

First Reading Is 61:1-2. 10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm Lk 1:46-50. 53 -54. R. Is 61:10

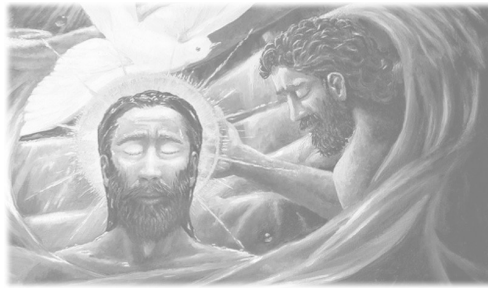
(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia



Gospel Jn 1:6-8. 19-28

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



St. John the Baptist

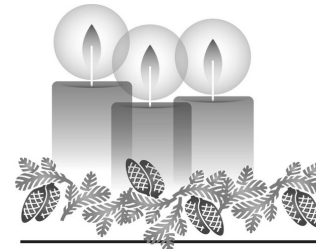
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St. Monica

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

12th & 13th December 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year B



Dear Friends,

The third Sunday of Advent is known as "Gaudete" Sunday. "Gaudete" means, "Rejoice". In the Second Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians we read: "Rejoice always! Pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God," Joy is an essential aspect of faith and life. Christians are filled with joy because Christ Jesus has saved us by His passion, death and resurrection.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist announces that he is not the Saviour but a fearless witness who points all people to the coming of Christ. His mission is to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus among us. He said, "I am as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord"

Recently, a good friend of mine sent me this poem. She wrote:

The Reason for the Season

There will be no Christmas Morn,
If Jesus Christ was not born.
Let Him be the centre this year
As you wish to spread the
Christmas cheer.
Joy to the world the angels did sing,
Shepherds came to visit our King.
Giving gifts, exchanging wishes
Tables spread with delicious dishes.
It is time to be happy and enjoy
Party time for young, old, girl or boy.
Christmas is a time to really rejoice
And sing aloud with joyful voice,
JESUS CHRIST WAS BORN TODAY
In a manger far, far away.

May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for all. (Fr Guy)

Reconciliation for Christmas

Please take this opportunity to prepare well for Christmas.
Reconciliation Service will be held here at St John's Church at 7.00 pm Tuesday December 15

Farewell Mass for Fr Peter Rankin and Fr Damien Sladen

We will have the opportunity to farewell Frs Peter and Damien at 10.00 am Mass on Sunday 20 December. We thank them for their ministry in the Parish and wish them well in their new ministries.

PARISH DIRECTORY	
Parish Priest	Fr Gaetano Riolo SDB
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Principal	Mr Craig Deayton

PARISH DIARY December 2020	
12 Saturday, Our Lady of Guadalupe	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
• 6.00pm Mass at St John's	
13 Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Advent	
• 8.30am Mass at St Monica's	
• 10.00am Mass at St John's	
14 Monday, St John of the Cross	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
15 Tuesday	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
16 Wednesday	
• 8.00am-8.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
17 Thursday	
• 9.00am-11.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St John's	
• 12.00pm Mass at St John's	
18 Friday	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
19 Saturday	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
• 6.00pm Mass at St John's	
20 Sunday, 4th Sunday of Advent	
• 8.30am Mass at St Monica's	
• 10.00am Mass at St John's	

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES	
THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE	
5:30 pm	Carols
6:00 pm	Family Mass Online Booking only (Children may like to come dressed as Angels or Shepherds.)
7:30 pm	Carols
8.00 pm	Vigil Mass Online Booking only
FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY	
8:00 am	Mass – St John's Church Online Booking only
8:30 am	Mass – St Monica's Church Online Booking only
10:00 am	Mass – St John's Church Online Booking only
*ONLINE BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS	
1. Google "CatholicMass.org.au"	
2. Scroll down to "Glenorchy Parish"	
3. Register – including name, phone/mobile number, email address FOR EACH PERSON	
4. Admission Ticket(s) to the Mass you are attending will be sent to your email address	
5. Please bring your Ticket(s) printed out or on your phone, with you when attending a Christmas Mass service.	
6. For those who are unable to use this method, please contact the Parish Office on 62726363 before 23 December.	
7. Online Booking closes on 23 December.	
8. Glenorchy Parish direct bookings page is: https://glenorchy-parish-christmas.eventbrite.com.au	

SATURDAY 26TH DECEMBER – ST STEPHEN	
9:00 am	Mass – St John's Church
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Reconciliation – St John's Church
SATURDAY 26TH DECEMBER – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH	
5:15 pm – 5:45 pm	Reconciliation – St John's Church
6:00 pm	Mass – St John's Church
Sunday 27TH DECEMBER – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH	
8:30 am	Mass at St Monica's Church
10:00 am	Mass at St John's Church
<i>Normal weekly Mass times resume on Monday 28th December.</i>	

RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS
Reconciliation Tuesday 15 December 7:00 pm in Church.
Please take this opportunity to prepare well for Christmas.

Help needed for Christmas Masses
Christmas Masses this year will be celebrated in accordance with the government covid-19 protocols. To ensure that everything runs smoothly we need the following:- 2 people at the registration table, 3 ushers and 4 cleaners at each of the Christmas Masses. (6pm. and 8pm. Christmas Eve and 8am. and 10am. Christmas Day)
Registration table – mark off person's name on the printed sheet.
Usher – assist and accompany people to find seats.
Cleaning – wipe down all surfaces following Mass. (approx.. 15-20 minutes)
If you are able to help with one of these tasks, please put your name and contact number on the sheet in the foyer.
Queries – Jo 0419 510 014

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING & EUTHANASIA
The End of Life Choices (Voluntary Assisted Dying) Bill 2020 was passed by the Legislative Council on November 10. The Bill will now be debated in the House of Assembly and a final vote in March 2021 will decide whether it will become law. Please continue to storm heaven and also contact the politicians to voice our concern to defeat this Bill which will legalise assisted suicide for the most vulnerable people in the community.

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, Monique Matzner, Amy Matzner, Patricia Leamey, Gerard Carty, June Webb, Mary Nichols, Vince Mele and Barbara Campbell

Prayers for the Deceased
Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially: Raelene Di Martino, Judy Pigden, 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, Ian Irvine, Fr Frank Gibson, Jackson, Jovana & Silvestro Drea Fr Liam Floyd, Nina Salter, Helen Davis-Brumby, Nicola Sheehan Richard Porteous, Bruno Pegoraro, Mietek Szukielojc, Josef Skiba, Monica Urquhart and Mother Superior, Italina Gentile
Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

**St John the Baptist Catholic Parish: Glenorchy/Chigwell
Covid-19 Safety Action Plan**
The parish Covid-19 Action Plan is in place to meet government regulations. A copy of this plan is available on the churches' noticeboards.

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	
• 8.30am every Wednesday	
• 8.40am every Saturday	
RECONCILIATION At St. John's, Glenorchy	
• 9.30am-10.00am & 5.15pm-5.45pm Saturday	
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED 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:	14 Dec
Linda Mondigo's Team	
Next Week :	21 Dec
Roberta Puckett's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$818.05
Loose Plate:	\$564.20
Direct Deposit:	\$660.00
TOTAL:	\$2,042.25
Weekly Budget:	\$ 2,500.00
Difference:	-\$457.75