

First Reading Is 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11
(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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NEWSLETTER

11–12 January 2020

The BAPTISM of the LORD — YEAR A



St. John the Baptist

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



St. Monica

Dear Friends,

Many years ago, Br Jim, a Salesian, told me this story. When he was 16 years old he wanted to be a Salesian priest. He was sent to England to do his priestly training, because at that time it was not possible for him here in Australia. His mother was very proud of him. When he arrived in England with two other Australian seminarians, Fr Berwick, the priest in charge of their formation, asked Jim to learn a trade, as part of his training. He chose carpentry. One day while Jim was using a cutting tool to make a key-hole into the wood, the blade broke. The other students in the same class asked him if he was going to own up and report the damage. Jim replied, "Obedience is a mother and a shield," I will be obedient and report it to Fr Berwick.' He went to his office, knocked on the door and went in. "What is it, Jim?" the priest asked in a soft voice. Jim replied, "I broke the blade I was using in the workshop." "You should be more careful, young Jim," he replied. "Go now." But before Jim left his office, Fr Berwick called him back and said, "As punishment, please say 3 Hail Mary's." When he got back to the workshop his fellow students asked, "What did he say?" Jim replied, "3 Hail Mary's and a caution not to do it again." A few days later, the same thing happened.... Jim was given 10 Hail Marys as punishment.

To cut a long story short, less than 2 weeks later, again the same thing happened to Jim. He broke

another blade. The other students were watching to see if he would report it again. It was also at this time when a number of students were being sent home because they were not suitable for religious life. Jim was worried and scared that he would be sent home too. This would be a big disappointment not only for him but also for his mother, he thought. It took him two and a half days to decide whether or not to report the breakage to Fr Berwick. Finally, he decided to report it, thinking to himself, "If I am sent home at least I have been honest about it." When Fr Berwick saw him again in his office, he lifted up his eyes and before Jim could speak he said, "Not again, Jim?" "Yes Father," he sheepishly replied. Jim was not sent home as he thought he would be. But, before he left his office, Fr Berwick gave him the 5 Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, as punishment. Perhaps, one of the reasons he became a Salesian Brother and was not sent home was that at least he was honest.

I think this story shows that if we are humble, God can work wonders in our lives. In today's Gospel account of the Baptism of the Lord, John the Baptist wants to stop Jesus being baptised because he recognises that Jesus is the Messiah, the Chosen One of God. But Jesus humbles Himself before John the Baptist and says, "Let us humble ourselves and co-operate with God's plan because, I have come not to do my will but the will of my Father."

(Fr. Guy)

PARISH DIARY
January 2020

- 11 Saturday,**
• 9.00am Mass at St John's
• 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's
• 6.00pm Mass at St. John's
- 12 Sunday, The LORD BAPTISM of the LORD**
• 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
• 10.00am Mass at St. John's
- 13 Monday, St Hilary, bishop, doctor**
• 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 14 Tuesday,**
• 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 15 Wednesday,**
• 8.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
• 9.00am Mass at St. John's
- 16 Thursday,**
• 12.00pm Mass at St John's
- 17 Friday, St Anthony, abbot**
• 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 18 Saturday, Mass of Virgin Mary**
• 9.00am Mass at St John's
• 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's
• 6.00pm Mass at St. John's
- 19 Sunday, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
• 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
• 10.00am Mass at St. John's

31 January—Feast of St John Bosco

The annual special mass will be held at 7.00pm on Friday 31 January at St. John's. Refreshments provided. All welcome!

Nepalotto

As announced last week the money raised by this fund raiser will be forwarded to Vinnies for the Bushfire Appeal. There are still a few numbers left and you need to be in it for a chance to win. One round of Nepalotto raises \$150.00. Vinnies says "\$50 will provide food for a family who has been evacuated; \$150 for help with bills and unexpected expenses for families recovering from bushfires; \$300 for clothing for families who have had to leave their belongings behind".

Parish Volunteers

To meet legal requirements as a result of the Royal Commission on sexual abuse, all parishes must ensure all staff and applicable volunteers have required compliance checks in place, namely a **current Police Check** as well as **Working with Vulnerable People Registration**. We are compiling a list of the status of all these checks and you may find that we contact you to arrange to have these checks in place if you do not already have them. Please contact Sr. Pamela Davis at the parish office as soon as possible. *Fr. Guy*

GOLDEN WATTLE

Café for people living with dementia and their caregivers at the Golden Years Club, Glenorchy. Commencing 16th January 2020.

- 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays 10.30am to 12.30pm

- Cost: \$5.00 for Morning Tea

Note: An information session for volunteers and anyone interested will be held on at 1:30pm on 12 January at 2, Garfield Rd, Glenorchy, 7010. For more info, please contact Agnes on 0422 736 984.



PARISH DIARY

- ⇒ 3 Feb—Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- ⇒ 11 Feb— Liturgy Committee Meeting
- ⇒ 12 Feb—Parish Finance Committee Meeting
- ⇒ 26 Feb—Ash Wednesday
- ⇒ 28 Feb— Stations of the Cross

METRO BUS MALL RELOCATION
Jan 6th to Feb 7th 2020

Due to construction of the Tolosa St/ Main Rd intersection under the CBD Revitalisation Project, the Bus Mall has relocated one block south on Tolosa St for a 6-week period. Note that sections of Main Rd is also be closed during this 6-week period. The Bus Mall will re-open in time for the return of school. **See Notice board in the church foyer for more detail re-access to the St. John's Church. Thank you!**

Made for Each Other Summer School
January 20-24 in Hobart

The Made for Each Other Summer School will be held from January 20-24, 2020 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart.



It will be a unique event for young Catholics aged 18-35. The Summer School will offer a series of lectures from a well-qualified group, discussions, field trips, prayer time and social occasions to create a unique experience of the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church's teaching on relationships, sexuality, marriage and the family. For more information please contact Ben Smith on 6208 6036 or ben.smith@aohtas.org.au. A web page with detailed information on the event can be viewed at: bit.ly/2oCtnOU.

SILENT RETREAT—SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

We invite you to experience 5 days of silent retreat to go in a deeper encounter with Jesus within you. During these days will be offered Latin Mass, Rosary, Adoration, Conferences in the Spiritual Exercises, Spiritual Direction, Confession and Way of the Cross.

Speaker: *Fr Pius, a Benedictine monk from Notre Dame Priory Monastery in Colebrook, Tasmania.* Date: 2-7 March 2020 | Cost: \$550 (Accommodation, meals & fee) | Location: Emmanuel Centre (123 Abbott Street, Newstead, Launceston) RSVP: 0418183511 or Palavravivatasmania@gmail.com.

OUR SICK - Please remember in your prayers:

Maila Beekmeijer, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Nell Smith, Peter Drake, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Frances Direen, Anne Hansch, Tom Carty, Ken Young, Judy Pigden, Ian Irvine, Robert Campbell and Mary Dowd.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially Lynn Priest and Rodolfo Gonzales. 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 every 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

- at St. John's, Glenorchy**
- 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30am

COUNTERS' ROSTERS

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| This Week: | 13 Jan |
| Linda Mondigo's Team | |
| Next Week : | 20 Jan |
| Roberta Puckett's Team | |

WEEKLY COLLECTION

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| Envelopes: | \$ 1033.00 |
| Loose Plate: | \$ 1173.85 |
| Direct Deposit: | \$ 270.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 2476.85 |
| Week's Budget: | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Deficit | \$ 23.15 |