

**First Reading Is 55:10-11**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8**

**(R.)** The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

**Second Reading Rom 8:18-23**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Mt 13:1-9**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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St. Monica

**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A - 11 & 12 JULY 2020**

**Dear Friends,**

For the next three weeks, the Gospel Reading presents three parables of Jesus. Today's Gospel passage, is the first of seven parables from chapter thirteen in Matthew's Gospel.

These parables challenge us to reflect more deeply on our relationship with God and our world.

In today's parable, the farmer is Jesus. The seed is the Word of God. The seedbeds – path, rock, thorns and good soil – refer to the people who hear God's word. Some people reject God's Word; others, receive it and reject it later; and others - receive, treasure and put it into practice.

Mary is our model as we struggle to hear, treasure and act on the Word of God. She welcomed God's Word in Her life and by treasuring it She became the Mother of God.

At the wedding feast at Cana, when the wine ran out, she showed her practical concern for the newly-weds by asking Jesus to help them. Her trust in her Son was unconditional and she said to the servants, "Do whatever He (Jesus) tells you." Mary shows us that if we

place our trust in Her Son, and "do whatever He tells us," we will be like the seed that fell in fertile soil and produced a hundredfold. May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for all believers. *(Fr. Guy)*



**NVAW Week - (2-9 August)**

National Vocations Awareness Week – This is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week especially. In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service).

**PARISH DIARY**  
**July 2020**

**11 Saturday, St Benedict, abbot**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 6.00pm Mass at St. John's

**12 Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**13 Monday, St Henry**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

**14 Tuesday, St Camillus De Lellis, priest**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

**15 Wednesday, St. Bonaventure, bishop, doctor**

- 8.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

**16 Thursday, Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

**17 Friday**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

**18 Saturday, Mass of Virgin Mary**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 6.00pm Mass at St. John's

**19 Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Memorial Mass for Sr. Maura McAvoy O.P who died in Sydney on Monday 6th July 2020**

Parishioners and friends are invited to this Mass on Tuesday 14th July at 2.00pm.

Many will remember Sr. Maura from Dominic College and from her time at the Catholic Education Office as Deputy Director.



**Becoming Missionary Disciples Evangelium Conference 2020**

The Archdiocese of Hobart, invites you to attend the Evangelium Conference. The keynote speaker is Jude Hennessy, Director Office of Renewal and Evangelisation from the Diocese of Wollongong. The conference will be taking place on Saturday 29 August, in Launceston. To register or to find out more, go to [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) and search 'Evangelium Conference'. Alternately contact Ella Tobin on 0468 601 517.

**St John's Easter Raffle Winners**



- 1st Prize => Caroline Ting
- 2nd Prize => Kay Cook
- 3rd Prize => Marine Wilson
- 4th Prize => Helen Hartley

Thank you for all those who contributed and involved. We have raised \$420. (Kay Grainger)

**Novena in preparation for the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

A Novena of Masses and Prayers will be offered at the Carmelite Monastery from 7<sup>th</sup>—15<sup>th</sup> July.

Intentions may be sent to Mother Teresa Benedicta via post 7 Cambridge Street, Launceston or [tascarmelvoc@gmail.com](mailto:tascarmelvoc@gmail.com).



**The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020**

It is now being offered online for free and this program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximated 1 hour in length on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2020, beginning at 9.00am. Each session will include talks, musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussions or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from the diocese. To register, please visit: [bit.ly/cm2020event](http://bit.ly/cm2020event). For more details, please contact Ben Smith on 0410 691 371 at Cathedral Centre, Hobart. *Copy of the program will be on the church notice board.*

**Footy Points Margin**

We found a winner for Round 4! But not for Round 1 (52 points) played in March, Round 2 played on Friday 12 June (61 points), Round 3 played on Friday 19 June (24 points) nor for Round 5 played 3 July (15 points) Still a few tickets to be collected, perhaps there is a winner amongst them? Jo 0419 510 014.

**Pregnancy Counselling & Support Tasmania**

Seeking volunteers in your area to provide practical assistance and emotional support to pregnant women and new mothers in your community. For more information please contact us 10am to 2pm weekdays.

Phone: 62242291 or Email: [admin@pcstas.org.au](mailto:admin@pcstas.org.au)

**Coming Up:**

- ⇒ **July 14**—7.00pm Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting
- ⇒ **July 15**—7.00pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting
- ⇒ **July 24**—7.00pm Deacon Steven Smith—Ordination to Priesthood at St. Mary's Cathedral Hobart
- ⇒ **July 31**—7.00pm Deacon Chathura Nirmal Silva—Ordination to Priesthood at Church of the Apostles Launceston.

**Our Sick - Please remember in your prayers**

Maila Beekmeijer, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Frances Direen, Anne Hansch, Tom Carty, Judy Pigden, Ian Irvine, Robert Campbell, Mary Dowd, Monique Matzner, Amy Matzner, Patricia Leamey, Brett Cowan and Gerard Carty.

**Prayers for the Deceased**

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially Peter Drake, Raelene Di Martino, Ken Young, Frank Hesman, Richard Challis, Sheila Darby, Gina Passarelli, Nell Smith, Sr. Maura McAvoy O.P and Khiet (Van) Tran. 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 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**

- 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30am

**COUNTERS' ROSTERS**

**This Week:** 13 July

Linda Mondigo's Team

**Next Week :** 20 July

Roberta Puckett's Team

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes: \$ 928.15

Loose Plate: \$ 539.95

Direct Deposit: \$ 525.00

**TOTAL:** \$ 1,993.10

**Week's Budget:** \$ 2,500.00

Difference: - \$ 506.90

Thank you for your ongoing support!