

First Reading Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Second Reading Col 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 2:13-15. 19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him. So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I called my son out of Egypt. After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled: He will be called a Nazarene.

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NEWSLETTER

28—29 December 2019

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH — YEAR A



St. John the Baptist

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



St. Monica

Dear Friends,

The feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth helps us to deepen our faith in Jesus. The Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph teach us how to love. Family love is about commitment, fidelity and self-sacrifice. Where there is no love the family is already torn apart. It is love that makes Joseph and Mary get up in the middle of the night and escape with their Infant Jesus to a distant land, away from the clutches of Herod's evil plot to kill Him. The Holy Family also teaches us to put our trust in God. Joseph did what the Angel of the Lord asked him to do and Mary obeyed Joseph's urgent call to flee for their lives. Their actions were guided by their faith and trust in a good and loving God. And after a number of years, prompted again by an Angel, they returned to their homeland. As the danger to Jesus' life had passed, they led a simple hidden life of prayer, work and silence. The hidden years of the Lord's life in Nazareth are not only a model for our own family life today but a source of strength in the dark moments of suffering and near despair. Fortunately, we are constantly supported by each member of the Holy Family who are a community of love. May we always repeat the well-loved prayer:

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace
with you. Amen.**

May we entrust ourselves to the Virgin Mary, Mother of God and to Her spouse, St Joseph and to the Infant Jesus and may we ask them to help us live our lives in a truly Christian way, free from worldly care and ready to welcome the Infant Jesus, our Saviour, the Emmanuel, the God-with-us who knocks at the door of our hearts.

A Joyful and Holy Christmas Season

On behalf of Fr Peter, Fr Damien, Br Barry, Fr Bob, Sr Pam and Threesa and on my own behalf may I offer all parishioners best wishes for a joyful and holy Christmas season. Your intentions are remembered at the altar and in our prayers.

Thank you

So much is done by many in and around the churches of St John's and St Monica's and in serving both the parish community and beyond. Thank you to all who have done and who do so much.

Parish Office

Please note that the Parish Office is closed until Monday 6 January 2020. In case of an emergency, Fr Peter Rankin may be contacted on 62734313.

(Fr. Guy)

PARISH DIARY
December 2019 –
January 2020

28 Saturday, The Holy Innocents, martyrs

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

29 Sunday, The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

30 Monday, 6th day in the Octave of the Nativity

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 31 Tuesday, 7th day in the Octave of the Nativity**

1 Wednesday, MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD Octave of Nativity of the Lord

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

2 Thursday, Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

3 Friday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

4 Saturday,

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

5 Sunday, The EPIPHANY of the LORD

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

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will reopen on Monday 6 January 2020. In case of an emergency, Fr Peter Rankin may be contacted on 62734313. Thank you!

Salesian Bulletin

The new issue of the Salesian Bulletin is available. Please collect a copy from the church foyer. Thank you!

Nepalotto

The Outreach will be running Nepalotto again this year in support of students in Nepal. The numbers 1 – 45 will be on sale for \$5 during January. First prize of \$50 to the person holding the first supplementary number on Saturday 25 January and second prize of \$25 to the holder of the second supplementary number. You have to be quick if you want to get your lucky number!

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*

Immaculata Mission School 2020

What is it: A ten-day live-in formation school for young people, with talks on the faith from awesome speakers, daily Mass & prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship, fun & fellowship & lots more! When: 1-10 January, 2020 | Where: The Glennie School, Toowoomba QLD | Who: 15-35 year olds

Special guest speaker: Dr Ralph Martin (USA), Professor of Sacred Theology, international speaker on evangelisation and the spiritual life. Dr Martin is a consultant to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation.

Other guest speakers: Archbishop Julian Porteous, Vince Fitzwilliams, James Parker, Jess Leach, Paul Elarde, Sisters of the Immaculata & more.

For more info or to register:
www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/
ims or 0406 372 608.

Thank you

Thank you to Kay Grainger, other helpers and donors for the Christmas Raffle. The amount raised \$1565.00. Thank you to Roze Mellor for the Lucky Dip Raffle of \$65.00.

METRO BUS MALL RELOCATION
Jan 6th to Feb 7th 2020

Due to construction of the Tolosa St/ Main Rd intersection under the CBD Revitalisation Project, the Bus Mall will relocate one block south on Tolosa St for a 6-week period. Note that sections of Main Rd will also be closed during this 6-week period. The Bus Mall will re-open in time for the return of school.

See Notice board in the church foyer for more detail on re-access to the St. John's Church. Thank you!

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2019 – (8-10 Dec)

To review the article, please visit:
<https://hobart.catholic.org.au/media/news/tassie-pilgrims-join-five-thousand-young-australians-acyf>

COUNTER ROSTERS

Please note that we count on Thursday the **2nd of January 2020 at 9.00am** instead of Monday the 30th December 2020.

- 2nd January**—Bridget Hayde, Mary Parsissons & Jo Elliott
- 6th January**—Mary Parsissons' Team
- 13th January**—Linda Mondigo's Team

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 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. A web page with detailed information on the event can be viewed at: bit.ly/2oCtnOU.

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, Tom Carty, 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, Peter Imlach, Lynn Priest, Rodolfo Gonzales and Patrick Dowd. 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

- 8.00am every Wednesday & 8.40am every Saturday

RECONCILIATION

At St. John's, Glenorchy

- 9.30am & 5.15pm Saturday

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 Jan

Bridget Hayde's Team

Next Week : 6 Jan

Mary Parsissons' Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 817.20

Loose Plate: \$ 1,022.35

Direct Deposit: \$ 270.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,109.55

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Deficit \$ 390.45