

First Reading Is 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

Second Reading Rom 8:35. 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

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St. Monica

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A - 1 & 2 AUGUST 2020

Dear Friends,

The Gospel story of Jesus' multiplication of the five loaves and two fish to feed more than the five thousand people was treasured by the early Christians. The miracle recalled the old Testament story of the manna in the desert. For them, Jesus was the new Moses who fed his people in the desert. The early Christians also saw in this miracle an anticipation of the Eucharist. It was at the Table of the Eucharist that Jesus nourished them. It is at the same Table that Jesus nourishes us with the Word of God and the Bread of life, today. The Eucharist feeds us so that we may be bread for others. Look around you and see who needs the love of Christ. How will you feed them? What gifts do you have to share with others? In the miracle of the loaves and fish Jesus asks the disciples to share the little that they have. Jesus says, "Bring the little you have here to me." He then multiplies it so that all who come to Him may have enough to eat, and there are left-overs as well. Therefore, Christians should be generous in sharing freely what they have and not selfish or unwilling to help others. To those who gave five loaves and two fish Jesus gives them the joy of seeing them being multiplied before their very eyes, enough to feed thousands and more. God repays us abundantly for what we may do for others in need. He cannot be outdone in generosity. All the saints like Don Bosco, Mary Mackillop, St Teresa of Calcutta and St. Dominic teach us to place our trust in God and His unfailing help.

May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for us. (*Fr. Guy*)

Evangelium Conference Postponed:

Due to Covid-19 Restrictions the keynote speaker for the Evangelium Conference, Jude Hennessey from Wollongong is unable to participate. Archbishop Julian Porteus has therefore decided to postpone the conference for this year.

August 3, Memoria of St. Dominic:

We wish our Dominican sisters, Sr. Pam and Sr. Mary, a Happy Feast day! Mrs. Mary-Anne Johnson will bring her class of students to the 9.00am Mass on Monday 3 August and will provide the music. Thank you! All welcome.

Chathura Ranmuni Silva was ordained a priest by Archbishop Julian Porteus last Friday 31 July at the Church of the Apostles, Launceston. Congratulations and a fruitful ministry to God's people in Tasmania.

Thanksgiving Sunday: 2 August has been set aside by the Tasmanian Christian Churches as a Thanksgiving Sunday. We thank God for protecting Tasmania from serious outbreak of coronavirus and our leaders and health care officials.

Thank you:

Thank you to Threesa K.Dona for her gracious and joyful service as parish secretary while Sheila Gonzales was on maternity leave. We wish Threesa God's blessing now and always.

PARISH DIARY
August 2020

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

3 Monday, St. Dominic, priest

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

4 Tuesday, St. John Vianney, priest

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

5 Wednesday, Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major

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

6 Thursday, The Transfiguration of the Lord

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

7 Friday, St. Cajetan, priest

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

8 Saturday, St. Mary of the Cross, virgin

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

9 Sunday, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

August 15 Virtual National Catholic Men's Gathering

It is a free online event—please register at www.catholicmensgathering.com.au. This gathering of Catholic men from across Australia will inspire and encourage men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish diocese and the world. Please see handouts in the foyer or contact the parish office.



Mass times for Mary Mackillop, Assumption of the Virgin Mary

The solemn Mass of St. Mary Mackillop will be on Saturday 8 August at 9.00am at St. John's Church.



The Solemn Mass for the Assumption of the Virgin Mary will be at 9.00am on Saturday 15 August, a Holy day of obligation in Australia.

20th Anniversary of Salesian presence in St. John's Parish

10.00am Mass Sunday 16 August. We thank the Salesian Fathers & Brothers who have served in the parish during this time and wish them every blessing.

Host Your Own High Tea!!

Individual boxes will be on sale in support of students at Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal. Order before 13 September for collection Saturday 26 September between 1.30 and 2.30pm. from the parish office. Cost \$15. *Leone 0419 577 692; Jo 0419 510 014.*

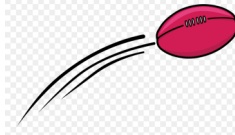


National Vocations Awareness Week (2-9 August)

This is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation: marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service.

Footy Points Margin

The unclaimed winning tickets are piling up! 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), Round 6 played 10 July (32 points) and now Round 8 played on Friday 24 July (12 points). Perhaps they are among the tickets are awaiting collection? Jo 0419 510 014



Oz Bosco Connect

This is an online event taking place from 14th to 16th August 2020. To join, register on www.salesians.org.au/ozbosco. This is to help young people to learn and share what it means to be 'Good Christians and Honest Citizens in our world today'.

Fr. Brian Nichols 40th Anniversary of Priesthood

Fr. Brian celebrates his 40th Anniversary of priesthood on Wednesday 26 August. Ad multus annos!

Dear Parishioners,

As you may have already heard, my working time in this parish has 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 valued 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*



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, Ken Young, Frank Hesman, Richard Challis, Sheila Darby, Gina Passarelli, Nell Smith, Sr. Maura McAvooy O.P, Khiet (Van) Tran, Graziano Ceron, Robert Bridges and Minka Busch. 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
- 8.00am every Wednesday & 8.40am every Saturday

RECONCILIATION

- 9.30am & 5.15pm Saturday

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND ROSARY

- 8.00am Wednesday

LEGION OF MARY

- 6.45 pm Every Tuesday

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP

- 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30am

COUNTERS' ROSTERS

This Week: 3 August

Mary Parsissons' Team

Next Week : 10 August

Linda Mondigo's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,385.50

Loose Plate: \$ 423.00

Direct Deposit: \$ 215.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,023.50

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Difference: -\$ 476.50

Thank you for your ongoing support!