

First Reading Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

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NEWSLETTER

18-19 January 2020

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — YEAR A



St. John the Baptist

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



St. Monica

Dear Friends,

The Gospel today helps us to understand who Jesus is and how He saves all those who turn to Him in faith and trust. John the Baptist points to Jesus and says, "Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world." Jesus is able to take away the sins of the world because He is the Chosen One of God, sent by God and the One who baptises with the Holy Spirit. It is as the lamb of God that He takes away the sins of the world. God the Father now gives the fullness of pardon to the people of Israel and to the rest of the world only through the Lamb of God. Since Jesus is the Chosen One of God who makes it possible for all people to be reconciled with God, Jesus is now the Bridge between God and humanity. Yes, God the Father is the only One who forgives sins but now all must go through Jesus to receive God the Father's forgiveness. The words, 'to take away' in the Greek and Jewish languages have at least two meanings: they may mean 'to take on one's shoulders' and or they may mean 'to eliminate' / cancel or 'to take away'. Jesus took on Himself the sins of the whole world and He also eliminated and cancelled them. Therefore, those who follow Jesus and model their lives on Him have overcome sin because to live like Christ is to be holy and acceptable to God and far from the power of evil. Christ saves sinful humanity by taking away the evil from their lives. Once Jesus heals us of our sinfulness we are set free from the evil one. The way of Jesus is the way of self-less love for others and humble dependence on God the Father. Christians are called to serve one another and to be humble and obedient to God the Father. One commentator writes "Victory over sin comes about as a lifelong struggle. We must not become depressed when we see ourselves making what seems like very little progress. What is important is the struggle for goodness. The purpose of a good life is not to win the battle but to wage it unceasingly." May we always turn to Jesus in our difficulties and temptations with faith and trust. May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for all.



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(Fr. Guy)

**PARISH DIARY
January 2020**

18 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

19 Sunday, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

20 Monday, St Fabian, pope, martyr

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

21 Tuesday, St Agnes, virgin, martyr

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

22 Wednesday, St Vincent, deacon, martyr

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

23 Thursday,

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

24 Friday, St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

25 Saturday, The Conversion of St Paul, apostle

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

- 6.00pm Mass at St. John's

26 Sunday, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

31 January—Feast of St John Bosco

The annual special mass will be held at 7.00pm on Friday 31 January at St. John's. Refreshments provided. All welcome!

AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS' BUSHFIRE APPEAL - Australia Day Weekend Leaving Collection to support those affected by the bushfires

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has put into place plans for a national response to the devastating bushfire crisis which has affected many parts of Australia especially rural Australia. These plans include a special leaving collection on the Australia Day weekend in all parishes throughout Australia. The money raised will support the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal (see the Media Release from Vinnies for details at the back of the church). The St Vincent De Paul Society is doing what it can, working with many organisations engaged in the immediate emergency response. Your money is being used in the best way to meet the needs of those affected by the fires. The Vinnies Media Release on 8 January mentions that right now cash is needed. People can donate by visiting the Vinnies website or through the Vinnies shops. Many thanks for your support and your prayers. Please support the Australia Day Weekend Bushfire Appeal on 25-26 January at all parish masses.

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*

GOLDEN WATTLE

Café for people living with dementia and their caregivers at the Golden Years Club, Glenorchy. Commencing 16th January 2020.

- 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays 10.30am to 12.30pm

- Cost: \$5.00 for Morning Tea
- For more info, please contact Agnes on 0422 736 984.



GOLDEN WATTLE

PARISH DIARY

- ⇒ 28 Jan— Liturgy Committee Meeting
- ⇒ 31 Jan—Feast of St John Bosco
- ⇒ 3 Feb—Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- ⇒ 12 Feb—Parish Finance Committee Meeting
- ⇒ 26 Feb—Ash Wednesday
- ⇒ 28 Feb— Stations of the Cross

**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 has relocated one block south on Tolosa St for a 6-week period. Note that sections of Main Rd is also 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 re-access to the St. John's Church. 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 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.

**SILENT RETREAT—SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF
ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA**

We invite you to experience 5 days of silent retreat to go in a deeper encounter with Jesus within you. During these days will be offered Latin Mass, Rosary, Adoration, Conferences in the Spiritual Exercises, Spiritual Direction, Confession and Way of the Cross.

Speaker: *Fr Pius, a Benedictine monk from Notre Dame Priory Monastery in Colebrook, Tasmania.* Date: 2-7 March 2020 | Cost: \$550 (Accommodation, meals & fee) | Location: Emmanuel Centre (123 Abbott Street, Newstead, Launceston) RSVP: 0418183511 or Palavravivatasmania@gmail.com.

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 Lynn Priest and Rodolfo Gonzales. 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 every 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: 20 Jan

Roberta Puckett's Team

Next Week : 27 Jan

Bob Mochrie's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1026.50

Loose Plate: \$ 1097.55

Direct Deposit: \$ 385.00

TOTAL: \$ 2509.05

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Profit \$ 9.05