

### **First Reading Lv 19:1-2. 17-18**

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."'

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8** **(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

### **Second Reading 1 Cor 3:16-23**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

### **Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 2:5**

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

### **Gospel Mt 5:38-48**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

### **PARISH DIRECTORY**

**St. John the Baptist**  
62 Bowden Street  
Glenorchy

**St. Monica's**  
67-69 Allunga  
Road Chigwell

**Parish Priest**  
Fr. Gaetano (Guy)  
Riolo SDB

**Pastoral Associate**  
Sr. Pamela Davis  
OP

**Parish Secretary**  
Threesa K. Dona

**Office Hours**  
8:30am - 2.00pm  
Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday & Friday

**Phone No:**  
6272 6363

**Email Address:**  
jbaptist56  
@bigpond.com

**Parish website**  
<http://cdtas.org.au/glenorchy/Home.aspx>

**Postal Address:**  
PO Box 41  
Glenorchy 7010

**Salesian Contact**  
204 Tolosa Street  
Glenorchy 7010  
Phone: 6273 4313

### **Dominic College**

**Principal**  
Mrs Beth Gilligan  
Ph. 6274 6000

**GYC**  
**Principal**  
Mr. Craig Deayton  
Ph. 6238 4350

©The scriptural quotations are taken from the Lectionary for Mass, Copyright © Confraternity of Christian Doctrine; All rights reserved. The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses from the Lectionary for Mass © ICEL All rights reserved.

### **NEWSLETTER**

**22-23 February 2020**

**7<sup>th</sup> 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 Reading from the Book of Leviticus began with God's call to the Jewish people to "be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." At the end of today's Gospel passage Jesus concludes with the words: "You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect." The Church reminds us that this call to holiness is the most important duty of a Christian. All those who have been baptised are called to holiness: priests, religious, lay people, married people, young and old. Whatever walk of life you may find yourself in, all should try to reach this goal. Holiness is not about working miracles or in doing extraordinary things. It is the commitment which we prayed for at the beginning of Mass when we said: "Help us to be like Jesus in word and deed." This commitment is nothing other than the commandment to love the Lord your God with all your heart and your neighbour as yourself. Love of God is real when we show it by the love we have for other. The more we love God, the more we will love others. We cannot say we love God if we do not love our neighbour.

### **Pastoral Notes:**

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 26 February. **It is a day of Fasting and abstinence.** Holy Mass at St John's at 9.00am and 7.00pm with the distribution of ashes. Fasting means having only one full meal on a day. Smaller quantities of food may be eaten at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during the day. Abstinence is the practice of abstaining from the use of certain kinds of food. Catholics were once well known for their practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays. We should abstain from meat at least on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The minimum fasting requirements make most sense when they are combined with prayer and almsgiving. These age-old disciplines reflect our fundamental concerns: our relationship with God (prayer), with our bodies (fasting) and with others (almsgiving).

**Fr Guy**

### **Coming up: Some 2020 dates**

Feb 22-23: Trade Table  
Feb 25: Burning of Ash @7pm  
Feb 26: ASH WEDNESDAY  
Feb 28: Stations of the Cross  
Feb 22-23: Project Compassion Boxes  
Mar 2: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
Mar 3: Liturgy Committee Meeting  
Mar 11: Parish Finance Committee Meeting  
Mar 26: Anointing of the sick at Midday Mass  
Mar 31: Confirmation Parent Night  
Apr 2: Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service



**PARISH DIARY  
February—March  
2020**

**22 Saturday, The  
Chair of St Peter,  
apostle**

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

**23 Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> Sun-  
day in Ordinary Time**

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

**24 Monday,**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

**25 Tuesday,**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

**26 Wednesday, ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

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

**27 Thursday after  
Ash Wednesday**

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

**28 Friday after Ash  
Wednesday**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

**29 Saturday after  
Ash Wednesday**

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

**1 Sunday, FIRST  
SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

**Sausage Sizzle Parish Fundraiser**

We are looking for teams of 3-4 people to volunteer for each month to help us with this fundraiser. Please put your name down on the sheet of paper available in the church foyer if you are interested in being part of this team. Thank you!

**Footy Points Margin**

Slots for this painless fund raiser are filling fast so if you want to be in it for a chance to win \$100 for only \$2 you need to get your name down on the sheet in the foyer ASAP. First nominated game is Bulldogs v. Collingwood on Friday 20 March. Tickets on sale from 7 March.

**Weekly Planned Giving Envelopes**

The weekly planned giving envelopes will be available soon. Thank you to all for your regular commitment. If you have not used the parish envelopes scheme before and wish to do so, please fill in the sheet of paper located in the church foyer. If you wish to direct transfer your fund to the parish bank account weekly, please put your name and number on the sheet of paper also available in the foyer separately. Further details are available through the parish office. Threesa

**Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony and Holy Mass**

You are all invited

**Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 | Commencing 2pm**

St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Glenorchy  
A plate to share for afternoon tea would be appreciated. If transport is required please contact Margaret Lello on 0407 047 205 or Helen Emery on 0408 394 347.

**The Chrism Mass**

The Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Hobart will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 7th April. All welcome to join Archbishop Julian Porteous and the clergy.

**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

**Ministers of the Word and Communion**

The new rosters for Saturday Masses and Sunday Masses (March—May 2020) are available. Please collect a copy from the church Foyer. Thank you! Threesa K.Dona

**Please inform Jo Elliott on 0419510014 if you are unavailable during March—May 2020.**

**Church Garden**

If you have any plants that can be donated to the church to be planted in the church garden, please contact Threesa during the office hours on 62726363. Thank you!

**Four Session Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark**

Read through the Gospel from the beginning and discover how it is all connected. When: Wednesdays 19th and 26th February, 18th March, and 1st April. Time: 10.30am-12.30pm. Where: Barry Room, Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. Bring: Bible, notepad, pen. Cost: Free. Register: call Dr. Christine Wood, 62086236. All are welcome!

**REFLECTION EVENINGS FOR LENT**

A series of three meditations for the season of lent will be presented by speakers to help us reflect on the Gospels chosen for the Sunday masses during this special time. The programme is as follows:



**March 10th—The woman at the well**  
Speaker: Sr. Pamela Davis O.P  
Time: 7:00pm @ St John's Church.

**March 19th—The man born blind**  
Speaker: Dr. Drasko Dizdar  
Time 7:00pm @ St John's Parish Office Meeting Room.

**March 24th— Lazarus**  
Speaker: Rev. Fr. Richard Ross  
Time: 7:00pm @ St John's Parish Office Meeting Room.

**This programme will be a prayerful preparation for our celebration of Easter. All Welcome!**

**OUR SICK - Please remember in your prayers:**

Maila Beekmeijer, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Nell Smith, 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 Patrick Dowd, Silvana Paternoster, Peter Drake and Raelene Di Martino. 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:** 24 Feb

Bob Mochrie's Team

**Next Week :** 2 Mar

Mary Parsissons' Team

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes: \$ 1020.00

Loose Plate: \$ 988.50

Direct Deposit: \$ 270.00

TOTAL: \$ 2278.50

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Difference: - \$ 221.50