

### First Reading Is 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem. 'He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.**  
**(R.)** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

### Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

### Gospel Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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### **NEWSLETTER**

**30 November—1 December 2019**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

St. John the Baptist



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



St. Monica

### **Dear Friends,**

*The Church describes Advent as having a "twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and as a season when that remembrance directs our mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation."*

Today's Gospel speaks about the coming of the Lord at the end of the world and how to prepare for it. The Gospel uses two images to make the point that **"you do not know on what day your Lord is coming"**: one is the flood which overtook the unprepared people in Noah's time; the other is the example of a thief in the night, who always comes unannounced. The Lord's coming and the end of the world as we know it will occur suddenly and unexpectedly. It will come unannounced, on an unsuspecting world. Therefore, the best way to prepare for it is by being watchful and ready. What does it mean to be watchful and ready? It means that we should be hardworking and faithful to our duties as responsible members of society and as children of God. May we take responsibility for the present time and live our lives in a deeper awareness of the presence of God who touches our lives at every moment.



May our prayer be: "Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom." (Opening Prayer - Roman Missal). (Fr. Guy)

**PARISH DIARY  
November–December  
2019**

**30 Saturday, St Andrew, apostle**

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

**1 Sunday, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**2 Monday, First Week of Advent**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

**3 Tuesday, St Francis Xavier, priest**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

**4 Wednesday, First Week of Advent**

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

**5 Thursday, First Week of Advent**

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

**6 Friday, St Nicholas, bishop**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

**7 Saturday, St Ambrose, bishop, doctor**

- 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, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**★ 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!

**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*

**The Carols on the Hill Community Choir**

The Carols on the Hill Community Choir are seeking voices to join them. All are welcome. Rehearsal dates are: Thursday 5, 12, 19 December. These will be held at the St Mary's Cathedral Centre from 6:00 pm – 6:40 pm. Please contact Ella Tobin on [ella.tobin@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ella.tobin@aohtas.org.au) or 0468 601 517 to register your interest. RSVP by Friday 29 November.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

A Christian formation process for children aged 3-12 years to experience and form an authentic, faithful relationship with God will be established in the Archdiocese in 2020. Grounded in scriptural and liturgical study framed by Maria Montessori's principles of education, children hear the Gospel through the use of sensorial rich materials. A special space, or 'atrium', allows the children to be with and enjoy God, listen to the Word, and pray. **Where:** 50 Huntingfield Dr, Kingston (old Vodofone bldg.). **When:** Mon. 2nd Dec., 10am-12pm; Tues. 3rd Dec., 3-5pm; Thurs. 5th Dec., 10am-12pm; Fri. 6th Dec., 4-5pm; or by appointment. **Contact:** Catherine Sandric 0458904428 or Christine Wood 62086236.

**St John's Christmas Luncheon**

Venue: Carlyle Hotel, 232 Main Rd, Derwent Park TAS 7009 | Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December (Friday) 2019 | Time: 12.00 noon. Please put your name down on the sheet of paper available in the foyer to save your seat. For further information, please contact Kay Grainger on 0438081651. Thank you!



**Made for Each Other Summer School  
January 20-24 in Hobart**

The Made for Each Other Summer School will be held from January 20-24, 2020 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart.



It will be a unique event for young Catholics aged 18-35. The Summer School will offer a series of lectures from a well-qualified faculty, group discussions, field trips, prayer time and social occasions to create a unique experience of the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church's teaching on relationships, sexuality, marriage and the family. For more information please contact Ben Smith on 6208 6036 or [ben.smith@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au). A web page with detailed information on the event can be viewed at: [bit.ly/2oCtnOU](http://bit.ly/2oCtnOU).

**CHRISTMAS EVE 2019 – FAMILY MASS 6.00PM**

Children are invited to participate in the telling of the story of the Nativity during the Family Mass on Christmas Eve. We will have a short rehearsal after 10am Mass on Sunday 15th and 22nd December. Children wishing to take part are asked to be at the Church on Christmas Eve at 5pm. All children are welcome to participate as angels, shepherds and general townfolk. We do have costumes but if your child wishes to be a particular character, please feel free to create your own outfit. We look forward to seeing your child, grandchild or special friend. For further information, please contact Mary Parsissons on 0448 259 747 or [mparsissons@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mparsissons@bigpond.net.au).



**OUR SICK - Please remember in your prayers:**

Maila Beekmeijer, 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, Ian Irvine, Robert Campbell and Mary Dowd.

**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, Lena Trzeciak and Peter Imlach. 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**

- 6.00pm Saturday
- 10.00am Sunday

**St. Monica's, Chigwell**

- 8.30am Sunday

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**St. John's, Glenorchy**

- 9.00am Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
- 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:** 2 Dec

Mary Parsissons' Team

**Next Week :** 9 Dec

Linda Mondigo's Team

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes: \$ 944.40

Loose Plate: \$ 1,046.25

Direct Deposit: \$ 270.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,260.65

**Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00**

Deficit \$ 239.35