

First Reading Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus
The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation. 'But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18 **(R.) I will rise and go to my father.**

Second Reading 1 Tm 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy
I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and 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 15:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

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NEWSLETTER

14-15 September 2019

24th 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 the Gospel today, Jesus puts before us three stories: the story of the shepherd who leaves all his other ninety-nine sheep to look for the lost one; the story of the widow who goes to great lengths to search for a lost coin; and finally the story of a father who welcomes back a son who cuts all ties with family and friends and leaves for a distant country. These stories speak of a God who is overjoyed when he finds what is lost, and they also speak about the great love of God the Father. In all three readings the Gospel message is the same: God the Father loves all people through Jesus Christ His Son and God forgives all our failures. In other words, the Gospel today speaks of God's great mercy.

Jesus not only welcomes sinners but befriends them; He even has meals with them. The religious leaders criticised Jesus for this because no good Jew was allowed to mix with sinners. To associate with sinners would prevent them from worshiping in the Temple of Jerusalem. But Jesus tells these stories to point out that the religious leaders are the sinners because they do not accept Jesus' message. All those who do accept Jesus will experience God's great mercy. God's mercy is for all. If the religious leaders accept Jesus, they too will share in God's love and forgiveness. We might ask ourselves: Is there anyone who has no need of God's mercy and forgiveness? May we be like God the Father who is merciful and forgiving and may we reach out to those who are far from God's mercy so that they too may share in the love and joy of God.

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

"60 years ago the Dominican sisters arrived in Hobart to bring Catholic Education for girls to the Northern Suburbs. They founded St John's Primary and Holy Name Schools in Glenorchy and Holy Rosary School in Claremont. Years later they co-founded Dominic College and then Guilford Young College. Throughout these years they became and continue to be an integral presence in St John's Catholic Parish in Glenorchy."

This anniversary is celebrated with a special Mass today September 15th here at St John the Baptist, Glenorchy. We extend our humble thanks to all Dominican Sisters for their faithful service and pray for God's blessing on them now and always.

Fr. Guy Riolo

**PARISH DIARY
September 2019**

14 Saturday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

15 Sunday, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

16 Monday, Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

17 Tuesday, St Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor

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

19 Thursday, St Januarius, bishop, martyr

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

20 Friday, Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr & Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

21 Saturday, St Matthew, apostle, evangelist

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

22 Sunday, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Church Foyer & Kitchen Floor Repairs

We will be doing some repair work to the flooring of the church foyer and kitchen in **early Oct** due to the MAY18 flooding event. The weekday Masses will be held in the Parish Meeting Room for at least two consecutive weeks. The Weekend Masses will still be held in the church during the work. Fr. Guy Riolo

Spring High Tea

Last chance to buy your tickets for this enjoyable event – tempting cakes and pastries, scintillating company and a glimpse into life in Nepal. Supporting students at Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal. When? Saturday 21 September. Time? 2.00 – 4.30pm. Where? GYC Catering Suite. Cost? \$20. Can't get to the high tea? – you can still show your support by buying tickets in the raffle for a basket of party goodies.

Sacramental Preparation

Information meetings about the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist will be held in **St. John's presbytery meeting room at 2.00 pm. and repeated at 7.00pm. on Wednesday 18 September.** Please choose whichever is most convenient for you. To register your interest or for further information contact St. John's parish office (6272 6363) during office hours or Jo (0419 510 014).

New Evangelization Summit: Global Summit Day

Event will be held on Saturday 5th October, 8am-4.30pm, in the Murphy Room, Diocesan Centre, Tower Road. It's an international event that will inspire thousands of Catholics to be engaged in the New Evangelization. Hear great ideas about evangelisation, and discuss them with locals. **Speakers:** Cardinal Gerald Lacroix, Fr James Mallon, Michelle Moran, Michele Thompson, Fr Jon Bielawski, and Michael Dopp. **Register by October 1st:** Christine Wood on 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au. **Cost:** free. **Information:** <https://www.newevangelization.ca/>

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL
PERTH 8-10 December 2019**

To register and for more information please visit : <https://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/>

**The Father's Day
Sick and Retired Priests Collection**

Thank you to all who contributed to the collection. We received \$679.40.

Dominic College Music & Dance Showcase

The Dominic College Principal, Ms Beth Gilligan, invites you, family and friends to the Music & Dance Showcase. *When?* Thursday 19 Sept @ 7pm at the Don Bosco Creative Arts Centre, Guilford Young College Glenorchy. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Complimentary tickets can be reserved at www.trybooking.com/BEQOY.

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

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.

Footy Points Margin

No winners so far this week so we are looking for round 7 (39 points), round 13 (19 points), the 'bye' round (6 points) and now the 1st Week of the Finals (10 points). The nominated Semi-Final is the Friday night game as usual - Geelong v. West Coast.

Coming event for the diary

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, Lynn Priest, Tom Carty and Rodolfo Gonzales.

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 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 9.30am

COUNTERS' ROSTERS

This Week:	16 Sept
Roberta Puckett's Team	
Next Week :	23 Sept
Bob Mochrie's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 768.00
Loose Plate:	\$ 976.30
Direct Deposit:	\$ 125.00
TOTAL:	\$ 1,869.30
Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00	
Deficit	\$ 630.70