First Reading Is 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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NEWSLETTER

8-9 February 2020 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time — YEAR A



St. John the Baptist

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

St. Mo

Dear Friends,

The Gospel today presents two images: salt and light. Christians are called to be salt of the earth and light of the world. Just as salt gives flavour and taste to food and just as light gives a clear and true vision of reality and a sense of direction in life, Christians should live lives both pleasing to God, and filled with acts of charity, justice and mercy towards all. It is not enough to pray and fast. We must also do good and avoid evil. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah says it plainly when Isaiah states, "Share your bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked, and do not turn from your own kin" (Is 58:7) If Christians put God's instruction of service and care for others into practice, the words of Jesus in today's Gospel will come true: "seeing your good works, people will give praise to our Father in heaven." May the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, help us to be salt and light so that we may lead all to Jesus, Her Son and Lord of all. (Fr. Guy)

Shrove Tuesday 25th February: You are invited to bring your palms from last year to the ritual burning of palms at 7.00 pm on

Shrove Tuesday in St John the Baptist Church courtyard. The short ceremony will be followed by pancakes in the parish meeting room in preparation for Lent. If you wish you may bring your own pancake mixture.



Ash Wednesday, 26 February:

Here at St John the Baptist Church. There will be the distribution of ashes during the Masses: at 9.00 am and at 7.00 pm.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday in Lent, 7.00 pm at St John the Baptist Church commencing Friday 28 February. Please come one and all to this most important devotional practice of our faith.

PARISH DIARY February 2020

8 Saturday, Mass of Virgin Mary

• 9.00am Máss at St John's

• 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's

• 6.00pm Mass at St. John's

9 Sunday, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time • 8.30am Mass at St Monica's

• 10.00am Mass at St. John's

10 Monday, S Scholastica, virgin •9.00am Mass at St John's

11 Tuesday, Our Lady of Lourdes

•9.00am Mass at St

John's **12 Wednesday,**

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

13 Thursday, •12.00pm Mass at St John's

14 Friday, Sts Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop

• 9.00am Mass at St John's

15 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

16 Sunday, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

• 8.30am Mass at St Monica's

• 10.00am Mass at St. John's

Ministers of the Word and Communion

Rosters for Lent to Pentecost (1 March – 31 May) will be drawn up shortly. If you know you will be unavailable during this time please let Threesa know at the parish office or Jo Elliott: 0419 510 014 by Sunday 9 February.

Footy Points Margin

Back by popular demand and still only \$2 per week! First nominated game Bulldogs v. Collingwood on Friday 20 March. Tickets on sale from 7 March. Sign up on the sheets in the foyer for your chance to win \$100. Enquiries Jo Elliott 0419 510 014.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Dear Parishioners, the weekly planned giving envelopes will be available soon. Thank you to all for your regular commitment. If you have not used the parish envelopes scheme before and wish to do so, please fill in the sheet of paper located in the church foyer. If you wish to direct transfer your fund to the parish bank account weekly, please put your name and number on the sheet of paper also available in the foyer separately. Further details are available through the parish office. Threesa K.Dona

Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony and Holy Mass

You are all invited

Saturday March 21st, 2020 | Commencing 2pm St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Glenorchy

A plate to share for afternoon tea would be appreciated If transport required please contact Margaret Lello on 0407 047 205 or Helen Emery on 0408 394 347.

Marriage Masses for the Renewal of Vows

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous on Sunday 16th February, 2020 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart at 10.30am and on Sunday 23rd February, 2020 at Church of the Apostles, Launceston at



10.30am. Couples celebrating Catholic Marriage milestones including couples in the early years of marriage (1st, 5th and 10th anniversaries) are invited to RSVP to the Office- of Life, Marriage and Family by emailing ben.smith@aohtas.org.au or on 6208 6036. Catholic married couples will receive a special acknowledgement from Archbishop Julian on the day.

Summary of Liturgy Minutes 28/1/2020

- Hopes and Goals of committee members for the year
- Agreement to always include a sung Doxology* of the Our Father when it is sung in the Mass. * For the kingdom the power, etc...
- Discussion about merits or not of singing the National Anthem at Mass on Australia Day.
- Discussed the environment of the Sanctuary and care about adding distractions.

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*

Reflection Evenings for Lent

A series of three meditations for the season of lent will be presented by speakers to help us reflect on the Gospels chosen for the Sunday masses during this special time. The programme is as follows:

March 10th—The women at the well Speaker: Sr. Pamela Davis O.P Time: 7:00pm @ St John's Church

March 19th—The man Born Blind

Speaker: Dr. Drasko Dizdar Time 7:00pm @ St John's Parish Office Meeting Room.

March 24th- Lazarus

Speaker: Rev. Fr. Richard Ross

Time: 7:00pm @ St John's Parish Office Meeting Room.

This programme will be a prayerful preparation for our celebration of Easter. All Welcome!

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers our sick parishioners, Maila Beekmeijer, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Nell Smith, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Frances Direen, Anne Hansch, Tom Carty, Ken Young, Judy Pigden, Ian Irvine, Robert Campbell, Mary Dowd and Ralene Di Martino.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially Lynn Priest, Rodolfo Gonzales, Patrick Dowd, Silvana Paternoster and Peter Drake. 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, Chiqwell

• 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: 11 Feb

Linda Mondigo's Team

Next Week: 17 Feb

Roberta Puckett's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION Envelopes: \$ 1122.50 Loose Plate: \$ 1072.50

Loose Plate:	\$ 1072.50
Direct Deposit:	\$ 730.00
TOTAL:	\$ 2925.00

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Difference: Thank you!

\$ 425.00