

First Reading Is 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.
My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

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

Second Reading Jas 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 11-12 September 2021

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel deals with the question: Who is Jesus? Peter says: "You are the Christ" but what does that really mean? Jesus reprimands Peter: "Get behind me Satan". This is because Peter does not understand God's plan to destroy the power of Satan through Jesus' suffering, innocence and death on a Cross. He tries to stop Jesus from doing what God the Father sent Him to do: to suffer and die on a cross since it is only through His suffering and death on a cross that Jesus will bring about God's plan of salvation for the world.

Contrary to what His followers think, Jesus is not a political leader who will free His people from the Roman occupation. His mission is to suffer and die on the Cross. This is very hard for His followers, including us, to understand or to accept. It is not only the right words: "You are the Christ" that matter, but also what those words mean. For Jesus these words mean that He is "the Christ", the Holy One of God but only understood as the Suffering Servant, the One who must suffer and die on the cross in obedience to His Father's will.

Suffering, pain, humiliation, death really test our faith. When we experience bad things, we may complain and blame God for these injustices. When we do this, we refuse to accept God's way of salvation. Christians are called to reject the values which Satan tries to seduce us with: wealth, pleasure and fame. Christians are called to take up the cross of humility, service and obedience to God's will. May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for people of good will. May all listen to Mary and do what Her Son, Jesus tells them to do: renounce yourselves, take up your crosses and following Him - to calvary through suffering and death to the glory of His resurrection.

Annual Retreat: I will be away from Sunday night 26 September - Saturday 2 October. Sr Pam Davis will be the contact person in my absence. She may be contacted during office hours on 6272 6363.

During my absence, in place of the daily Mass, Sr Pam will lead a Communion Service each day. Thank you for your support and prayers. I will be praying for you all each day on my Retreat.

First Reconciliation Program: There are 7-9 young people who may be celebrating their 1st Reconciliation on 14 December. Thank you to the parents/carers who came to the Information Meetings last week. Thanks also to Marie Aitken and Sr Pam, the Reconciliation Program Catechists who will be preparing the young people for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Plenary Council: The Plenary Council will commence on Sunday October 3 and conclude on Sunday October 10. Due to the Pandemic situation the entire first assembly will take place online. Please pray for the Plenary Council as it is a major event in the life of the Church in Australia. There will be an official opening Mass for the Plenary to be celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, the President of the Plenary Council which will be live streamed from Perth on Sunday October 3. Archbishop Julian Porteous will also celebrate a special Mass for the opening of the Plenary Council on October 3 at 10.30 am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart.

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PARISH DIARY September 2021

11 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 6.00pm Mass at St John's

12 Sunday, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
 - 10.00am Mass at St John's
- #### 13 Monday, St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
- 9.00am Mass at St John's

14 Tues., The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 12.00 noon Mass at St John's

17 Friday, St Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
 - 6.00pm Mass at St John's
- #### 19 Sunday, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
 - 10.00am Mass at St John's

A Prayer for our Earth

All powerful God you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,

That we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

Help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,

So precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

That we may protect the world and not prey upon it,

That we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts

Of those who look only for gain

At the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

To be filled with awe and contemplation,

To recognise that we are profoundly united

with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day,

Encourage us, we pray in, our struggle

For justice, love and peace.

First Holy Communion

Please pray for our four young people who will receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time at the **10.00 am Mass Sunday 19 September**. May they always make Him the centre of their lives. Please join in welcoming these young people at morning tea following the ceremony. You might like to bring a plate to share.

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.

Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor

A copy of the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor" is available to read on the noticeboard or you can access it on www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Fr Michael Tate will offer an Introduction to the Mass over two weeks - Wednesday 15 and 22 September - from 5:30-6:30 pm in St Francis Xavier Church, crn of Adelaide and Anglesea Streets, South Hobart. All are welcome. Further information: Fr Tate 0418 397 602.

2021 John Wallis Memorial Lecture

will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 27 October at the Don Bosco Creative Arts Centre, Guilford Young College, Glenorchy. Contact: Penny Edman 0400 896 191

St John's Parish 50/50 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 16 people who have joined. We need 34 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 Fair - 17th October 2021

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 Sunday, 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**. All money raised goes to support the Salesians working at the Don Bosco Technical School in Biratnagar Nepal. Orders should be made with Felecia (0447 887 512) or Jo (0419 510 014) by 11 September.

Footy Points Margin

Round 23 (2 points) has not been claimed nor has the ticket marked First Week of Finals (35 points). **The ticket to claim on for the game played on Friday 10 September will be the one marked Semi-Final.**

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, Les Williams, Pauline Fitzallen

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially: Bill Oakley, Gwen Lincoln, Betty Direen, Frances Direen, Craig Rickards, Peter Crane, Sr Carmel Hall, Minka Busch, Ron Nilsson, Stan Brach, Kerris Direen, Vic & Margaret Derrick, Michael Percy, Luigi Vavaldarchi
Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

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. Please pray for all those sick with the Coronavirus and for those who have died from it.

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:	13 Sept
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Bridget Hayde's Team

Next Week :	20 Sept
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Roberta Puckett's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$1,065.75
Quest Tap and Go	\$50.00
Loose Plate:	\$799.80
Direct Deposit:	\$415.00
TOTAL:	\$2,330.55
Weekly Budget:	\$ 2,500.00
Difference: -	\$169.45