

First Reading Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading Rom 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation See 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 Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



St. John the Baptist



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27th & 28th February 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Lent - Year B

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate Jesus' Transfiguration. St Mark writes, "There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them... And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son the Beloved. Listen to him.'"

Firstly, Jesus' Transfiguration shows that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God and Son of Mary.

Secondly, it strengthens the apostles' faith in Jesus' divinity by giving them a glimpse of the glory of the Resurrection; and thirdly, it prepares them to remain faithful to Him after His scandalous death on the Cross.

Today, our faith in Jesus' divinity is strengthened as we celebrate the Transfiguration. When difficulties and trials come our way, we can face them with courage and faith in Jesus, and, through them, He draws us closer to Himself and to all Christians. May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for all.

'Be in good spirits under the fatherly mantle of St. Joseph, a place of safest refuge in trials and tribulations.' (St. Joseph Marello)



First Lenten Talk:

Last Tuesday evening about 25 parishioners and friends gathered at St John's Church for the first of three Lenten Talks organised by the Parish Liturgy Committee. Dr Drasko Dizdar, a theologian and educator, spoke with passion and grace on the theme of, "Why God allows us to be tempted." He gave a very moving reflection and answered many questions raised by those present. "Temptations," he said, "should be understood as "trials" or "tests". Satan is our accuser, but the Holy Spirit is the advocate on our behalf. Ultimately, God's verdict on the world is, "I love you!" (Jn 3: 16-17)

| PARISH DIRECTORY | |
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| Parish Priest | Fr Gaetano Riolo SDB |
| Pastoral Associate | Sr Pamela Davis OP |
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| PARISH DIARY | |
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| February 2021 | |
| 27 Saturday | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●9.00am Mass at St John's ●6.00pm Mass at St John's | |
| 28 Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Lent | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●8.30am Mass at St Monica's ●10.00am Mass at St John's | |
| March 2021 | |
| 1 Monday | |
| 9.00am Mass at St John's | |
| 2 Tuesday | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●9.00am Mass at St John's | |
| 3 Wednesday | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8.00am-8.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ●9.00am Mass at St John's | |
| 4 Thursday | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9.00am-11.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St John's ● 12.00 noon Mass at St John's | |
| 5 Friday | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●9.00am Mass at St John's ●7.00pm Stations of the Cross at St John's | |
| 6 Saturday | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●9.00am Mass at St John's ●6.00pm Mass at St John's | |
| 7 Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Lent | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●8.30am Mass at St Monica's ●10.00am Mass at St John's | |

| Coming up | |
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| 1st Mar | Parish Council Meeting - 7:00pm |
| 2nd Mar | Parish Liturgy Meeting - 7:00pm |
| 5th Mar | Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm |
| 9th Mar | Lenten Talk: From Doubt to Ecological Conversion by Dr Trish Hindmarsh - 7:00pm at St. John's church |
| 12th Mar | Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm |
| 17th Mar | St Patrick Solemnity - 9:00am Mass |
| 18th Mar | Anointing within Mass - 12:00 noon |
| 19th Mar | St Joseph - Solemnity - 9:00am Mass Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm |
| 22nd Mar | Lenten Reconciliation Service - 7:00pm |
| 23rd Mar | Meeting of Parents of Confirmation children - 7:00pm |
| 24th Mar | Lenten Talk: One Man's Way of the Cross by Ed Sianski - 7:00pm St. John's church |

| St John's Parish 50/50's Club | |
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| What is it? | |
| A parish fundraiser for necessary emergency repairs to church and the upkeep of the church carpark and grounds. | |
| Who can be a member? | |
| Any parishioner or friend of the parish. | |
| How does it work? | |
| 50 parishioners and friends volunteer to become members of the 50/50's club by paying \$50 only as a membership fee. Once there are 50 members there is a raffle draw of 3 prizes: \$150, \$100 & \$50. | |
| Application to join may be made by contacting Sheila, the parish secretary, at the Parish office. | |

| WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021 | |
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| This year's World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday, 5 March at 11.00 am at Northside Anglican Church (St Paul's) 478 Main Road, Montrose. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate our shared Faith with our Christian neighbours in Glenorchy so it is hoped that as many of our parishioners as possible will attend. Northside Church can seat 70 people within its COVID guidelines. It is unlikely that this number will be exceeded or even met, but we are asked to give an indication of the number attending from our parish, so would those intending to join in the prayer service, please inform Sr Pamela at the Parish Office or Cecily Verrier 62492403 Due to Covid-19 restrictions morning tea will not be serve after the service | |

| Lenten Talk: March 9th 2021 | |
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| Dr Trish Hindmarsh is a retired teacher and educational leader who has worked in Catholic Education in Victoria, NSW, WA and here in Tasmania. She has a lively interest in justice, peace and ecology. Her talk From Doubt to Ecological Conversion - opens up Pope Francis' Encyclical "Laudato Si" and will explore how we can live its teachings in our daily lives. | |

| Project Compassion | |
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| Margaret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment. The school faces water shortages that often left staff and students without safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables. Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden as the threat of COVID-19 loomed. With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials, and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures. Margaret's school now has enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more, and is now planning to boost food security through increased agricultural production. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home. You can donate through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes located on the table in the foyer. | |

| Footy Points Margin | |
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| Thank you to all those good people who have signed up already to a part of this fund raiser. There are still a few tickets left so if anyone else wants a chance to win \$100 each week - sign up now! Tickets are \$2 per week and you don't need to know anything about footy. The first nominated game is Collingwood v. Western Bulldogs on Friday 19 March. Tickets on sale from 6 March. The yellow sign up sheets are in the foyer. Queries: Jo Elliott 0419 510 014. | |

| Our Sick - Please remember in your prayers | |
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| 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, Vince Mele and Barbara Campbell | |

| Prayers for the Deceased | |
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| <i>Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially:</i> | |
| Mary Nichols, Jennifer Barnard, Bill Oakley, Joseph Nguyen Van Thuong, Raelene Di Martino | |
| <i>Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.</i> | |

| St John the Baptist Catholic Parish: Glenorchy/Chigwell Covid-19 Safety Action Plan | |
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| 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 | |
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| St John's, Glenorchy | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6.00pm Saturday ● 10.00am Sunday | |
| St. Monica's, Chigwell | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8.30am Sunday | |
| WEEKDAY MASSES | |
| St. John's, Glenorchy | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday ● 12.00pm Thursday | |
| ROSARY | |
| At St. John's, Glenorchy | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8.30am every Wednesday and Saturday | |
| RECONCILIATION | |
| At St. John's, Glenorchy | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9.30am-10.00am & 5.15pm-5.45pm Saturday | |
| EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT | |
| At St. John's, Glenorchy | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8.00am - 8.50am Wednesday ● 9:00am - 11.50pm Thursday | |
| LEGION OF MARY | |
| at St. John's, Glenorchy | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6.45 pm Every Tuesday | |
| ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP | |
| at St. John's, Glenorchy | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30am | |

| COUNTERS' ROSTERS | |
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| This Week: | 1 Mar 21 |
| Mary Parsissons's Team | |
| Next Week : | 9 Mar 21 |
| Linda Mondigo's Team | |

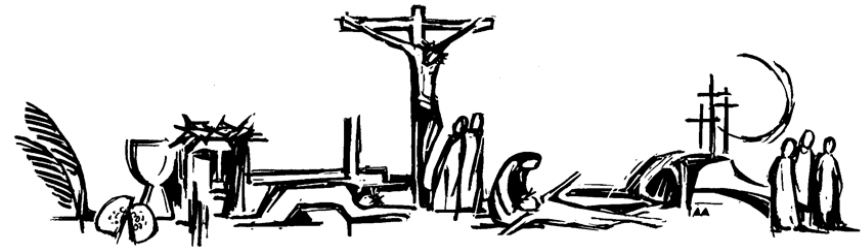
| WEEKLY COLLECTION | |
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| Envelopes: | \$764.85 |
| Quest Tap and Go | \$ 30.00 |
| Loose Plate: | \$563.00 |
| Direct Deposit: | \$215.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$1,572.85 |
| Weekly Budget: \$ 2,500.00 | |
| Difference: | -\$927.15 |

From fasting to feasting

A guide through our journey of Lent:

- Fast from judging others; feast on seeing the best in people.
- Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.
- Fast from despair; feast on hope.
- Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that destroy; feast on phrases that are encouraging
- Fast from discontent; feast on patience.
- Fast from being negative; feast on being positive.
- Fast from worry; feast on trust.
- Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
- Fast from hostility; feast on peacemaking.
- Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from constant activity; feast on slowing down.
- Fast from disrespect; feast on recognising the sacred in all of life.
- Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

(Adapted from an unknown source)



EASTER MASS TIMES 2021

Palm Sunday

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| Saturday, 27th March | 6.00pm Vigil Mass, St. John's |
| Sunday, 28th March | 8.30am Mass, St. Monica's 10.00am Mass, St. John's |

Tuesday

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| Tuesday, 30th March | 7.00pm Chrism Mass, St Mary's Cathedral Hobart |
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Holy Thursday

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| Thursday, 1st April | 7.00pm , St. John's Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Please note: No 9am-12pm Adoration & Mass at 12.00 noon) |
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Good Friday

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| Friday, 2nd April | 10.00am Stations of the Cross, St. John's 3.00pm Passion of the Lord, St. John's |
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Holy Saturday

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| Saturday, 3rd April | 7.00pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, St. John's |
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Easter Sunday

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| Sunday, 4th April | 8.30am Mass, St. Monica's 10.00am Mass, St. John's |
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Divine Mercy Sunday

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| Sunday, 11th April | 8.30am Mass St Monica's 10.00am Mass St John's |
| | 2.00pm Exposition St John's 2.15pm Rosary 2.40pm Chaplet of Mercy 2.50pm Benediction 3.00pm Mass 3.45pm Veneration of Divine Mercy Image *2.00pm - 2.50pm Individual Reconciliation |



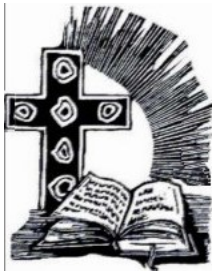
Join with our Lord on the journey of the Station of the Cross Every Friday in Lent, 7.00pm at St John's

HOLY THURSDAY

Please remember to bring your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday 1st April at 7.00pm. Also bells to ring adding to the joyfulness of the Gloria.



HOLY SATURDAY



Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday 3rd April 2021 at 7.00 pm. 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. Bring your bells again as we celebrate this great Easter feast.