

### First Reading Is 40:1-5. 9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8**

**(R.)** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

### Second Reading 2 Pt 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish,

the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

### Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

### Gospel Mk 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



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St. Monica

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

## 6th December 2020 - 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year B

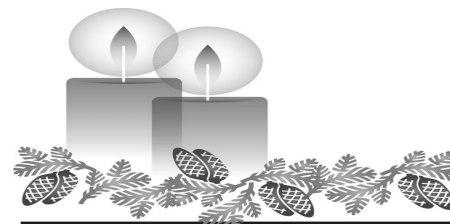
### Dear Friends,

On this Second Sunday of Advent the Church urges us to continue to prepare well for the final coming of the Lord. St Mark, the Evangelist, describes Jesus as the Christ and the Son of God. This is the essence of his Gospel – the Good News! But when will the Saviour finally return to raise all those who have been faithful to Him, body and soul, to eternal life?

In today's Second Reading, St Peter writes, "The day of the Lord will come like a thief," it will come suddenly when we do not expect it. Then, "the new heavens and new earth" will be a place of justice and peace for all. While we wait he urges all Christians to be strong in the faith, especially in difficult times, and to do their best to live a holy life "without spot or stain so that (when He comes) He will find you at peace."

In the meantime, we would do well to invite the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of our spirits, to lead us in our thoughts words and deeds. We may pray often the prayer: "Come Holy Spirit, come by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved Spouse."

May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for all.



### ADVENT PRAYER

**V.** Lord Jesus, your prophet cried out: let every valley be filled in, let every mountain and hill be laid low. Come Lord Jesus and do not delay. (Is 40:1-5. 9-11)

**R.** Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus. Come and lead us to share your light in our lives.

**V.** Lord Jesus, Peter said we should be living holy and saintly lives while we wait and long for the day of the Lord. Come, Lord Jesus; show us the light of your face. (2 Pet 3:8-14)

**R.** Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus. Come and lead us to share your light in our lives.

**V.** Lord Jesus, John cried in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord. Come Lord Jesus, and turn our hearts back to you. (Mk 1:1-8)

**R.** Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus. Come and lead us to share your light in our lives.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Masses: Tuesday 8 December at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Hour of Grace Tuesday 8 December at 12:00 noon in the Church.

The Blessed Virgin promised that whatever a person asked Her for during this Hour of Grace (even in impossible cases) would be granted to them, if it was in accordance with the Will of the Eternal Father.

### RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Reconciliation Tuesday 15 December 7:00 pm in Church. Please take this opportunity to prepare well for Christmas.

PARISH DIRECTORY	
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PARISH DIARY	
<b>December 2020</b>	
<b>5 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary</b>	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
• 6.00pm Mass at St John's	
<b>6 Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Advent</b>	
• 8.30am Mass at St Monica's	
• 10.00am Mass at St John's	
<b>7 Monday, St Ambrose</b>	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
<b>8 Tuesday, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
• 7.00pm Mass at St John's	
<b>9 Wed., St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</b>	
• 8.00am-8.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
<b>10 Thurs., Our Lady of Loreto</b>	
• 9.00am-11.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St John's	
• 12.00pm Mass at St John's	
<b>11 Fri., St Damasus I</b>	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
<b>12 Saturday, Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
• 6.00pm Mass at St John's	
<b>13 Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Advent</b>	
• 8.30am Mass at St Monica's	
• 10.00am Mass at St John's	

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES	
THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE	
5:30 pm	Carols
6:00 pm	Family Mass Online Booking only
<b>(Children may like to come dressed as Angels or Shepherds.)</b>	
7:30 pm	Carols
8.00 pm	Vigil Mass Online Booking only
FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY	
8:00 am	Mass – St John's Church
	Online Booking only
8:30 am	Mass – St Monica's Church
	Online Booking only
10:00 am	Mass – St John's Church
	Online Booking only
*ONLINE BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS	
1.	Google "CatholicMass.org.au"
2.	Scroll down to "Glenorchy Parish"
3.	Register – including name, phone/mobile number, email address FOR EACH PERSON
4.	Admission Ticket(s) to the Mass you are attending will be sent to your email address
5.	Please bring your Ticket(s) printed out or on your phone, with you when attending a Christmas Mass service.
6.	For those who are unable to use this method, please contact the Parish Office on 62726363 before 23 December.
7.	Online Booking closes on 23 December.
8.	Glenorchy Parish direct bookings page is: <a href="https://glenorchy-parish-christmas.eventbrite.com.au">https://glenorchy-parish-christmas.eventbrite.com.au</a>

SATURDAY 26TH DECEMBER – ST STEPHEN	
9:00 am	Mass – St John's Church
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Reconciliation – St John's Church
SATURDAY 26TH DECEMBER – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH	
5:15 pm – 5:45 pm	Reconciliation – St John's Church
6:00 pm	Mass – St John's Church
Sunday 27TH DECEMBER – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH	
8:30 am	Mass at St Monica's Church
10:00 am	Mass at St John's Church
Normal weekly Mass times resume on Monday 28th December.	

Fr Brian Nichols will speak on Church Environment and Art	
Talk: Wednesday 9 December 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in Church. All welcome.	

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING & EUTHANASIA	
The End of Life Choices (Voluntary Assisted Dying) Bill 2020 was passed by the Legislative Council on November 10. The Bill will now be debated in the House of Assembly and a final vote in March 2021 will decide whether it will become law. Please continue to storm heaven and also contact the politicians to voice our concern to defeat this Bill which will legalise assisted suicide for the most vulnerable people in the community.	

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, Mary Nichols and Vince Mele	

Prayers for the Deceased	
<b>Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially:</b> 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, Nina Salter, Helen Davis-Brumby, Nicola Sheehan Richard Porteous and Bruno Pegoraro <b>Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.</b>	

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	
<b>St John's, Glenorchy</b>	
• 6.00pm Saturday	
• 10.00am Sunday	
St. Monica's, Chigwell	
• 8.30am Sunday	
WEEKDAY MASSES	
<b>St. John's, Glenorchy</b>	
• 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday	
• 12.00pm Thursday	
ROSARY	
<b>At St. John's, Glenorchy</b>	
• 8.30am every Wednesday	
• 8.40am every Saturday	
RECONCILIATION	
<b>At St. John's, Glenorchy</b>	
• 9.30am-10.00am & 5.15pm-5.45pm Saturday	
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	
<b>At St. John's, Glenorchy</b>	
• 8.00am - 8.50am Wednesday	
• 9:00am - 11.50pm Thursday	
LEGION OF MARY	
<b>at St. John's, Glenorchy</b>	
• 6.45 pm Every Tuesday	
ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP	
<b>at St. John's, Glenorchy</b>	
• 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30am	

COUNTERS' ROSTERS	
This Week:	7 Dec
Mary Parsissions' Team	
Next Week :	14 Dec
Linda Mondigo's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$844.20
Loose Plate:	\$496.35
Direct Deposit:	\$370.00
TOTAL:	\$1,710.55
Weekly Budget:	\$ 2,500.00
Difference:	-\$789.45