

First Reading 1 Kgs 3:5:7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings
The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97
(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading Rom 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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St. Monica

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A - 25 & 26 JULY 2020

Dear Friends,

The Gospel today is about an essential aspect of our faith: the Kingdom of Heaven. It is worth risking everything to gain it. If we lose the Kingdom of Heaven then we have lost everything.

But what is this Kingdom of Heaven that Jesus talks about? In simple words, it is another way of saying that we are all children of God. It means that we belong to Him and that our true happiness is not in the riches of this world but in our friendship with God. It means to know that God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus to die for us and for all people. Therefore, for Christians, the meaning of life is not to get rich or to be famous and powerful. It is to live as children of God. All are called to have a close friendship with Him. It is this friendship that is our real treasure. This does not mean we need to give up all other things. But, what we must do is to put God first in our lives above all else. However, sometimes we put other things before God and we may forget who we are and where we are going.

In today's Gospel Jesus uses common examples to help people understand what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. The two stories of the treasure hidden in a field and the pearl of great value both teach us a great truth of our faith: we need courage to risk everything to obtain this one treasure. But once we have discovered it in our lives we must make a choice: either to accept it or to reject it. Do we risk everything to keep our friendship with Jesus, no matter what?

Once there was a teacher who wanted to become the principal of his school. He worked very hard and put in

his best hours and his best efforts into it. He had very little time to spend with his family and even less time to waste with his friends. Everyone knew where his treasure was.

But then he had a heart attack. He was taken to hospital where he lay for days not knowing whether he would live or die. During this time in hospital his wife and children visited him every day and spent long hours by his bedside. All the time he prayed with all his heart: 'Lord give me back my life, and I'll be happy.' And he made up his mind that if he got well, he would change his life.

He made a full recovery. The day he walked out of hospital he was very happy. Everything had been given back to him. Through that painful experience he learned much. Before his sickness he was only thinking of himself and his job. Now he decided to live for others and to work for them. And he was happier than he had ever been in his life.

What about us, what is our treasure in life? Are we growing in our friendship with God? May we pray for the wisdom and courage to live well as children of God and work for the good of others. May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for all.



PARISH DIARY
July – August 2020

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

27 Monday

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

28 Tuesday

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

29 Wednesday, St. Martha

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

30 Thursday, St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

31 Friday, St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

1 Saturday, St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor

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

2 Sunday, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Fr Peter Rankin SDB Appointed Vice-Provincial of the Salesians in Australia & the Pacific (2021-2023)

Congratulations to Fr. Peter Rankin who will begin the role of Vice Provincial from 1st January 2021. He will be leaving the Glenorchy Salesian Community at the end of the year.



Thanks Giving Sunday

Sunday, 2 August 2020, has been set aside by the Tasmanian Christian Churches as a Thanksgiving Sunday. At Mass we unite our prayers with those of other Christians across Tasmania in thanking God for protecting our State from the serious outbreak of Coronavirus and our leaders and healthcare officials who have served us in protecting the lives of Tasmanians.

Dear Parishioners,

As you may have already heard, my working time in this parish will soon come to an end on the 31st of July 2020. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped me to bring out the best in me in this role. I have considered my role as a calling received from the Lord Himself to fulfil my part in His mission in the Glenorchy Parish. I value this opportunity given to me to serve the Lord with selfless love, to assist the very people of God in whom Christ is made present to me in a more tangible way and most importantly for the fulfilment of the mission of the parish. Please accept my heartfelt expression of gratitude for a wonderful experience and memories within this parish that I will carry and will always treasure. I wish the Glenorchy parish and the community all the very best and the Lord's choicest blessings. May God's grace and peace reign your hearts! *Threesa K.Dona*



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.



Footy Points Margin

Kay Grainger won Round 7 (42 points). Still looking for Round 1 (52 points) played way back in March, Round 2 played on Friday 12 June (61 points), Round 3 played on Friday 19 June (24 points) nor for Round 6 played 10 July (32 points) Some tickets are awaiting collection, perhaps there is a winner amongst them? Jo 0419 510 014

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.



Coming Up:

⇒ **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 McAvooy O.P, Khiet (Van) Tran, Graziano Ceron and Robert Bridges. 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: 27 July

Bob Mochrie's Team

Next Week : 3 August

Mary Parsissons' Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 844.00

Loose Plate: \$ 588.50

Direct Deposit: \$ 370.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,802.50

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Difference: -\$697.50

Thank you for your ongoing support!