

First Reading Wis 11:22 – 12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1 (R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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NEWSLETTER

2—3 November 2019

31st Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C



St. John the Baptist



St. Monica

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

Dear Friends,

The Gospel today is about Zacchaeus who changes his life when Jesus makes Himself his friend. The crowd that follows Jesus hate Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector, because he collects taxes from them on behalf of the Roman occupiers.

The people are upset that Jesus is going to have a meal with Zacchaeus, a person they consider a public sinner, and therefore, far from the love of God. But Jesus tells them that God loves everyone. God loves



Zacchaeus. The only condition God asks of people is that they give up their bad behaviour and turn back to Him. Zacchaeus shows that he is willing to change from a greedy and selfish person to someone who puts God first, shares his property with the poor and repays all his debts. He does this because Jesus shows concern for him and treats him as a friend. Jesus says to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost." God loves all people, rich and poor alike; God wants all to be saved. Jesus came to "seek out and save what was lost".

We are challenged to examine our lives today. Are we like the crowd or like Zacchaeus? Through the Sacraments of the Church especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation (or Penance), Jesus can help us experience the compassion and mercy of God in our lives. His friendship helps us to change for the better. May we have the joy and the willingness of Zacchaeus to change our lives, if necessary, so that we may always do what is pleasing to God. May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for all.

As we commence the month of November dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory may we remember and pray for our loved ones and all Holy Souls who may need our prayers to be freed from their sins. They will not forget us and they will always pray for our eternal salvation. **(Fr. Guy)**

PARISH DIARY
November 2019

2 Saturday, The Commemoration of ALL the Faithful Departed

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

3 Sunday, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

4 Monday, St Charles Borromeo, bishop

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

- 9.00am Mass at St. John's

7 Thursday,

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

8 Friday,

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

9 Saturday, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

10 Sunday, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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*

St Vincent De Paul Flood Appeal

We have raised \$420.00. We thank you to those who contributed as it is important to us. Please refer to page 16-17 on the Spring edition of the Salesian Bulletin for more information. *Desmond Mortimer*

Legion of Mary

Thank you to the team of Legion of Mary for leading the rosary before the October masses.

First Holy Communion

On Sunday 17 November at the 10.00am Mass we will be welcoming seven young people at the table of the Lord. All are invited to join with them as they continue the celebrations following Mass. (A plate would be welcome.)

Candidates' Corner

Candidates preparing for First Reconciliation as well as those preparing for First Holy Communion continue their preparation this week. A prayer of blessing will be said over the Reconciliation candidates during Mass. Also during Mass the Communion candidates will be presented with the Lord's Prayer. This symbolic action recognises these young people becoming fully initiated members of God's family.

Congratulations—Harry & Marie Nermut

Congratulations to Harry & Marie Nermut who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary last week.

Meli Melo Christmas concert

Come and enjoy a varied programme of Christmas, folk and classical music including soloists, choirs and an Alpine and French Horn ensemble presented by the Meli Melo choir. Where? St. John the Baptist Church. When? 2.00pm. on Saturday 30 November. Entry by donation includes afternoon tea. All proceeds go to support students at the Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnager, Nepal. Contact Jo Elliott 0419 510 014.

BIBLE STUDY ON VIRGIN MARY

"Holy Queen, The Mother of God in the Word of God": this exciting bible study introduces you to the Old Testament background to the role of Mary in Jesus' work of salvation. Discover how Mary is depicted as the new Eve, the new Ark of the Covenant, and the new Queen Mother of the Kingdom of God. The biblical based for the central Catholic doctrines of Mary will also be discussed. When: Thursdays 31st Oct., 14th and 28th Nov., 6.30-8.30pm. Where: Murphy Room, Diocesan Centre, New Town. Cost: \$20 for study guide. Register: Dr Christine Wood on 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au

ROOMS FOR RENT

Rooms are available for rent at 96 A, Albert Road, Moonah 7009. If interested, please contact Maria on 0409496278 for more information.

Footy Points Margin

Found - the winner of the Preliminary Final (19 points). It was Caitlin Jennings. Positively the last chance to claim for round 7 (39 points), round 13 (19 points) and the 1st Week of the Finals (10 points). 29 October was the cut off date after which any winnings not claimed will go to the parish.

★ CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FUNDRAISER ★

As usual we will have our Christmas Raffle to be won by a lucky family! If you would like to sponsor or make a donation for this our major fundraising event, please contact Kay Grainger on 62729024. Thank you!



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, 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, Rodolfo Gonzales, Ken Young, Judy Pigden and Ian Irvine.

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, Stan Brach, John O'Brien, Kevin Walsh, Anna Zito and Lena Trzeciak. 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 AND ROSARY

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: 4 Nov

Mary Parsissons' Team

Next Week : 11 Nov

Linda Mondigo's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 902.00

Loose Plate: \$ 1,185.95

Direct Deposit: \$ 270.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,357.95

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Deficit \$ 142.05