says, "Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs".

Jesus is not saying that it is wrong to work for the things for this world. He is warning us that money and the things of this world cannot bring true happiness because we cannot take them with us when we die. Instead, what makes us rich in the sight of God is our complete trust in Him and living a Christ like life of faith, love and service.

### Coming Feasts:

This Tuesday is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and the 41st anniversary of the death of St. Pope Paul VI. This week we also honour the founder of the Josephite Sisters, Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop; the remarkable Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Edith Stein, who died in Auschwitz concentration camp in 1942 and was declared by St. Pope John Paul II one of the patrons of Europe. Next week we celebrate on Thursday 15th August, the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, a holy day of obligation.

**Fr. Guy Riolo**

**PARISH DIARY  
August 2019**

**3 Saturday, St Dominic, priest**

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

**4 Sunday, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**5 Monday, Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

**6 Tuesday, The Transfiguration of the Lord**

- 9.00am Mass at St. John's

**7 Wednesday, St Cajetan, priest**

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

**8 Thursday, St Mary of the Cross, Mackillop, Virgin**

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

**9 Friday, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

**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

**Feast of St Mary Mackillop**

The Sisters of St Joseph and the Josephite Associates invite you to a Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop to be held at the Josephite Mission and History Centre, 67 Clare St, New Town on Thursday 8 August 2019 at 7 pm. Light supper to follow. RSVP: 6228 1628 by 5 August for catering purposes (business hours). All welcome

**Evangelium Conference**

The Evangelium Conference is aimed at engaging Catholics in evangelisation. It will be held on 30 & 31 August 2019 at St Bernard's Church in Claremont. The conference's keynote speaker is Robert Falzon. Tickets are \$65.00 each include access to keynote addresses and workshops, lunch & dinner, morning and afternoon tea, tea and coffee. For further details contact Diana Batchelor on (03) 6210 8805.

**The Verbum Domini Institute** is offering two bible studies: An Introduction to the Old Testament Prophets: This eight session bible study will guide you through the great prophetic literature of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Amos, and the other prophets. When: Wednesdays 10.30am-12.30pm, 17th & 31st July, 14th August, 11th & 25th Sept., 16th & 30th Oct., 13th Nov. A Study of the Gospel of St. Matthew: Reading the Old Testament in the New. This bible study will help you discover the riches of the Gospel of St. Matthew by plumbing the depths of its Old Testament background. When: Thursdays 6.30 - 8.30pm, 11th & 25th July, 8th & 22nd August. Cost: \$20 per course for study guide. Where: Murphy Room, Diocesan Centre. Register: 6208-6236.

**Spring High Tea**

Come and enjoy some scintillating company, be tempted with delicious pastries and cakes at a Spring High Tea while 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.



**Vocation to the Priesthood**

Fr Brian Nicholls will lead a vocation reflection day from 10am to 4pm on Saturday October 5th at Campbell Town Parish. Any young man who is interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood is most welcome to attend. More information will follow.

**60th Anniversary of the arrival of Dominican Sisters in Tasmania.**

On 15 September 2019 the Dominican Sisters are celebrating the 60th anniversary of their arrival in Tasmania. We extend a warm welcome to everyone to join with us in thanksgiving and remembrance at 10:00am mass St John's the Baptist Glenorchy Parish followed by morning tea.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

The Bishops are asking for your help to promote the Statement in the weeks leading up to Social Justice. We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Making it real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. Visit the Office for Social Justice website for more details: (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 83063499.

**Footy Points Margin**

Anne Rogers won 19 (32 points) Round 7 (39 points) and round 13 (19 points) are still unclaimed.

**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, Tracey Deayton, 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 and Stephen Cooper. 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:** 5 August

Mary Parsissons' Team

**Next Week :** 12 August

Anne Hansch's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$984.00

Loose Plate: \$1,103.05

Direct Deposit: \$205.00

TOTAL: \$2,292.05

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Deficit \$207.95