

First Reading
Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2
(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23
Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:
'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'



St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

8th and 9th May 2021 - 6th Sunday of Easter - Year B

Dear Friends,

The Gospel today comes from Jesus' farewell talk at the Last Supper. Jesus gives His apostles the commandment to love one another as He has loved them. It is repeated twice so that we would not miss it! For Jesus, this is the love that unites us to Him and to His Father. There is no other way of demonstrating our love for Him: if we love Jesus, we will keep His commandment to love one another as He has loved us. This charity towards all is not a love that says I will love you when it suits me or when things are going well between us. It is an unconditional love; it is a love that suffers all, even to the point of death because when we truly love someone, we are willing to die for that person.

Fr George McKenna, an American priest, tells this story that may help us to put Jesus words: "love one another as I have loved you," into practice in our daily lives. "Recently, at a morning parish Mass with school children in attendance, I told the boys and girls, "See the Lord as an infant in arms. Really our Saviour has no age. Carry Him about in your arms as you do your little brothers and sisters. Talk to Him about your secret fears and worries. Especially hug Him tightly and tell the Holy Child your love." Many weeks later, the school secretary told me how much she enjoyed the idea and how she had done this in her own prayer life with much profit to her happiness. Why can't we do the same? Are not we adults, children at heart?

Our (Lord Jesus) as an Infant, is no different than our Saviour on the Cross. Find much joy in holding the Christ Child close in your arms, so innocent and helpless. In this cold world, He wants our hugs and tenderness. How quickly the Child of Mary would win over our hearts and help us (bring) love and peace in our homes. ...We can bring God's (love and) peace in our words like: "Have I told you today how much I love you? I love you more than I can say. Thanks for all the good things you do for us."

The great Carmelite spiritual writer, St John of the Cross said: "Have a great love for those who contradict you and do not love you, because in this way love is produced in the heart where it does not exist; do as God does with us, who loves us so that we may love Him through the love that He brings us."

St Dorotheus of Gaza who lived in the 6th Century, wrote: "Try to love one another because our union with God depends on our union to one another. I want to give you an example: imagine that this circle represents the world and at the centre of the circle is God. The lines which go from the outer edge of the circle to the centre represent our individual paths to God. The saints strive to get closer and closer to God but by doing so they are getting closer and closer to everyone else. (Fr. Guy)

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Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and thank you for all you are and do. We pray for you.

24th May - Mary Help of Christians 9:00am Mass. All welcome. Cup of tea and coffee after the Mass.

The Rosary in May

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to our Lady. During this month, there will be the opportunity to join in praying the Rosary before the Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings from 5.30pm-5.50pm and before the 10.00am Mass on Sundays from 9.30am-9.50am.

PARISH DIARY May 2021	
8 Saturday,	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am Mass at St John's 6.00pm Mass at St John's 	
9 Sunday, 6th Sunday of Easter	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.30am Mass at St Monica's 10.00am Mass at St John's 	
10 Monday, St John of Avila	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am Mass at St John's 	
11 Tuesday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am Mass at St John's 8.00am-8.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 	
12 Wednesday, St Pancras	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.00am-8.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 	
13 Thurs., Our Lady of Fatima	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am-11.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St John's 	
14 Friday, St Matthias	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12.00 noon Mass at St John's 9.00am Mass at St John's 3.00pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group at St John's 	
15 Saturday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am Mass at St John's 6.00pm Mass at St John's 	
16 Sunday, The Ascension of the Lord	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.30am Mass at St Monica's 10.00am Mass at St John's 	

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

This Prayer Group has been set up for a trial period of three months. The time is 3.00pm - 3.30pm on Fridays in church. All are welcome to join in. Prayer will be from the Divine Mercy Pamphlet. Social time follows to 4:00pm. John Brereton: ph 0434998180

Check in Tas app

Contact tracing is a vital tool for health authorities if an outbreak of coronavirus occurs. It allows rapid tracing of the movements of people who may have been infected, as well as providing timely advice to businesses they visited and people they spent time with. Check in Tas provides a contactless, secure and convenient way for customers to check into your venue. The data is stored on a Department of Health platform and is automatically deleted after 28 days. Your patrons can be assured that it will only be accessed by authorised Department of Health staff conducting contract tracing if required in the event of an outbreak. We appreciate your cooperation with contact tracing by registering to use Check in Tas. Check in Tas is a free and convenient service, enabling customers to sign into your venue simply by scanning a QR code. They won't need to re-enter their details every visit once they've registered via the app. Please don't forget to scan the QR codes posted at the church door before you enter or if you don't have the Check in Tas app yet, please sign the attendance sheet on the table at the back of the church.

Draw of Mother's Day Raffle after the 10:00am Sunday Mass at St John's

St John's Parish 50/50's Club

What is it?

A parish fundraiser for necessary emergency repairs to church and grounds.

How does it work?

We need 50 parishioners or friends to pay \$50, 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 or by envelopes which are available on the table at the back of the church and can be put on the plate.

Hurry Last 15 spots left! We need your support.

Communion to the Sick

We are in need of more volunteers to take communion to sick parishioners both in their own homes and in nursing homes. Volunteers need to have or are willing to procure: A current police check, A record of a flu vaccine, A volunteer card for Working with Vulnerable People. If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry, please talk to Fr Guy or Sr Pamela.

Footy Points Margin

The winner of round 7 (22 points) was Fred Elliott.

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, Barbara Oakley, Fr Peter Rankin, Tom Elliott & Judy Kingston

Prayers for the Deceased

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, Brian Harradine, Ray Tarvydas, Pasquale Falera, Stan Taylor, Mietek Szukielojc
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 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:	10 May
Bridget Hayde's Team	
Next Week :	17 May
Roberta Puckett's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$1,001.95
Quest Tap and Go	\$100.00
Loose Plate:	\$452.70
Direct Deposit:	\$528.90
TOTAL:	\$2,83.55
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,500.00	
Difference:	\$416.45