

### First Reading Sir 27:30 – 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.)** The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

### Second Reading Rom 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

### Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

### Gospel Mt 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if

he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

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

### 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A - 12 & 13 September 2020

### Dear Friends,

In the Gospel today Jesus asks his followers to forgive always because God the Father has forgiven us all our sins. But if we refuse to forgive others who have hurt us deeply, then, God the Father will refuse to forgive us our sins too.

If we stubbornly refuse to forgive others unconditionally then we distance ourselves from God and from others.

We would be wise never to forget Jesus' warning that the only limit to God's mercy for us is our refusal to forgive others from the heart.

May the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary Mother of God and whose feast day the Church will celebrate next Tuesday under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows, strengthen all Christians to forgive those who have wronged them wholeheartedly and in this way show them that God always forgives those who ask for His mercy.

"Grant we pray, almighty God, that, for all who celebrate the glorious name of Mary, she may obtain your merciful favour." (From the opening prayer of the feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary)

(Fr Guy)



### HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to Sunday September 13th to coincide with the Feast of the Exultation of the Cross on September 14th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to Local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on the assistance from this collection. ... Please also keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

PARISH DIRECTORY	
Parish Priest	Fr Gaetano Riolo SDB
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PARISH DIARY	
<b>September 2020</b>	
<b>12 Saturday, The Most Holy name of Mary</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Mass at St John's</li> <li>• 6.00pm Mass at St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>13 Sunday, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.30am Mass at St Monica's</li> <li>• 10.00am Mass at St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>14 Monday The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Mass at St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>15 Tuesday, Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Mass at St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>16 Wednesday, Sts Cornelius and Cyprian</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</li> <li>• 9.00am Mass at St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>17 Thurs, St Robert Bellarmine</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am-11.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St John's</li> <li>• 12.00pm Mass at St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>18 Friday</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Mass at St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>19 Sat., Mass of Virgin Mary</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Mass at St John's</li> <li>• 6.00pm Mass at St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>20 Sunday, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.30am Mass at St Monica's</li> <li>• 10.00am Mass at St John's</li> </ul>	

Coming up:		
12-13 September	Collection for Holy Land	
17 September	9-11:50am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	
17-18 October	Catholic Mission Appeal	
20 October	Talk on Mary - Dr Drasko Dizdar	
17 November	Talk on Lazarus - Fr Richard Ross	
3 December	Anointing Mass	
15 December	Advent Reconciliation	

**Two Dates for Your Diaries!**  
Way back in March before the Covid-19 restrictions caused them to be cancelled Dr. Drasko Dizdar and Fr. Richard Ross had each agreed to give a Lenten talk. As the restrictions are beginning to lift we have contacted them again and are pleased to announce that both have accepted an invitation to give a presentation. As October is the month of Mary Dr. Drasko Dizdar will talk on "Mary: Mirror of our Humanity" at 7.00pm on Tuesday 20 October and Fr. Richard Ross will talk on "Lazarus" in the light of his own experience with cancer at 7.00pm on Tuesday 17 November. Both talks will be held in the church.

**COVID-19:** Our Archbishop Julian Porteous reminds us that we are still required to maintain the various practices and procedures required by health authorities, in particular with regard to social distancing and hygiene. It is also important that we do not exceed the numbers allowed for our churches and parish gatherings. For St John's Church – 90 people in church, and 20 in church foyer; for St Monica's – 40 people. We have introduced various changes to our liturgical practices, like non-contact sign of peace, no reception of Holy Communion from the chalice except for the celebrant, and so on. These practices are to be retained for the immediate future.

**Church Roof Repair:** We have had several very generous donations to cover the cost of repairs to our St John's church roof. Many thanks to those who have contributed in any way to cover the cost of repairs. So far we have received \$1020.

**Adoration for life!**  
On September 14th the St Mary's Youth Group is hosting a prayer service in response to the Euthanasia Bill which will be debated in Parliament on Tuesday 15 September. We invite you to join us for adoration and prayer from 7:00pm to 11:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. With prayer everything is possible. For further details contact Pierre Paya on 0432 283 512.

**Ministers of the Word**  
New rosters will be drawn up shortly. Please let Sheila or myself know before 20 September if you will be unavailable between now and 22 November. Thank you, Jo. 0419 510 014

**Euthanasia**  
End of Life Choices (Voluntary Assisted Dying) Bill 2020. This Bill will be debated in the Tasmanian parliament on Tuesday September 15. "The Bill does not require the person to have a terminal illness and has watered down a number of safeguards that are meant to protect vulnerable people." Please write to the politicians to voice our concerns as soon as possible.

**Columban Art Calendars 2021**  
These traditional and beautiful calendars will soon be available. If you would like one please write your name on the list on the table in the foyer. Cost will be \$9 if we get less than 20 orders or \$8 if there are more than 20. Please pay when the calendars are delivered.

**Get together for a High Tea!!**  
Host a High Tea with friends! Individual boxes of goodies will be on sale in support of students at Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal. Order before 18 September for collection Saturday 26 September between 1.30 and 2.30pm. from the Parish office Cost \$15. Felecia 0447 887 512

**Footy Points Margin**  
Three more winners found! – Leone Burston won Round 10 (4 points), Mary Parsissons won Round 13 (33 points) and Michelle Nicolle won Round 15 (8 points) Still to be claimed - Round 1 (52 points), Round 2 (61 points), Round 3 (24 points), Round 6 (32 points) and Round 8 (12 points). Jo 0419 510 014

**Our Sick - Please remember in your prayers**  
Maila Beekmeijer, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Frances Direen, Tom Carty, 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: Raelene Di Martino, Judy Pigden, Vic Derrick, Margaret Derrick, Peter Drake, Ken Young, Frank Hesman, Richard Challis, Sheila Darby, Gina Passarelli, Nell Smith, Sr. Maura McAvoy O.P, Khiet (Van) Tran, Graziano Ceron, Robert Bridges, Minka Busch Stan Brach and Anne Hansch. Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Covid-19 Safety Action Plan**  
**St John the Baptist Catholic ParishGlenorchy/Chigwell**  
This Diocesan plan is in place to meet government regulations. A copy of this safety action plan is available on the churches' noticeboards.

<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> <b>St John's, Glenorchy</b>	
• 6.00pm Saturday	
• 10.00am Sunday	
<b>St. Monica's, Chigwell</b>	
• 8.30am Sunday	
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b> <b>St. John's, Glenorchy</b>	
• 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday	
• 12.00pm Thursday	
<b>ROSARY</b> <b>At St. John's, Glenorchy</b>	
• 8.30am every Wednesday	
• 8.40am every Saturday	
<b>RECONCILIATION</b> <b>At St. John's, Glenorchy</b>	
• 9.30am & 5.15pm Saturday	
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> <b>At St. John's, Glenorchy</b>	
• 8.00am - 8.50am Wednesday	
• 9:00am - 11.50pm Thursday	
<b>LEGION OF MARY</b> <b>at St. John's, Glenorchy</b>	
• 6.45 pm Every Tuesday	
<b>ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP</b> <b>at St. John's, Glenorchy</b>	
• 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30am	

COUNTERS' ROSTERS	
<b>This Week:</b>	14 Sept
Linda Mondigo's Team	
<b>Next Week :</b>	21 Sept
Roberta Puckett's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$1,030.00
Loose Plate:	\$570.45
Direct Deposit:	\$465.00
TOTAL:	\$2,065.45
<b>Weekly Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
Difference:	-434.55