

First Reading Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his

body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'



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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

21st & 22nd August 2021 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Dear Friends,

'After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?'

The people in the synagogue of Capernaum who had followed Jesus up till then found it too difficult to accept His teaching on the Eucharist. But Peter, and His closest disciples continued to accept Him and said, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life."

Jesus' teaching is based on faith in Him. We need to make this faith in Him our own. We have to find meaning in it through our own personal experience of Christ in our lives. When we do, our faith becomes a belief in and a commitment to Jesus.

I remember that as a young person in search for meaning in life I said to myself that I would read the Bible to see if there was any truth in it. If not, then I would follow the philosophy of Marx. When I started to read the Bible I was overwhelmed by a sense that I had discovered the truth. The Holy Spirit filled the deep emptiness in my heart which nothing could fill. It was like a key that opened the door of my heart and filling it with joy and wonder. All I wanted to do was to commit my life to Jesus, my Lord and Saviour and to know and serve Him because He fulfilled my deepest desire.

We should repeat often the words Peter said, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life." May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Her Son Jesus for all.

• **Parish First Holy Communion:** at the 10.00 am Mass, 19th September, four of our young people who were confirmed will make their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

• **Becoming Missionary Disciples:** (Evangelium Conference) The Archdiocese of Hobart is holding this event at the Kingston-Channel Parish of Christ the Priest Church, Kingston, 9.00 am – 9.00 pm on Saturday 28 August. The theme is: Pastoral Conversion of Parish Communities. The speakers will present practical ideas we can implement in our parishes, families and schools to help lead people to encounter Jesus Christ and His Church. All welcome. Cost: \$32.49 pp for catering. Registration: Eventbrite.com.au and search for 'Evangelium Conference Tas' See noticeboard for the day's program. Ring Christine Wood – 6208 6236 for further information.

• **Social Justice Sunday:** we celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29th of August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02)6201 9845.

• **National Day of Prayer for Pandemic:** Today 22nd August at St John's after the Mass at 11.10am the rosary will be said. We are all invited to lift up a united voice to God, who is rich in kindness and faithfulness, pleading for his mercy upon humanity in its time of distress and need.

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PARISH DIARY August 2021	
21 Saturday, St Pius X, pope	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
• 6.00pm Mass at St John's	
22 Sunday, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	
• 8.30am Mass at St Monica's	
• 10.00am Mass at St John's	
23 Monday, St Rose of Lima, virgin	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
24 Tuesday, St Bartholomew, apostle	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
25 Wednesday, St Louis IX	
• 8.00am-8.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
26 Thursday	
• 9.00am-11.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St John's	
• 12.00 noon Mass at St John's	
27 Fri, St Monica	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
• 3.00pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group at St John's	
28 Sat. St Augustine, bishop	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
• 6.00pm Mass at St John's	
29 Sunday, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
• 8.30am Mass at St Monica's	
• 10.00am Mass at St John's	

Reminder for Covid 19 Safety
You must check in every time you come to St John's church or the Parish office. Everyone aged 16 years or older must check-in no matter how short their visit to church or parish office/meeting room.

Anointing of the Sick within Mass
The Sacrament of anointing will be given to those seriously ill on Thursday 2nd September, 2021 at 12.00 noon. A plate to share will be welcome.

Feast of St Monica
St Monica's feast day (27 August) falls on a Friday this year. Mass will be celebrated in her honour at the 9am. Mass at St John's after which morning tea will be served in the Foyer. A special invitation extended to those who worship at St Monica's to join in this celebration.

October Month of the Rosary
As in past years, the Rosary will be recited before all weekend Masses at St John's, Glenorchy and St Monica's, Chigwell during the month of October. At St John's it will be led by the members of the Legion of Mary.

St Joseph Reflection Day
Saturday 4 September, 10.00am - 3.00 pm at St John's Church Meeting Room, Glenorchy. The Facilitator will be Belinda Chapman who will offer four sessions: Joseph obedient and accepting; tender and loving father; creatively courageous and a working father; a father in the shadows. BYO Lunch; tea, coffee provided. To register please write your name and phone number on the clipboard at the back of the church or contact parish office on 6272 6363.

Sacramental Preparation - First Reconciliation
Parents/carers of children of St John's Parish, Glenorchy, who wish to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, are invited to attend an information meeting on Wednesday, 8 September at 7pm in the parish meeting room. (The Church requires that children have made their First Reconciliation before celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion.) If you think your child is ready to take this step in their faith journey, please contact Marie Aitken (0472 545 919) or the Parish Office (6272 6363) to register your interest or for further information.

Legion of Mary celebrating 100 Years
The Legion of Mary invites all Parishioners to the 100 year Celebration of the founding of the Legion of Mary. Archbishop Porteous will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 29th August, 2021 at 10.30am. There will be morning tea and a cake cutting ceremony afterwards in the Cathedral Centre.

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. The next raffle will be drawn in December 2021. We have 11 people who have joined. We need 39 people to complete the fundraiser.
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 in the basket.

Parish Fundraiser
• Donations of Pre-loved gifts in good condition, Plants and Scratchies for a raffle tree would be greatly appreciated. This will be needed for our parish fair on 17th October 2021. Many thanks, Kay Grainger (6272 9024).

Spring High Tea Boxes
Spring High Tea Boxes (@ \$15 each) with a delicious variety of sweet and savoury pieces will be on sale at the presbytery on Saturday 18 September between 12 noon and 1.30pm. Orders should be made with Felecia (0447 887 512) or Jo (0419 510 014) by 11 September.

Footy Points Margin
Sr. Pam won round 22 (39 points); round 21 (19

Bequests
Have you updated your will recently? If you are updating your will, you may wish to think about bequeathing part of it to St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish, Glenorchy.

Our Sick - Please remember in your prayers
Alida Beric, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Mary Dowd, Monique Matzner, Amy Matzner, Patricia Leamey, June Webb, Vince Mele, Barbara Campbell, Fr Peter Rankin, Judy Kingston, Paul Becker

Prayers for the Deceased
Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially:
Bill Oakley, Sr Janet Ryan OP, Gwen Lincoln, Betty Direen, Frances Direen, Craig Rickards, Peter Crane, Sr Carmel Hall, Minka Busch, Ron Nilsson, Stan Brach and Kerris Direen
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

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP at St. John's, Glenorchy

- Every Friday at 3.00pm

COUNTERS' ROSTERS	
This Week:	23 August
Bob Mochrie's Team	
Next Week :	30 August
Bridget Hayde's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$759.85
Quest Tap and Go	\$150.00
Loose Plate:	\$699.95
Direct Deposit:	\$580.00
TOTAL:	\$2,189.80
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,500.00	
Difference: -	\$310.20



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SATURDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

10.00AM—3.00PM

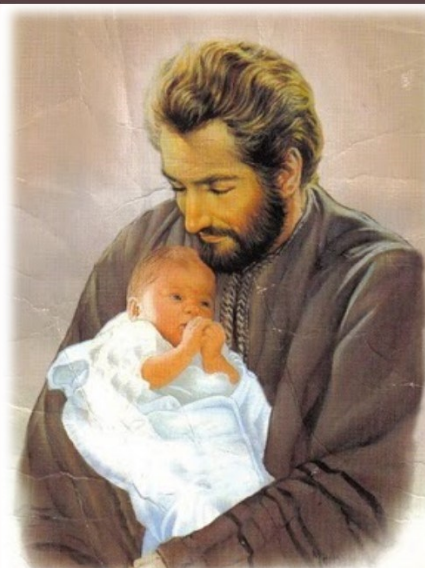
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