

First Reading Ez 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7
(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. **(Continued on front page)**

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St. John the Baptist

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

28-29 March 2020

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St. Monica

Gospel Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45 **(Continuing)**

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come

out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.



Parish Email Address

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to contact the parish office.
Thank you!

Parish Easter Raffle

Please drop your raffle tickets in to the parish office letter box during 9am–1pm any day. Easter raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday as planned! Thank you! *Kay Grainger*

DEAR FRIENDS,

The Coronavirus is bringing the world to its knees. This highly contagious deadly virus is attacking the fabric of society. We do not know how it will end. But we do know that God the Father Almighty's continual care and mercy are with us. The Church reminds us that Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a time of returning to the Lord with a sincere heart. Who knows if He will hear our fervent prayers and stop the Coronavirus which is threatening to destroy the world as we know it.



What will rise from the ashes? Will a new society spring forth that respects God's law? May we all do as the Ninivites did when Jonah preached destruction and death to this ungodly people. They changed their behaviour and pleaded for God's mercy. And they were spared. "Come Holy Spirit, come by means of the Immaculate Heart of Mary your well beloved Spouse."

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, Jesus says: "*I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?*" The Gospel today is about faith. Jesus of Nazareth raises His close friend, Lazarus, from the dead because of Martha's act of faith in Jesus. She says, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the One who was to come into this world.' St John, the Gospel writer, ends his Gospel with the words: 'Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in Him'. Do we believe in Jesus, the resurrection and the life? Do we believe that Jesus will raise our bodies from the dead at the end of time?

During this time when the Coronavirus is sweeping the world and bringing with it fear, confusion, suffering, chaos and death, we may feel helpless, fearful and confused. It may also seem that God is absent. But faith in Jesus can help and console us in our suffering and loss. Jesus understands the sorrow, the emptiness and the confusion caused by death. He went through it Himself: He died on the Cross. By His death and resurrection, He shows us that just as He rose again, we too will one day overcome death, not by avoiding it but by going through it ourselves and rising above it. By His own death and resurrection, Jesus opened for us the doors to eternal life. Therefore, He is our sure hope of resurrection and eternal life. By raising Lazarus from the dead, He offers us the hope of a bright new world, if we put our trust in Him. May our prayer be: "Jesus I trust in You!" *Fr. Guy*

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS,

A few days ago, the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, announced the closure of all churches. This means that our churches at St John's, Glenorchy and St Monica's, Chigwell remain closed. No one can gather in Church until further notice. Please pray at home. You may also use your telephone,



mobile phone, computer and other means of communication to keep in touch with others, watch daily Mass and nurture your spiritual life. Please try to remain positive and trust in the Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Some ways you may remain positive is to cooperate with the health authorities, be supportive of leadership, fast from despair and selfishness, fast from judgement, cultivate your prayer life and many other ways.

I am aware of your difficulties and I extend my prayerful support. My daily Mass in private is offered for all parishioners and families and friends. Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish in these difficult times for all. *Fr. Guy*

You may contact me direct via email: griolo@salesians.org.au or on my mobile phone: 0408 953 094 between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm daily.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

There were only a few Thanksgiving Envelopes handed in last weekend (21/22 March) because there were no public Masses celebrated in our parish. Without weekly contributions, it would be impossible to meet our parish expenses. Together we could help keep our parish running smoothly. Parishioners are requested to donate \$10 or \$15 per family each month if they can afford it. The money may be placed in an envelope marked "parish upkeep" and placed in the letterbox at the Parish Office. It would be appreciated if this could be done by the 10th of each month. This arrangement will only continue as long as the Churches are closed. Or you may wish to pay your weekly offering via Electronic Funds Transfer or Direct Debit (contact the Parish Office on 62726363 for details). Thank you for your ongoing financial support in these challenging times for all. *Fr. Guy*

FREE ONLINE RESOURCES

Parish Newsletter and other news:

<http://cdtas.org.au/glenorchy/Home.aspx>

Archdiocese of Hobart | Sunday Masses live Streamed at St. Mary's Cathedral 10.30am each week or catch up online:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBzten6uVS-Ymf-7KVUEepQ>

"Mass for you at Home" : Channel Ten (TenPlay)

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/connectedtv>

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***

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*

Salesian Missions



Can you support the Pacific Appeal?

Please visit:

<http://www.salesianmissionaustralia.org.au/donate/pacificappeal>

See video: **<https://youtu.be/58WEWVKahXA>**

If you and your friends wish to join us in prayer, please visit the website:

<http://www.salesianmissionaustralia.org.au/contact/join-us-in-prayer>

Many thanks,

***Michael Lynch,
Salesian Missions***



Footy Points Margin

Round 1 has been played and the margin was 52. The winner can get in touch with me on 0419 510 014. Now we look forward to the AFL resuming play at the end of May. Arrangements are being made to refund people who paid up front. *Jo Elliott*

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.