

First Reading Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis
The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you. 'So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.
With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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St. John the Baptist

NEWSLETTER **7-8 March 2020** **Second Sunday of Lent – YEAR A**

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



St. Monica

Dear Friends,

Why do we have the story of the Transfiguration in this Second Sunday of Lent? The Eucharistic Prayer during Mass says: "On your holy mountain he revealed himself in glory in the presence of his disciples. He had already prepared them for his approaching death. He wanted to teach them through the Law and the Prophets that the promised Christ had first to suffer and so come to the glory of his resurrection."



In the Transfiguration, Jesus gives His disciples, Peter, James and John a glimpse of His future glory. He shows them that death on a Cross is the doorway to Resurrection. After the Transfiguration, Jesus comes down the mountain with Peter, James and John and invites them to continue the journey to Jerusalem, and to Calvary. Now they can understand that Calvary is only a necessary stage but not the end of the road. They now know that they should not be afraid to follow Jesus, even if they must bear with much suffering. They can confidently put their trust in Him. Jesus wants us also to understand what it means to be His disciples, what our calling as Christians really means. We are invited to follow Him, not only to listen to His teachings; we are called to share His victory over sin and death. But this is achieved by accepting the crosses in our lives, including suffering and death. The feast of the Transfiguration gives us the sure hope that we are not deceived by our trust in Jesus, and that we should believe in the Gospel.

Clergy Plenary

Dear parishioners,

I will be away from Monday 20—24 April 2020 to attend the Clergy Plenary. All priests and deacons are expected to attend. It will take place at the Tamar Valley Resort Grindelwald. If all goes well, Fr Peter Rankin SDB will be celebrating the daily Masses that week. The Clergy Plenary seeks to reflect upon the situation of the Church in Tasmania. The Plenary will explore four areas over the four days of meeting: Personal Christian life, Parish life, Family and Youth.

Fr Guy

PARISH DIARY
March 2020

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

9 Monday, St Frances of Rome, religious

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 10 Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Lent**

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- 11 Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Lent**

8.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- 9.00am Mass at St. John's

12 Thursday of the 2nd Week of Lent

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

13 Friday of the 2nd Week of Lent

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross

14 Saturday, of the 2nd Week of Lent

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15 Sunday, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

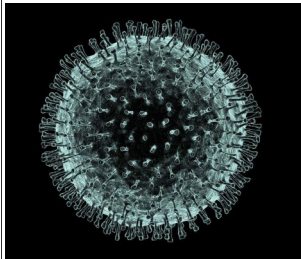
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Parish Volunteers

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

Precautions concerning Corona Virus



As you are no doubt aware, the first reported case of Corona Virus has been reported in Tasmania. While health authorities consider Tasmanians to be at low risk, it would be prudent to put a number of precautions in place in our parishes.

Thus, I propose the following:

1. That Communion from the Chalice be suspended at this time.
2. That the Sign of Peace at Mass not include a handshake. A gesture of recognition or other sign could be used.
3. It is recommended that in greeting people after the Mass, the priest refrain from shaking hands.
4. That ministers of the altar use hand sanitiser before and after Mass. This would include those assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion.
5. That the sacred vessels be thoroughly washed after every Mass.
6. Consideration could be given to providing a hand sanitiser coming to and leaving the celebration of Mass.

These precautions will remain in place until we receive advice from health authorities that they can be lifted.

Yours in Christ, Archbishop Julian Porteous

To live of love is not to set up our tent on Tabor. It is to climb Calvary with Jesus and see the Cross as a treasure. *St Thérèse of Lisieux*

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!

*Plant the good seeds of RIGHTEOUSNESS,
and you will harvest a cup of love.*

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 is required please contact Margaret Lello on 0407 047 205 or Helen Emery on 0408 394 347.

Coming up: Some 2020 dates

- 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
- April 5: Daylight Saving Ends
- April 6: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- April 7: Chrism Mass—St Mary's Cathedral

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, 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, Raelene Di Martino and Ken Young. 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: 10 Mar

Linda Mondigo's Team

Next Week : 16 Mar

Roberta Puckett's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 918.50

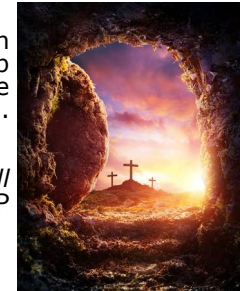
Loose Plate: \$ 965.10

Direct Deposit: \$ 685.00

TOTAL: \$ 2568.60

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Difference: \$ 68.60



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ALL ARE WELCOME.

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