

First Reading Is 8:23 – 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 4:12-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

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NEWSLETTER

25-26 January 2020

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — YEAR A



St. John the Baptist

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



St. Monica

Dear Friends,

The first four chapters of Matthew's Gospel are an introduction to Jesus' public ministry. Chapters 1 & 2 tell of Jesus' infancy and early life. Chapters 3 & 4 tell of John the Baptist, the Baptism of Jesus and His temptation in the desert. Today's Gospel passage comes from the last part of chapter 4 which tells of the beginnings of Jesus' activity in Galilee. Like John the Baptist before Him, Jesus begins with the same message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' And to show that God's kingdom is near, not just in words but in actions, Jesus calls the first disciples and cures the sick (4, 18-25).



Jesus makes the lakeside town of Capernaum the place where He begins to preach and to heal the sick. The mention of the name of this town, *Capernaum*, rings bells in the mind of Matthew, the Gospel writer. He vividly remembers the famous passage in Jewish Scripture: 'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of the Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned' (Is 8, 23-9, 1). It is here, in Galilee, in this far distant part of Israel where Jesus begins His work of salvation which will spread to the whole world.

Jesus calls His hearers to repent because God's reign is near! All are called to turn back to God wholeheartedly. This is an urgent message asking for a change of direction in our lives because God has made Himself known to the world in the Person of Jesus, His only begotten Son.

When Jesus says: 'the kingdom of heaven is close at hand', He means that God's plan for the world is happening before our eyes. Jesus has come to reveal God's plan to save the world through His life, death and resurrection. Meanwhile, all people are called to cooperate with Him, so that God's plan of everlasting peace and happiness for all humanity may come to completion.

We may ask ourselves: How do I live out my Christian commitment? Does it give meaning and direction to my life? May the Holy Spirit and Our Lady of the Rosary, the Virgin Mary, Mother of God help us to make Jesus the Light that guides our every thought, word and action so that God's plan of peace and everlasting happiness may become a reality. Let us pray the Hail Mary...

(Fr. Guy)

**PARISH DIARY
January—February
2020**

25 Saturday, The Conversion of St Paul, apostle

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's
- 6.00pm Mass at St. John's

26 Sunday, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

27 Monday, Sts Timothy and Titus, bishops

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

28 Tuesday, St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

29 Wednesday,

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

30 Thursday,

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

31 Friday, St John Bosco, priest

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 7.00pm Mass at St John's

1 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

2 Sunday, The Presentation of the Lord

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

Ministers of the Word and Communion

Rosters for Lent to Pentecost (1 March - 31 May) will be drawn up shortly. If you know you will be unavailable during this time please let Threesa know at the parish office or Jo Elliott: 0419 510 014 by Sunday 9 February.

Australia Day weekend special collections

Archbishop Julian Porteous and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on Australia Day weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the Vinnies' bushfire appeal. Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at www.vinnies.org.au. Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities. We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis. Prayers and other resources can be found at www.catholic.org.au/bushfires.

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!

"Jesus Christ made himself little with the little ones and bore our weaknesses. He is our master in the matter of the friendly approach" (*Don Bosco Letter from Rome 1884*)

Marriage Masses for the Renewal of Vows

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous on Sunday 16th February, 2020 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart at 10.30am and on Sunday 23rd February, 2020 at Church of the Apostles, Launceston at 10.30am. Couples celebrating Catholic Marriage milestones including couples in the early years of marriage (1st, 5th and 10th anniversaries) are invited to RSVP to the Office- of Life, Marriage and Family by emailing ben.smith@aohtas.org.au or on 6208 6036. Catholic married couples will receive a special acknowledgement from Archbishop Julian on the day.

PARISH DIARY

- ⇒ 28 Jan— Liturgy Committee Meeting 7pm
- ⇒ 31 Jan—Feast of St John Bosco 7pm
- ⇒ 3 Feb—Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm
- ⇒ 12 Feb—Parish Finance Committee Meeting 7pm
- ⇒ 26 Feb—Ash Wednesday 9am & 7pm
- ⇒ 28 Feb— Stations of the Cross 7pm

HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY

This weekend we celebrate Australia Day. We give thanks to God for this beautiful country. May we reflect on our good fortune, salute our best and brightest sons & daughters and welcome new citizens to our land. Our story is of a people who are good hearted, who give others a fair go and who strive to be better. May we go forth into the future with courage and hope and may our Lady of the Southern Cross of this Great South Land always bless and protect us all.



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*

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, Mary Dowd and Silvana Paternoster.

Prayers for the Deceased

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

This Week: 28 Jan

Bob Mochrie's Team

Next Week : 3 Feb

Mary Parsissons' Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1043.00

Loose Plate: \$ 968.20

Direct Deposit: \$ 290.00

TOTAL: \$ 2301.20

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Difference \$ 198.80