

First Reading Mal 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi
The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10
(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Second Reading Heb 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' **(CONTINUED ON FRONT PAGE)**

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NEWSLETTER

1 – 2 February 2020

The Presentation 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,

The parents of the Child Jesus were expected to present themselves at the Temple in Jerusalem to fulfil the Law of Moses. The consecration of the first-born was prescribed by the Law and it was considered as a kind of "ransom", this was to symbolise God's saving intervention when He freed them from slavery in Egypt. In the whole scene the parents are in the act of offering or presenting their Child as it was done with the sacrifice offerings and the Levites; while the figures of Simeon and Anna represent God who offers and presents the Son for the salvation of the people. May Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, who placed all Her trust in Her Son and accepted all the suffering in Her life, help us always to put our trust in Jesus the Saviour of the world. **(Fr. Guy)**



(GOSPEL CONTINUED FROM BACK PAGE) - Gospel Lk 2:22-40

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare. There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord!

**PARISH DIARY
February 2020**

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

3 Monday, St Blaise, bishop, martyr

• 9.00am Mass at St John's

4 Tuesday,

• 9.00am Mass at St John's

5 Wednesday, St Agatha, virgin, martyr

• 8.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

• 9.00am Mass at St. John's

6 Thursday, St Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs

• 12.00pm Mass at St John's

7 Friday,

• 9.00am Mass at St John's

8 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

9 Sunday, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

• 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.

Nepalotto Bushfire Appeal Winners

Helen Hartley had the first supplementary number for the Tattslotto draw on Saturday 25 January and Catherine Phillips the second supplementary. The proceeds from this fundraiser (\$165.00) will be added to the leaving collection taken up by Vinnies for their bushfire appeal this past weekend.

**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!**

Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony and Holy Mass

You are all invited

Saturday March 21st, 2020 | Commencing 2pm

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

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

- ⇒ 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

GOLDEN WATTLE

Café for people living with dementia and their caregivers at the Golden Years Club, Glenorchy.

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

• Cost: \$5.00 for Morning Tea

For more info, please contact Agnes on 0422 736 984.



GOLDEN WATTLE

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 and Mary Dowd.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially Lynn Priest, Rodolfo Gonzales, Patrick Dowd and Silvana Paternoster. 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: 3 Feb

Mary Parsissons' Team

Next Week : 10 Feb

Linda Mondigo's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1065.00

Loose Plate: \$ 950.45

Direct Deposit: \$ 125.00

TOTAL: \$ 2140.45

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Difference \$ 359.55