

First Reading

Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.

Gospel Mt 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



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St. Monica

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 14 & 15 November 2020

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells another story to point out what we should do while we wait for His final return. We should live our lives to the full and care for one another. We have all been given gifts. If we use them for God's glory and do the best we can to put them at the service of others, we will fulfil God's plan for us. If we do not use our gifts we are not being true to ourselves, and we will feel frustrated. Also, if we do not use our gifts wisely and bury them, keep them hidden, leave them unused or fail to use them for the good of all, then we will not fulfill God's plan for us.

At the end of our lives, may we hear the Lord say to us:

"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

During this month of November the Church invites us to reflect on the last four things: death, Judgement, hell and heaven. This is not to scare us or make us anxious, but to help us to use well the gifts God has given us in this life because when we die, God will ask us to give an account of our lives while we lived in this world.

St Paul, writing to the Corinthians, says: "For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ,

and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad." (2 Cor 5, 10)

Death puts an end to the time when we can do good in this life. After death there will be an immediate judgement based on the good and the bad we have done in this life. Every person is judged individually and receives in his/her immortal soul the eternal payment. The reward of the 'beatific vision' that is, the contemplation of the mystery of God, 'the perfect communion of life and love with the Most Blessed Trinity, the Virgin Mary, the Angels and all the Blessed in heaven and the joy of Paradise, is given immediately to those who die in God's friendship and are cleansed of all stain of sin.

To those who die in friendship with God but are not free from the sins of their past life there is a time of purification before they enter the joys of heaven.

To those who have broken completely their friendship with God, will remain separated from the love of God forever.

Don Bosco, the Founder of the Salesian Order, encourages us to be always active in doing good works without being afraid of the difficulties because at the end of this life we will reap the rewards of our good works. May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for all. (Fr Guy)

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PARISH DIARY

- October**
14 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary
 •9.00am Mass at St John's
 •6.00pm Mass at St John's
15 Sunday, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 •8.30am Mass at St Monica's
 •10.00am Mass at St John's
16 Monday, St Margaret of Scotland
 •9.00am Mass at St John's
17 Tuesday, St Elizabeth of Hungary
 •9.00am Mass at St John's
18 Wed., Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul the apostles.
 • 8.00am-8.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 •9.00am Mass at St John's
19 Thursday
 •9.00am-11.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St John's
 •12.00pm Mass at St John's
20 Friday
 •9.00am Mass at St John's
21 Sat., The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary
 •9.00am Mass at St John's
 •6.00pm Mass at St John's
22 Sunday, Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
 •8.30am Mass at St Monica's
 •10.00am Mass at St John's

Virtual Way to St James Pilgrimage

Make your way through natural surroundings in a meditative way anywhere in the world on 9-10 January 2021. Join this Global "El Camino de Santiago" in the Spirit of the Annual Pilgrimage to St James Church in Cygnet in the Huon Valley. Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/waytostjamescygnet/> Website link: <https://www.waytostjames.com.au/>



Fr Richard Ross Talk: Fr Richard Ross will speak on "Lazarus" in the light of his experience with cancer. 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm Tuesday 17 November 2020. He will reflect with us on the journey that followed this diagnosis and what he has learned about life and faith. All welcome.

Fr John Wallis Lecture

Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ is an international Catholic speaker who is presenting the John Wallis Memorial Lecture this year. The topic is "A Splendid Secret: Fratelli Tutti and the Transformation of Relationships". Our parish is hosting a group viewing via Zoom. It is in the parish house on Tuesday 24th November 7 pm - 8:30 pm. All welcome, but numbers are limited to 15. If you wish to join us there, please advise Mary-Anne Johnson mjohnson@gyc.tas.edu.au. First in, best dressed!

Becoming Motivated Disciples

This Advent the Verbum Domini Institute is focusing on how to live out the Gospel more fully through motivated Christian Discipleship. Join this four week short course to hear and discuss the meaning of Christian discipleship with the aim of developing a renewed commitment to Jesus Christ in preparation for his birth at Christmas. When: Tuesdays 24th Nov., 1st, 8th & 15th Dec. Time: 10.30am-12pm. Cost: Free. Register: christine.wood@aohtas.org.au or call 03-6208-6236. Where: online via Zoom.

Euthanasia

Euthanasia: The End of Life Choices (Voluntary Assisted Dying) Bill 2020 was passed in the Upper House of Parliament on 10 November 2020. The Bill will be voted on in February or March 2021 in the Lower House. If it is passed it will become law. Please continue to write or contact our politicians to voice our deep concern to protect vulnerable people from assisted suicide and pray every day that the Holy Spirit may enlighten the minds and touch the hearts of the community, including politicians to defeat The End of Life Choices (Voluntary Assisted Dying) Bill 2020 which aims to legalise assisted suicide.

Parish Christmas Luncheon

The Parish Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday 11th December at Club Hotel, Main Road Glenorchy. If you would like to come please write your name on the list at the back of the church. Kay Grainger 62 72 9024

St John's Parish Fundraiser Trade Table & Christmas Raffle

Please buy your tickets for the Christmas Raffle prizes include 1st prize Myer/Coles Voucher worth \$350, 2nd prize Dinner for 2 at D' Angelo's Italian Restaurant worth \$150, 3rd Prize Harbour Lights Restaurant worth \$150. There are 15 prizes to be won. Cost is \$2 per ticket or \$20 for a book of 10 tickets.

Today, Sunday 15th November We have our trade table at 11:00am outside the Church. This is part of our Christmas Raffle Fundraiser.

November Masses

For many centuries it has been the practise of the faithful to pray and offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the eternal repose of their loved ones. As usual, we will have the names of the people to be remembered written up around the walls of the church. In this way the whole congregation can see the names and join in prayer for the faithful departed. Those who are in the Planned Giving Program have envelopes already. Additional envelopes are available in the foyer. Please write clearly your name and contact number on the front of the November Envelope. On the back of the November Envelope please write in BLOCK LETTERS the names of relatives and friends for whom you wish to offer Masses. These Masses will be celebrated by the Salesian Fathers here in Australia.

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, Robert Campbell, Mary Dowd, Monique Matzner, Amy Matzner, Patricia Leamey, Gerard Carty & June Webb.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially: Raelene Di Martino, Judy Pigden, 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, Anne Hansch, Bret Cowan, Gertrude Margaret Joseph, Ian Irvine, Fr Frank Gibson, Jackson, Jovana & Silvestro Drea Fr Liam Floyd and Nina Salter. ***Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.***

St John the Baptist Catholic Parish: Glenorchy/Chigwell Covid-19 Safety Action Plan

The parish Covid-19 Action plan is in place to meet government regulations. A copy of this plan is available on the churches' noticeboards.

WEEKEND MASSES St John's, Glenorchy

- 6.00pm Saturday
- 10.00am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES St. John's, Glenorchy

- 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
- 12.00pm Thursday

ROSARY

- 8.30am every Wednesday
- 8.40am every Saturday

RECONCILIATION

- 9.30am-10.00am & 5.15pm-5.45pm Saturday

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT At St. John's, Glenorchy

- 8.00am - 8.50am Wednesday
- 9:00am - 11.50pm Thursday

LEGION OF MARY at St. John's, Glenorchy

- 6.45 pm Every Tuesday

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP at St. John's, Glenorchy

- 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30am

COUNTERS' ROSTERS

This Week: 16 Nov

Roberta Puckett's Team

Next Week: 23 Nov

Bob Mochrie's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$780.00
Loose Plate:	\$455.50
Direct Deposit:	\$455.00
TOTAL:	\$1,691.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 2,500.00
Difference:	-\$809.00

Announcing the St John's Parish 50/50 EMREP Club

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