

First Reading Wis 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5
(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A - 18 & 19 JULY 2020

Gospel Mt 13:24-43—Continuing

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will

shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Dear Friends,

There is a similarity between the parable of the Sower, from last Sunday's Gospel, and the parable about the good seed and the bad wheat (darnel), in today's Gospel. In both parables there is a sower, there is a field in which it is sown, there is even the devil or the evil one, who in last Sunday's Gospel, "comes and carries off what was sown in the heart" of the distracted listener, and in this week's Gospel "sowed darnel all among the wheat." However, the purpose of each parable is different. In today's Gospel parable what matters is not the apparent success of the evil seed over the good seed but Christ's final judgement on those whose actions in this life have been evil. At the end, the good people will be separated from the bad people. It is this final judgement which, gives us hope even though the spread of the darnel threatens the small harvest. In any case, the farmer continues to care for it. Therefore, it is fortunate for humanity that Christ, the Judge is merciful and forgiving. May the Virgin Mary, Mother of God pray to Jesus for all. (Fr. Guy)

PARISH DIARY
July 2020

18 Saturday, Mass of Virgin Mary

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

19 Sunday, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

20 Monday, St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

21 Tuesday, St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

22 Wednesday, St. Mary Magdalene

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

23 Thursday, St Bridget, religious

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

24 Friday, St Sharbel Makhlof, priest

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

25 Saturday, St James, apostle

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

26 Sunday, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Beanies for Louis' Van

Thank you to all the generous knotters who have donated to this worthy cause. The beanies have been delivered and were well received. If anyone still has beanies to donate, I will be making the final delivery this Thursday.

Thank you again. *Roberta Puckett*



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 and search 'Evangelium Conference'.

Alternately contact Ella Tobin on 0468 601 517.

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

Memorial Mass—Sr. Maura McAvoy
THANK YOU ALL

Thank you to all those who assisted us in celebrating the life of Sr. Maura.



The Dominican Sisters appreciate your support always.

Footy Points Margin

Geoff Urquhart had the winning ticket for Round 5 (15 points)! No winners yet 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) and now for Round 6 (32 points) played 10 July. Most tickets have been collected but still a few to go, perhaps there is a winner amongst them?

Jo Elliott 0419 510 014

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 15th 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. 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.

Bequests

Have you updated your will recently? If you are updating your will, you may wish to think about bequeathing part of it to St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish, Glenorchy.

Coming Up:

⇒ **July 24**—7.00pm Deacon Steven Smith—Ordination to Priesthood at St. Mary's Cathedral Hobart

Live stream link—

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qx_BodiefhM

⇒ **July 31**—7.00pm Deacon Chathura Nirmal Silva—Ordination to Priesthood at Church of the Apostles Launceston.

Live stream link—

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BMfU-84hns>



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, Khiet (Van) Tran and Graziano Ceron. 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: 20 July

Roberta Puckett's Team

Next Week : 27 July

Bob Mochrie's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,550.70

Loose Plate: \$ 466.70

Direct Deposit: \$ 500.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,517.40

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Difference: \$17.40

Thank you for your ongoing support!