

First Reading Ez 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading Phil 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,

and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of
Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

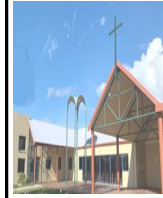
Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



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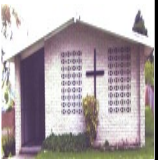
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St. Monica

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

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 26 & 27 September 2020

Dear Friends,

Doing God's will, is at the heart of the Jewish religion. The Pharisees were convinced that their exact observance of the Law of Moses was the only way to fulfil God's will.



The parable of the two sons, in fact, is about the fulfilment of God's will as revealed by Jesus. Now God asks Israel to welcome His Son He has sent. Keeping the Law of Moses and not accepting the person of Jesus and His Gospel means not carrying out completely the will of God.

The second son in today's parable represents those excluded by Jewish society because of their failure to observe the Law. They are the ones who say no. But in the eyes of God, they do His will because they are open to Jesus and His call to a change of heart.

Tax collectors and prostitutes were two categories of persons who were excluded from the community life in Israel. One's friendship with them would be scandalous. One did not sit at table with them, or deal with them, they had no civil rights and were not allowed to be judges or be witnesses at court. Jesus favours this category of people - with all that they stood for - because when He preached to them they acknowledged their unworthy behaviour and were converted.

The Jewish leaders, however, hid behind their observance of the Law of Moses. By refusing to accept Jesus, they also distance themselves from God who now reveals Himself fully in His Son Jesus Christ.

In the parable of the two sons we see the second son experiencing a change of heart as he ponders the will of his father. Even though he refuses at first, like the tax collectors and prostitutes, he responds to the promptings of the spirit and turns to the work in the vineyard requested by his father.

By their willingness to accept Jesus, change their behaviour, follow Him and live by His Gospel, tax collectors and prostitutes are true models of the Christian life.

May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for us and help us to be Christ-like in our behaviour.
(Fr Guy)

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PARISH DIARY September 2020

26 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 6.00pm Mass at St John's

27 Sunday, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

28 Mon., St Lawrence Ruiz and companions

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
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30 Wed., St Jerome

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

October 2020

1 Thurs., St Therese of the Child Jesus

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's
- 2 Fri., The Holy Guardian Angels

3 Sat., Mass of Virgin Mary

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 6.00pm Mass at St John's

4 Sunday, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Coming up:

27 Sept.-3 Oct.	Fr Guy away on annual retreat
17-18 October	Catholic Mission Appeal
20 October	Talk on Mary - Dr Drasko Dizdar
17 November	Talk on Lazarus - Fr Richard Ross
3 December	Anointing of sick at Mass
15 December	Advent Reconciliation

Church Repairs: We have had several very generous donations to cover the cost of church repairs. Many thanks to those who have contributed in any way to cover the costs. We have received \$1,620.

Two Dates for Your Diaries !

Way back in March before the Covid-19 restrictions caused them to be cancelled Dr. Drasko Dizdar and Fr. Richard Ross had each agreed to give a Lenten talk. As the restrictions are beginning to lift we have contacted them again and are pleased to announce that both have accepted an invitation to give a presentation. As October is the month of Mary Dr. Drasko Dizdar will talk on "Mary: Mirror of our Humanity" at 7.00pm on Tuesday 20 October and Fr. Richard Ross will talk on "Lazarus" in the light of his own experience with cancer at 7.00pm on Tuesday 17 November. Both talks will be held in St John's church.

A few words about Dr Drasko Dizdar

Dr. Drasko Dizdar is a member of the Emmaus monastic community, affiliated to the ecumenical Monastery of Bose (Italy). He is a theologian and has taught in various universities and colleges in Australia and overseas, including the Australian Catholic University. He works in the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office to develop teachers' understanding of Catholicism. Drasko has the ability to see the big picture of our relationship with God. He works with students who have found him to be an inspirational speaker. This promises to be an enriching faith-filled evening.

Parish Covid-19 Safety Plan

On reviewing our response to our parish COVID-19 Safety Plan we have decided to remove the remaining cloths and the Tabernacle veil at St John's and St Monica's to reduce the risk of spreading infection.

COVID-19: Our Archbishop Julian Porteous reminds us that we are still required to maintain the various practices and procedures required by health authorities, in particular with regard to social distancing and hygiene. It is also important that we do not exceed the numbers allowed for our churches and parish gatherings. For St John's Church - 90 people in church, and 20 in church foyer; for St Monica's - 40 people. We have introduced various changes to our liturgical practices, like non-contact sign of peace, no reception of Holy Communion from the chalice except for the celebrant, and so on. These practices are to be retained for the immediate future.

Footy Points Margin

Still to be claimed - Round 1 (52 points), Round 2 (61 points), Round 3 (24 points), Round 6 (32 points), Round 8 (12 points), Round 16 (45 points), Round 17 (26 points) and now Round 18 (52 points). Because there are no AFL games being played 26/27 September the game between Glenorchy and Lauderdale being played on Wednesday 23 September has been nominated for tickets marked '19'.

Our Sick - Please remember in your prayers

Maila Beekmeijer, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Frances Direen, Tom Carty, Robert Campbell, Mary Dowd, Monika Matzner, Amy Matzner, Patricia Leamey and Gerard Carty.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially: Raelene Di Martino, Judy Pigden, Vic Derrick, Margaret Derrick, Peter Drake, Ken Young, Frank Hesman, Richard Challis, Sheila Darby, Gina Passarelli, Nell Smith, Sr. Maura McAvooy O.P, Khiet (Van) Tran, Graziano Ceron, Robert Bridges, Minka Busch Stan Brach, Anne Hansch, Bret Cowan, Gertrude Margaret Joseph and Ian Irvine. Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Covid-19 Safety Action Plan

St John the Baptist Catholic Parish Glenorchy/Chigwell
This Diocesan plan is in place to meet government regulations. A copy of this safety action plan is available on the churches' noticeboards.

WEEKEND MASSES St John's, Glenorchy

- 6.00pm Saturday
- 10.00am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES St. John's, Glenorchy

- 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
- 12.00pm Thursday

ROSARY

- At St. John's, Glenorchy
- 8.30am every Wednesday
- 8.40am every Saturday

RECONCILIATION

- At St. John's, Glenorchy
- 9.30am & 5.15pm Saturday

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSSED SACRAMENT At St. John's, Glenorchy

- 8.00am - 8.50am Wednesday
- 9:00am - 11.50pm Thursday

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: 28 Sept

Bob Mochrie's Team

Next Week : 5 Oct

Mary Parsisson's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$584.20

Loose Plate: \$890.10

Direct Deposit: \$219.00

TOTAL: \$1,693.30

Weekly Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Difference: -\$806.70

Fr Guy Away

I will be on my annual retreat from Sunday 27th September to Saturday 3rd October. Please pray for me and my Salesian community. I will be praying for the parish too. (Fr Guy)

No Exposition and Benediction on 30th

September and 1st October

Due to Fr Guy's absence next week, there will be no Exposition and Benediction on Wednesday 30th September and 1st October 2020. Fr Leo Zenarosa will celebrate the 9:00am Mass on Monday, 28th September and Fr Graeme Howard will celebrate Mass on Tuesday - Saturday 29th September - 3rd October. Thank you Fr Leo and Fr Graeme.

Credence Table

You will notice that we have a new credence table to enhance our sanctuary space. Our thanks go to Beres and Adriana Taylor for their gift and work on the table. It was once used for Mass in the "old days" when the priests from St John's went to Collinsvale on a Sunday.

Vocations Reflection day

A Vocations Reflection day is to be held at St Michael's, Campbell Town on Saturday, 24th October 2020 from 10:00am - 3:00pm. Any young man who is interested in attending is invited to contact Fr Brian Nichols on briannichols@bigpond.com

A Summary of the Liturgy Committee meeting held on 8 September 2020

- Appreciation expressed of the commitment of Mary-Anne Johnson, Linda Mondigo and Lindon Mondigo to the music ministry.
- Updated Stations of the Cross booklets pronounced a great improvement.
- Folder - Sacristan Role and Responsibilities-a useful resource.
- Draft of generic funeral Mass booklet circulated - this would be available to families and could be personalized.
- Presentation on Season of Creation

Solemnity of St Teresa of Avila 15th October

A Novena of Masses and Prayers will be offered at the Carmelite Monastery, Launceston, in preparation for this feast from 6th - 14th October. Intentions may be sent to Mother Teresa Benedicta at the Monastery by post (7 Cambridge St., Launceston), phone 6331 3585 or email tascarmelvoc@gmail.com

Church Collections

Sick and Aged Priests Collection \$270.00

Holy Land Collection \$66.25

This does not include cheques and direct debits

106th World Day of Migrants & Refugees Commemorated in Australia on Sunday 27th September 2020

Father, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious: the child Jesus and his Mother, in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked. Grant that we may experience his protection and help. May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places. Help them, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, to find the strength to persevere, give them comfort in sorrows and courage amid their trials. Grant to those who welcome them some of the tender love of this just and wise father, who loved Jesus as a true son and sustained Mary at every step of the way. May he, who



earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything in life taken away and obtain for them the dignity of a job and the serenity of a home. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, whom Saint Joseph saved by fleeing to Egypt, and trusting in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom he loved as a faithful husband in accordance with your will. Amen. (Pope Francis)