

First Reading 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel
The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.'

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St. John the Baptist

NEWSLETTER **21-22 March 2020** **Fourth Sunday of Lent – YEAR A**

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



St. Monica

DEAR FRIENDS,

The Gospel today is about the divinity of Jesus. On the one hand, the blind man from birth who was healed by Jesus believed in Him as Lord and Saviour, "and worshipped Him". On the other hand, the religious leaders refuse to believe that Jesus is divine. This is because He works the miracle on the Sabbath, when works are strictly not permitted, according to the Law of Moses.

Every Christian must make the same decision: either to believe in Jesus as their personal Saviour and the Lord of all or to reject Him. If we decide to follow Jesus, who is equal to God the Father and God the Holy Spirit and worship Him, then our lives must change. We have no choice but to become people of prayer, fasting and good works.

Faith in Jesus will help us to avoid chaos, confusion and darkness. In today's Second Reading from St Paul in his Letter to the Ephesians (5:8-9) reminds us that once we too were blind, but now, through faith in Jesus we live in the light of Christ in "complete goodness and right living and truth."

May we invoke the Holy Spirit to enlighten us as we pray, "Come Holy Spirit, come by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse." **Fr. Guy**

Gospel Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38— Continuing

The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who

had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.



Response of the Archdiocese of Hobart to the spread of the Coronavirus

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you at a time when the world faces a pandemic due to the spread of the Coronavirus. The daily news informs us of the rapid spread of the virus and a rising death toll. As you are aware Pope Francis has curtailed his public appearances and Masses have been cancelled in Rome at this time. Our government both Federal and State are announcing increasingly stringent requirements aimed at limiting the spread of the virus. On Tuesday, March 17, the State government announced a Public Health Emergency.

It is necessary that the Catholic Church take measures to protect the faithful and the wider community. The measures I am announcing are in harmony with guidelines developed by the Permanent Committee of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference. As Archbishop, in consultation with the Council of Priests, and receiving advice from health officials, I have taken the decision to immediately suspend the public celebration of all Masses.

This year it will be necessary for priests to celebrate each of the Easter ceremonies alone.

These measures will remain in force until public health officials advise us that public gatherings can be restored.

All Catholics are dispensed from the obligation of observance of Sunday Mass. However, there will be a number of ways in which the faithful can still honour the Lord's Day. I encourage Catholics to keep Sunday holy by setting aside time for personal prayer.

- Parish churches will be open for visits and personal prayer at times determined by the Parish Priest. Check with your local parish for details.
- The Archdiocese will produce some spiritual resources so that the faithful can engage in times of individual prayer and reflection, especially on Sundays.
- Mass and the Easter Ceremonies will be live-streamed from the cathedral and available on the Archdiocese of Hobart Facebook page and YouTube channels. There are other opportunities to access Mass on television and online.

During this difficult time I have asked all priests to continue to offer a private Mass daily for the intention of their people and for the health and wellbeing of the nation. Priests will continue to be available to meet the spiritual needs of the people.

Priests will continue to ensure the care of the sick. However, restriction of visits to nursing homes will impede regular visits at this time. Priests will respond to any call to assist the dangerously sick and dying. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered in homes, nursing homes and hospitals in accord with protocols produced by health officials.

In the case of a death in the family, subject to the limits imposed by government regulations, the priest will be available to be with family and offer spiritual comfort. Attendance at funeral liturgies will be limited to the immediate family. In the case of weddings that have been already planned, the wedding ceremony will be open only to the bridal party and immediate families.

Priests will conduct baptisms where participation will be limited to the immediate family and godparents. Some parents may choose to delay the baptism until the crisis is over.

In this difficult time we entrust ourselves to the Lord who never abandons His people. We pray that we will be sustained in faith and hope. It will be our commitment to keep close to the Lord by personal prayer and acts of faith that will be our support and comfort.

As soon as health officials declare the emergency is over we will restore normal parish life.

I will carry the people of Tasmania in my heart and prayer in the time ahead, entrusting the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Yours in Christ,

Archbishop Julian Porteus DD

Special Notice to Parishioners

In response to COVID-19 Virus, Please note that there are **no daily masses or weekend masses** being celebrated at St John's or St Monica's until further notice. Please see the announcements on the main church notice board and collect any copies of the newsletters or notices from the church foyer when you visit for any personal prayer. **Church will be opened 9am-1pm daily for personal prayer.**

Online Resources –Free

Shalom World TV | God's Own Channel: Download free App on your device to watch live daily holy masses, or all other programs. Website: <https://shalomworld.org/> | Holy Mass (Daily): <https://shalomworld.org/specialevent/daily-mass> | How to download, visit: <https://shalomworld.org/watchon/connectdvtv>
Formed Catholic: <https://formed.org/> (Sign in with your email address to access all the programs)

Australian Catholic: <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/>

Cradio | Catholic Podcasts & Online Radio: <https://cradio.org.au/>

Ascension Press | Articles, Videos & Podcasts: <https://ascensionpress.com/>

Universalis | Mass Readings, Prayers: <https://universalis.com/>

St. Paul Center: <https://stpaulcenter.com/>

Word on Fire | Homilies, videos, articles etc: <https://www.wordonfire.org/>

FRG Ministries | Youth: <https://www.frgministry.com/>

Real Life Catholic | Videos, Audios, Blogs: <https://reallifecatholic.com/>

Need phone assistance? Call parish office on 62726363—Theresa K.Dona

Footy Points Margin

This will be run in accordance with the shortened roster. Refunds will be paid to those who have paid up front. Queries – Jo Elliott on 0419 510 014.

Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$858.00 | Loose Plate: \$ 870.65 | Direct Deposit: \$730.00
TOTAL: \$2458.65 | Week's Budget: \$2500.00 | Difference: -\$41.35

OUR SICK - Please remember in your prayers:

Maila Beekmeijer, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Neil 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 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.