

First Reading Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

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 Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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St. John the Baptist

NEWSLETTER

7-8 September 2019

23rd 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 today is about the cost of discipleship:

Firstly, To follow Jesus is very demanding and requires a wholehearted personal commitment. If we wish to follow Jesus we must put Him above all others and above all things. Jesus says, "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple."

To hate is a Jewish way of saying we must "prefer" Jesus even above our love for family and those dearest to us.

Secondly, Jesus asks His followers to carry their crosses and follow Him. It means that we accept Jesus' life and death on a cross and pattern our lives on His. This is very difficult but with God's help it is possible. Jesus tells two stories: that of a man intending to build a tower, and the king going off to war, to help us understand that our commitment to follow Jesus will cost us everything.

Thirdly, Jesus says, "None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions." Not only

must we put Jesus first in our lives and follow Him by carrying our own crosses as Jesus did, but we must also free ourselves from the things that can enslave our hearts, like money or possessions.

The Opening Prayer at Mass today is thus an urgent and necessary prayer to help us, "O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance". Amen

In the month of September, the Church celebrates the birth, the name day and the sorrows of Our Blessed Mother Mary Most Holy. If we remember to celebrate our own feast days should we not also do much more for Our Blessed Lady? At least a special prayer, a Rosary or something that Our Lady certainly appreciates. Let us remember 1) 8th September (Sunday) - Birthday of Our Lady. 2) Thursday 12th September - Her name day. 3) Sunday 15th September - Our Lady of Sorrows.

Fr. Guy Riolo

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 the Baptist Glenorchy Parish followed by morning tea.**

Who might you remember from your association with the parish, the schools and the nuns themselves? Sisters who are coming to celebrate with us include: Sr Mary Clare Holland, Sr Julianna Drobik, Sr Margaret Mary Brown (Gerard), Sr Pauline Riley (Callistus), Sr June Peck (Joseph Mary) and of course our very own Srs Pamela Davis and Mary Rickards.

Please bring a plate of food to share. If you have any pictures or memorabilia from those early years to display, please bring them along with you (and come early so they can be put on display).

PARISH DIARY
September 2019

7 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

8 Sunday, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9 Monday, St Peter Claver, priest

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

10 Tuesday,

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

11 Wednesday,

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

12 Thursday, The Most Holy Name of Mary

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

13 Friday, St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

14 Saturday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast

- 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

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

Bookings essential so get your tickets now for an enjoyable afternoon - lively company, delicious cakes and pastries - and a young Nepalese girl 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. Enquiries 0419 577 692 or 0419 510 014. And if you can't get to the High Tea you can still support these students by buying tickets in the raffle for a basket of party goodies. Tickets on sale now - \$1 a ticket or 3 for \$2.

Food for the Highways and Byways

As part of the *John Wallis Memorial Lecture* for 2019, a commemorative cookbook that celebrates 75 years of the Missionary Sisters of Service, will be launched. As well as its 35 recipes and each recipe's own story, the book also contains prayers that can be shared at the dinner table, MSS milestones, the sisters' evolving ministry throughout Australia and beyond and many photos. Also hear experienced educational leader, Deborah Kent, the CEO and Principal of Jesuit College of Spirituality, Melbourne, speak on *CONTINUING THE JOURNEY - charitable engagement with new frontiers*, at Guilford Young College (Hobart) on **Thursday 12 September**, at 7 pm. All interested people are invited. For more information: Eva Dunn 0417 734 503 or eva.dunn@gmail.com

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).

CHARISMATIC MASS 11TH SEPTEMBER 7.30 pm St. Joseph's Church (side chapel) Cnr. Macquarie/Harrington Sts. A warm welcome to all to our next Charismatic Mass. Evening commences with Songs of Praise and Worship and concludes around 9pm followed by supper. There will be an anointing during the Mass and opportunity for personal prayer afterwards. Enquiries: Di van Tienen 0447350379.

FR WILLIAM MATTHEWS SDB, PROVINCIAL

Fr William Matthews SDB, Provincial, will be making his annual visitation to the Salesians at Glenorchy this weekend. Please make him welcome as he also visits our parish.

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

Candidates' Corner

Please pray for our recently confirmed candidates who commence their preparation for First Communion this Sunday. We will be exploring the question of why we come to Mass and how we recognise and celebrate the presence of Jesus in the people, the Word, the Sacrament and the priest.

Footy Points Margin

Judy O'Brien has claimed round 23 (11 points). Still no claimants for round 7 (39 points), round 13 (19 points) or the 'bye' round (6 points). The nominated game for Semi-Finals is the Friday night game as usual.

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:	9 Sept
Linda Mondigo's Team	
Next Week :	16 Sept
Roberta Puckett's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 1,043.50
Loose Plate:	\$ 948.70
Direct Deposit:	\$ 505.00
TOTAL:	\$ 2,497.20
Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00	
Deficit	\$ 2.80