

First Reading Jer 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading Heb 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

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Gospel Jn 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again. 'People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Unless a grain of wheat



falls into the earth
and dies, it remains
just a single grain;
but if it dies,
it bears much fruit.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



St. John the Baptist



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20th & 21st March 2021 - 5th Sunday of Lent - Year B

Dear Friends,

In the Gospel today Jesus tells the parable of the seed that dies: "I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest."

This parable is about death and life. Jesus is speaking of a death that gives life. The biblical scholar, William Barclay wrote, "Only by death comes life; only by spending life do we retain it; and, only by service comes greatness. It is not earthly power and glory that gives life but the cross."

The Cross is the model for all the followers of Jesus. Just as Jesus gave Himself totally to the Father in loving obedience, Christians are called to love God in the same way. The death of Jesus on the Cross is the place where He is lifted up both in the body by being raised off the ground on a pole and spiritually lifted up in exaltation to show God's unconditional love for humanity. By gazing and contemplating Jesus on the Cross we embrace God's love for us. Jesus is utterly helpless on the Cross. He clutches no weapon of hatred or power, no clenched fist in anger. He forgives all, even His enemies who crucified Him. In the defeat of death on the Cross, Jesus shows God's love shining through our human weakness. Jesus shows us on the Cross that death leads to eternal life through the power of His resurrection.

Lord, Jesus, I see you lifted up before me, crucified to all selfishness and abandoned to God's will. Draw me out of my fears and selfish ways. Help me to let go of all that I hold on to... to empty my hands so that they may receive from You.

Online Booking:

It is essential to book an online ticket to attend the Church Services on the following days: Palm Sunday (including Saturday evening), Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday evening Mass and Easter Sunday Masses. Please see this Newsletter for details.

Lenten Reconciliation Service:

We will have our Lenten Reconciliation Service at 7.00 pm on Monday 22 March at St Johns. Please take the opportunity for individual confession. All welcome.

Chrism Mass:

7.00 pm Tuesday 30 March at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart. All welcome.

Divine Mercy Sunday:

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm Sunday 11 April at St John's Glenorchy. All welcome.

Clergy Plenary:

Fr Guy will be away with all the Catholic priests of Tasmania from Monday 12 April – Friday 16 April.

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PARISH DIARY March 2021	
20 Saturday	
●9.00am Mass at St John's	
●6.00pm Mass at St John's	
21 Sunday, 5th Sunday of Lent	
●8.30am Mass at St Monica's	
●10.00am Mass at St John's	
22 Monday	
● 9.00am Mass at St John's	
● 7.00pm Lenten Reconciliation	
23 Tuesday	
●9.00am Mass at St John's	
24 Wednesday	
● 8.00am-8.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
●9.00am Mass at St John's	
25 Thursday	
● 9.00am-11.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St John's	
● 12.00 noon Mass at St John's	
26 Friday	
●9.00am Mass at St John's	
●7.00pm Stations of the Cross at St John's	
● 7.30pm Mass at St John's	
27 Saturday	
●9.00am Mass at St John's	
●6.00pm Mass at St John's	
28 Sunday, Palm Sunday	
●8.30am Mass at St Monica's	
●10.00am Mass at St John's	

EASTER MASS TIMES 2021	
Palm Sunday	
Saturday, 27th March	6.00pm Vigil Mass, St. John's - online booking only
Sunday, 28th March	8.30am Mass, St. Monica's - online booking only 10.00am Mass, St. John's - online booking only
Tuesday	
Tuesday, 30th March	7.00pm Chrism Mass, St Mary's Cathedral Hobart
Holy Thursday	
Thursday, 1st April	7.00pm Mass, St. John's - online booking only
Good Friday	
Friday, 2nd April	10.00am Stations of the Cross, St. John's - online booking only 3.00pm Passion of the Lord, St. John's - online booking only
Holy Saturday	
Saturday, 3rd April	7.00pm Easter Vigil St. John's - online booking only
Easter Sunday	
Sunday, 4th April	8.30am Mass, St. Monica's - online booking only 10.00am Mass, St. John's - online booking only DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS TODAY
*EASTER ONLINE BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS	
1. Glenorchy Parish direct bookings page is: https://glenorchyeaster2021.eventbrite.com.au	
2. Online booking closes 25th March	
3. Choose the Mass services you wish to attend and number of people coming with you.	
4. Register your name, phone/mobile number, email address.	
5. Admission Ticket(s) to the Mass you are attending will be sent to your email address	
6. Please bring your Ticket(s) printed out or on your phone, with you when attending a Easter Mass.	
7. If you have any queries please contact the parish office on 6272 6363	
8. If you do not have a valid ticket you will not be able to attend the Mass .	
Palm Sunday	
Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. You are invited to bring Palms or Olive Branches to the Vigil Mass or the Sunday Masses for the blessing.	

St John's Parish 50/50's Club
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 62726363.

Project Compassion
Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community. You can donate through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes located on the table in the foyer.

Issues discussed at the Liturgy Group Meeting February 2nd
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of guidelines for art and the environment in the Church following a presentation by Fr Brian Nichols. An initial Sub-Committee was formed. Members: Sr Pamela; Jo; Mary; Jan; Mary-Anne. COVID Restrictions impacting on the parish's sense of community. A Sub-Committee has been formed by the PPC to look into COVID issues 75th Anniversary of Salesian presence in Glenorchy - To be celebrated in August

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, Vince Mele, Barbara Campbell, Sr Carmel Hall and Fr Peter Rankin, Barbara Oakley, Jan & Harvey Bullen

Prayers for the Deceased
<i>Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially: Joy Mochrie, George Marino, Palmerino Di Santo, Mary Nichols, Jennifer Barnard, Bill Oakley, Joseph Nguyen Van Thuong, Raelene Di Martino 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
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 and 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:	22 Mar 21
Bob Mochrie's Team	
Next Week :	29 Mar 21
Bridget Hayde's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$682.05
Quest Tap and Go	\$25.00
Loose Plate:	\$554.90
Direct Deposit:	\$870.00
TOTAL:	\$2,131.95
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,500.00	
Difference:	-\$368.05

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24 Hours for the Lord

Friday & Saturday 26 & 27 March 2021

Spend time with the Lord

Friday, 26 March – in Chapel area of Church

5.00pm-6.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – time for Adoration
5.00pm-6.00pm	Confessions (Fr Guy Riolo)
6.45pm	Benediction (Blessed Sacrament reposed)
7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
7.30pm	Mass
8.00pm	Close

Saturday, 27 March – in main body of Church

8.30am	Rosary
9.00am	Mass
9.30am	Blessed Sacrament exposed for Adoration
9.30am-5.15pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – time for Adoration
9.30am-10.30am	Confessions (Fr Bernie Graham)
1.30pm-2.30pm	Confessions (Fr Guy Riolo)
5.00pm	Evening Prayer (Led by Sr Pam Davis)
5.15pm	Benediction (Blessed Sacrament Reposed)
6.00pm	Palm Sunday Mass

(No confessions available between 5.15pm & 5.45pm)

**Lenten Talk: One Man's Way of the Cross by Ed Sianski
7.00pm, 24th March Wednesday**

We are hosting the final speaker in our Lenten series on Wednesday March 24. Ed Sianski was born in Germany and migrated to Australia with his family after WW2. He has been a teacher and a librarian with a great interest in matters of faith and spirituality. For many years he was in charge of the Resource Centre at the Catholic Education Office. His family life has been affected by issues of addiction, mental illness and dementia and he has been a member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 27 years. He will give us insights about alcoholism as a way of the cross for both the alcoholic and the whole family. AA is a spiritual program with much to teach us all.

**Invitation to prepare for the Sacraments of
Confirmation and First Communion**

The Church of St. John the Baptist, Glenorchy, is offering to help parents /carers of children, prepare them to be confirmed and make their first Communion. Families who have connections with the Parish are invited to participate. The child must already have made their first Reconciliation. An information session for parents only will be available on Tuesday 23 Mar @ 7.00pm in the Parish meeting room. For more information please contact the Parish Office 62726363.

24 Hours for the Lord

The "24 Hours for the Lord" was begun in 2014 by Pope Francis. It is an annual worldwide Lenten initiative for Catholics to receive the mercy of God through Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We have adapted the program for our Parish and will have Exposition, Reconciliation and other devotions on Friday evening, 26 March and throughout the day on Saturday, 27 March.

Processions during the Easter Ceremonies

The Palm Sunday and Easter Vigil Masses will not begin as usual years due to the difficulty of managing processions in a COVID safe way. People are asked to take their seats in the usual way. The introductory rites of these Masses will be celebrated in the foyer with a representative number of parishioners then Mass will proceed in the usual way.

Help needed for Easter Ceremonies

1) Two people on the registration desk for every ceremony and
2) Three to four people to sanitise the church following every ceremony.
If you can help us, please write your name on the sheets in the foyer or see Jo 0419 510 014