

First Reading Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1 (R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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St. John the Baptist

NEWSLETTER

15 -16 February 2020
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR A



St. Monica

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

Dear Friends,

Jesus says, "You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court". In the Gospel Jesus attacks the root of murder which is anger. Sometimes we can be overcome by anger, rage or revenge. The first person to hate his brother was Cain. God warned Cain. Why are you angry? Sin is couching at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it (Gen 4: 6-7). Sin does not just happen to us; it first grows as a tiny seed in our hearts. Unless, it is uprooted, with God's help, it grows like a weed and chokes the vine and all its fruit. Jesus reminds us that the heart is where our desires and choices are nurtured. Unless we master the evil that enters our hearts we become corrupted. Jesus says that anger towards another must not cause us to hate them or abuse them by what we say or do. To overcome anger and rage we need mercy, kindness and patience which come from a heart full of love and forgiveness. God has forgiven us and God asks us to show forgiveness towards those who cause us harm. The Cross of Jesus is the best example of love and forgiveness which can overcome all evil. If we lean on the Cross especially in moments of darkness and pain Jesus will transform the evil in our lives into love and forgiveness.



May Mary, the Virgin, Mother of God, support and guide us in our personal choices so that Jesus may transform them on the Cross into love and forgiveness towards others.

Parish Fundraiser: Trade Table on February 22-23 at St. John's.

Station of the Cross: Every Friday in Lent, 7.00pm at St. John the Baptist Church commencing Friday 28 February. Please come one and all to this most important devotional practice of our faith.

Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee Vacancies:

There are present several vacancies in both committees. If you would like to contribute to parish life in this way please volunteer your services (or encourage another or others to volunteer) to Fr Guy.

Last Years' Palms, for Ash Wednesday would be appreciated. Please bring to parish office.

**PARISH DIARY
February 2020**

15 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

16 Sunday, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

• 8.30am Mass at St Monica's

• 10.00am Mass at St. John's

17 Monday, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

• 9.00am Mass at St John's

18 Tuesday,

• 9.00am Mass at St John's

19 Wednesday,

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

20 Thursday,

• 12.00pm Mass at St John's

21 Friday, St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor

• 9.00am Mass at St John's

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, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

• 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

Back by popular demand and still only \$2 per week! First nominated game Bulldogs v. Collingwood on Friday 20 March. Tickets on sale from 7 March. Sign up on the sheets in the foyer for your chance to win \$100. Enquiries Jo Elliott 0419 510 014.

Dear Parishioners,

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. Thresa

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.

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

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

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!



Commemorative Slab Glass Window

This window will commemorate the presence of the Salesian Priests and Brothers in Glenorchy during the past seventy five years. It will be gifted to the Parish by the Salesians, their benefactors and friends. The design will be available soon. As this is a gift, there will be no cost to the parish.

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 Joh's Parish Office Meeting Room.

March 24th— *Lazarus*
Speaker: Rev. Fr. Richard Ross
Time: 7:00pm @ St Joh'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, Mary Dowd and Ralene Di Martino.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially Lynn Priest, Rodolfo Gonzales, Patrick Dowd, Silvana Paternoster and Peter Drake. 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: 17 Feb

Roberta Puckett's Team

Next Week : 24 Feb

Bob Mochrie's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 937.50

Loose Plate: \$ 959.10

Direct Deposit: \$ 250.00

TOTAL: \$ 2146.60

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Difference: - \$ 353.40