

First Reading Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3
(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading Rom 5:12, 17-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Mt 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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NEWSLETTER

29 February—1 March 2020
First Sunday of Lent — YEAR A



St. John the Baptist

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



St. Monica

Dear Friends,

The purpose of Lent is to prepare us for the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus our Lord, on Easter Sunday. It does this through an intense listening of the Word of God, prayer, self-denial and helping others especially those most in need. It is not easy for us to live as true followers of Christ. Therefore, Lent helps us through the Christian practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We should make time in our lives for the Word of God to speak in our hearts, and to mould us. This will help us to overcome the devil, who is always ready to tempt and fool us and draw us away from the love of God and of others.

Matthew, the Gospel writer, begins his account of Jesus' public life by telling us the story of His baptism in the river Jordan by John the Baptist. Immediately following, Matthew says, "Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." The reason for this desert experience is that it is willed by God, and it is beneficial for Jesus and for all Christians.

In the temptations the devil tries to discover who this man Jesus, really is. He mocks Jesus by making fun of His special relationship with God. The devil, wants to trick Jesus and trap Him as he trapped Adam and Eve. The temptations reveal who Jesus really is: He is not a political or earthly king. Jesus is the Suffering Servant of God.

Christians of all times are also tempted as Jesus was. Every person is tempted either to do one's own will or to do God's will. Jesus was always true to God and true to Himself. We, His followers sometimes fail to be true to God and to ourselves. It is the Holy Scriptures that helps us to know what God's will is for each of us. By listening to the Word of God - as we have them in the Scriptures - we can discover what comes from God and what comes from the devil. Jesus succeeded where we sometimes fail because of His



wholehearted faithfulness to God's Word (as written in the Scriptures) and His constant union with His Father through prayer. All who follow Jesus should pray and ask for God's help, with the aid of Sacred Scriptures. Only then can one be sure that one is not fooled by the devil. Ultimately, it is God we must love, worship and serve above all; and only faithful and sincere obedience to God's will can save us from the clutches of the devil. May the Virgin Mary, Mother of God pray to Jesus for us.

Coronavirus COVID 19

The dangerous Coronavirus has seriously affected 36 countries and 2764 people have died from this disease. It is now a very serious concern which has hit hard the world economy. The deadly virus has had a negative impact on everyone. As yet, there is no known cure for the Coronavirus. Cardinal Charles Maung Bo SDB, Archbishop of Yangon, Myanmar and President of the Federation of Asian Bishops Conference (FABC) has asked the people of Myanmar to storm heaven with prayers so that God may help humanity overcome this deadly virus that is sweeping the world. The Pope has appealed for prayer support. He said, "Let us all pray for our brothers and sisters who are distressed by the 'cruel' coronavirus epidemic."

Friday Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent 7.00 pm. **Fr. Guy**

PARISH DIARY
February—March 2020

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

2 Monday of 1st Week of Lent

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 3 Tuesday of 1st Week of Lent**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 4 Wednesday, St Casimir**

- 8.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- 9.00am Mass at St. John's

5 Thursday of 1st Week of Lent

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

6 Friday, Special Day of Prayer and Penance

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

7 Saturday, Sts Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

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

- 6.00pm Mass at St. John's

8 Sunday, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's

- 10.00am Mass at St. John's

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

Pilgrimage of Grace 2020 – The Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux, St Louis Martin & St Zelig Mar- in in Tasmania

"The good God gave me a father and mother more worthy of Heaven than of earth." *St Thérèse of Lisieux*

As we begin our Lenten journey this year, we also commence the immediate preparations for a wonderful moment of grace for our Archdiocese – the Tasmanian stage of the 2020 Australian Pilgrimage of the Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents, St Louis Martin & St Zelig Martin. The relics will arrive in Launceston on Thursday 16th April, visiting our own Carmelite Monastery, before continuing on to St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart, and the following day to St Thérèse's Parish, Moonah. We invite you to join us in preparing spiritually for this encounter with three wonderful Saints, who reached holiness in the context of marriage, family life and in Carmel, and who inspire and encourage us to seek intimacy with God in our daily lives. Be assured of our prayers for you all this Lent. *Mother Teresa Benedicta OCD (Prioress, Carmelite Monastery, Launceston)*



Jesus does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them. *St Thérèse of Lisieux*

The good Lord does not do things by halves; He always gives what we need. Let us then carry on bravely. *St Zelig Martin*

Everything I see is splendid, but it's always an earthly beauty, and our heart is satisfied with nothing as long as we're not seeing the infinite beauty that is God. *St Louis Martin*

Salient Points : Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—3 Feb

- Referred security of Parish buildings to Finance Committee.
- Noted that the Parish Office holds copies of volunteer Working with Vulnerable Cards and Police Checks. These records are almost complete for all volunteers.
- Confirmed that copies of the revised Constitution of PPC are available in both churches.
- Reviewed policy section of Safe Communities Manual.
- Asked for draft of proposed stain glass window planned to represent 20 years of St John's being a Salesian Parish.
- Asked for further review of GYC's planned new signage to College and St John's Church.

World Day of Prayer

The service will held on Friday, 6 March at 11.00am at the United Church, Main Road, Glenorchy with parking available at the rear of Church in Kensington Street.

Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting - 11 Feb

- Finalisation of preparations for our Lenten Speakers.
- Forthcoming RCIA ceremonies for Sky Sun.
- Creating a different character for Lent compared with the Easter Season and Ordinary Time.
- Details of the various ceremonies during Lent and Easter.

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: 2 Mar

Mary Parissons' Team

Next Week : 9 Mar

Linda Mondigo's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,127.00

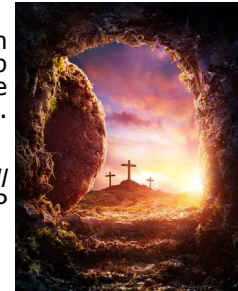
Loose Plate: \$ 876.55

Direct Deposit: \$ 125.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,128.55

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Difference: - \$ 371.45





EASTER MASS TIMES 2020

Palm Sunday

Saturday, 4th April 6.00pm Vigil Mass, St. John's

Sunday, 5th April 8.30am Mass, St. Monica's
10.00am Mass, St. John's

Holy Tuesday

Tuesday, 7th April 7.00pm Chrism Mass,
St. Mary's Cathedral Hobart

Holy Thursday

Thursday, 9th April 7.00pm Mass, St. John's
(Please note: No Midday Mass)

Good Friday

Friday, 10th April 10.00am Stations of the Cross, St. John's
11-12pm Reconciliation
3.00pm Passion of the Lord, St. John's

Holy Saturday

Saturday, 11th April 7.00pm Vigil Mass, St. John's
(Please note: No Morning Mass)

Easter Sunday

Sunday, 12th April 8.30am Mass, St. Monica's
10.00am Mass, St. John's

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sunday, 19th April 8.30am Mass, St. Monica's
10.00am Mass, St. John's

Divine Mercy Celebration, St. John's

Sunday, 19th April 2.00pm Exposition
2.15pm Rosary
2.40pm Chaplet of Mercy
2.50pm Benediction
3.00pm Mass
3.45pm Veneration of Divine Mercy Image
4.00pm Light Refreshments
*2.00pm-2.50pm Individual Reconciliation



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Join with our Lord on the journey of the
Station of the Cross, Every Friday in Lent,
7.00pm at St John's

Holy Thursday

Please remember to bring your Project
Compassion boxes and envelopes to the
Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday
9th April at 7.00pm. You may wish to
continue to pray and adore in silence the



Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday 11th April
at 7.00pm. Our celebrations start
around the Easter fire. On this most
holy night, we listen to the stories of
our history and share in the Eucharist.
Then, everyone is invited to share in
refreshments. You may wish to bring
a plate to share following the Mass, as
we celebrate this great Easter feast.

