

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus
Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water. 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?'

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NEWSLETTER

14-15 March 2020

Third Sunday of Lent – YEAR A

St. John the Baptist

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

St. Monica

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises to give us water that will become in us a spring of water welling up to eternal life (Jn 4:14). In other words, Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit to dwell in us as our Guide, Light, Strength, Consoler and Teacher. Like the Samaritan woman, in the Gospel, we should examine our own lives because there is an unquenchable thirst in our hearts that can only be quenched by the Holy Spirit, that Jesus sent after His Resurrection. We received the Holy Spirit at Baptism. But are we living the new life in the Spirit that made us God the Father's adopted children? Or are our hearts thirsting for the things of this world like pleasure, power, fame or possessions which can never lead us to eternal life? Furthermore, does our faith in Jesus draw others to Him? May the Virgin Mary Mother of God, Spouse of the Holy Spirit pray to Jesus for us. And may our constant prayer this week be: "Come Holy Spirit, come by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse." **Fr Guy**
Gospel Continued: Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42
'Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life. 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this

mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth. 'The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he. 'Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'



**PARISH DIARY
March 2020**

**14 Saturday, of the 2nd
Week of Lent**

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

**15 Sunday, THIRD
SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's

- 10.00am Mass at St. John's

**16 Monday, of the 3rd
Week of Lent**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 17 Tuesday, St Patrick, bishop**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 18 Wednesday, St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor**

8.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- 9.00am Mass at St. John's

19 Thursday, St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

**20 Friday of the 3rd
Week of Lent**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross

**21 Saturday, of the 3rd
Week of Lent**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

- 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's
- 2.00pm Legion of Mary Holy Mass

- 6.00pm Mass at St. John's

**22 Sunday, FOURTH
SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 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

**Little Lenten 'Pilgrimage'
HELP WANTED**

On Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th March, there will be a range of places set up in the Church for personal Lenten reflection and 'pilgrimage'. ALL ARE WELCOME to attend 10.00am-3.00pm each day. Students from GYC will be attending during their classes. We need people to represent the Parish by being in the Church to welcome anyone who comes to participate. Please contact Mary-Anne Johnson PH 6228 6000.

Sacramental Preparation

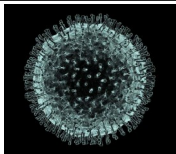
After a number of years Jo Elliott is retiring as a catechist for children completing their initiation. The good news is that Angela and Dennis Derrick have agreed to lead preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist while Marie Aitken will be leading preparation for First Reconciliation. Contact Angela 0419 920 653.

**Ministers of the Word and Communion for the
Easter Ceremonies**

Ministers of the Word and Communion are invited to indicate their availability to minister at the Easter ceremonies on the sheets in the foyer **before Sunday 22 March**. Rosters will be drawn up and available on Saturday 28 March. Thank you to all who serve the community in these important ministries.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is now a world-wide epidemic. Over 119 Countries have been affected. May we pray for all countries, especially China, Italy, Iran and South Korea who are suffering the most. Now is an important time to spend several minutes each day in prayer to ask God, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary Mother of God to intervene and eliminate this deadly disease that is sweeping the world.



Holiness consists in simply doing God's will, in being just what God wants us to be. *St Thérèse of Lisieux*

**University Students – Catholic Chaplaincy
activities on Campus**

The University of Tasmania's Catholic Chaplaincy offers students a variety of faith and social activities at the Sandy Bay campus. Activities include free breakfast every Tuesday at 9am and Campus Mass every Thursday at 1pm in the Multi-Faith Room at the bottom of the Tasmanian University Union Building. Build faith and friendships outside your studies. Join the Chaplaincy mailing list by forwarding your details to utas.catholic@gmail.com or contact 0417 619 202.



**Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony and Holy Mass
Celebrated by Emeritus Archbishop Adrian Doyle**

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 is required please contact Margaret Lello on 0407 047 205 or Helen Emery on 0408 394 347.

Coming up: Some 2020 dates

Mar 26: Anointing of the sick at Midday Mass

Mar 31: Confirmation Parent Night

Apr 2: Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

April 5: Daylight Saving Ends

April 6: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

April 7: Chrism Mass—St Mary's Cathedral

REFLECTION EVENINGS FOR LENT

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!



OUR SICK - Please remember in your prayers:

Maila Beekmeijer, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Nell Smith, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Frances Direen, Anne Hansch, Tom Carty, 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 Patrick Dowd, Silvana Paternoster, Peter Drake, Raelene Di Martino, Ken Young and Frank Hesman. 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: 16 Mar

Roberta Puckett's Team

Next Week : 23 Mar

Bob Mochrie's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 966.50

Loose Plate: \$ 864.20

Direct Deposit: \$ 5.00

TOTAL: \$ 1835.70

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Difference: - \$ 664.30