

First Reading Zep 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel,
is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes,
word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy
for you as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2-6 R. v.6

(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy
One of Israel.

Second Reading Phil 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy
in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is
your happiness. Let your tolerance be
evident to everyone: the Lord is very
near. There is no need to worry; but if
there is anything you need, pray for
it, asking God for it with prayer and
thanksgiving, and that peace of God,
which is so much greater than we can
understand, will guard your hearts
and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the
poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What
must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone
has two tunics he must share with the
man who has none, and the one with
something to eat must do the same.'
There were tax collectors too who
came for baptism, and these said to
him, 'Master, what must we do?' He
said to them, 'Exact no more than
your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in
their turn, 'What about us? What must
we do?' He said to them, 'No
intimidation! No extortion! Be content
with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy
had grown among the people, who
were beginning to think that John
might be the Christ, so John declared
before them all, 'I baptise you with
water, but someone is coming,
someone who is more powerful than I
am, and I am not fit to undo the strap
of his sandals; he will baptise you with
the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing
-fan is in his hand to clear his
threshing-floor and to gather the
wheat into his barn; but the chaff he
will burn in a fire that will never go
out.' As well as this, there were many
other things he said to exhort the
people and to announce the Good
News to them.



St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

11–12 December 2021, 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year C

Dear Friends,

The Secret of Happiness

One of the themes of today's readings is that of happiness. All of us want is to be happy. But what is the secret of happiness? Once a shepherd sent his son to a wise man to learn the secret of happiness. When he arrived at the beautiful castle where the wise man lived, the boy told him he wished to know the secret of happiness. However, instead of explaining the secret to him, the wise man handed him a spoon filled with oil, saying, 'Take a look around the palace. As you go around, carry this spoon with you without allowing the oil to spill.' The boy began to move around the palace. As he did so he kept his eyes fixed on the spoon. After two hours, he returned to the room where the wise man was. 'Well,' asked the wise man, 'what have you seen?' The boy was embarrassed, and confessed that he had seen nothing. His only concern had been not to spill the oil that the wise man had entrusted to him. 'Well then,' said the wise man, 'go back and observe the marvels of my world. You cannot trust a man if you don't know his house.' Relieved, the boy picked up the spoon and returned to his exploration of the palace, this time observing all the beautiful furniture and works of art that adorned the rooms of the castle. Then he visited the garden, with its magnificent fountain and beautiful flowers and shrubs, admiring the taste with which everything was laid out. On returning to the wise man, he related in detail everything he had seen. 'But where are the drops of oil I entrusted to you?' asked

the wise man. Looking down at the spoon, the boy saw that the oil was gone. 'Well, there is only one piece of advice I can give you,' said the wise man. 'The secret of happiness lies in the ability to see all the marvels of the world and never forget the drops of oil in the spoon.' The boy understood immediately what the wise man was saying. A shepherd may like to travel, but he should never forget his sheep. The secret to happiness consists in being faithful to ones commitments and responsibilities while at the same time enjoying life. It's easy to be happy when we are doing what we want. But to find happiness in what we have to do, not simply in what we want to do this is a blessing from God. Happiness is not a shallow self-satisfaction. There can be no happiness for us as long as the things we do are different from the things we believe. And there can be no happiness without love. A sadness falls upon us when we say 'no' to love. And we mustn't equate joy with pleasure. Pleasure is of the body; joy is of the spirit. You can quickly become tired of pleasures, but you never grow tired of joys. In the end, only God can fulfill our dreams, and happiness is the best sign of his presence. The presence of God is the cause of our joy. Isaiah said to the people, 'Shout for joy.' What is the cause of that joy? Because 'God is in your midst.' And Paul said to the Philippians, 'I want you to be happy.' Why? Because 'the Lord is very near.' The joy that this world cannot give is the joy that comes from a sense of God and his love for us. (Flor Mc Carthy SDB, homilies pp 24-25)

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PARISH DIARY**December 2021****11 Saturday**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 6.00pm Mass at St John's
- 12 Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Advent**
- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass at St John's
- 13 Monday, St Lucy**
- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 14 Tuesday, St Joh of the Cross**
- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 15 Wednesday**
- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 16 Thursday**
- 12.00 noon Mass at St John's
- 17 Friday**
- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 18 Saturday**
- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 6.00pm Mass at St John's
- 19 Sunday, 4th Sunday of Advent**
- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass at St John's

Coming up:

- 7.00pm 14 December: Parish Second Rite of Reconciliation. All welcome.
- Parish Office closed from 2.00pm Tuesday 22 December 2021
- Parish Office reopens 8.30am on Tuesday 4 January 2022
- 5.30pm 24 December: Carols
6.00pm Christmas Family Mass
- 8.30am 25 December: Christmas Mass at **St Monica's, Chigwell**
- 10.00am 25 December: Christmas Mass at **St John's, Glenorchy**
- **No Mass at 6.00pm 25 December Christmas night.**

Silent Retreat: 'In the Gaze of God'.

You are invited to spend time with God on a 6 day silent retreat at Emmanuel Centre in Launceston. Facilitated by Sr Jenny Scally and Maureen O'Halloran, March 4th - 11th 2022. Cost is \$700 (meals, accommodation and optional spiritual direction inclusive). This is an opportunity to discover (or depth) the tender gaze God has for you. A gaze like no other! There is also opportunity for week-end participation 4-6 March, cost: \$240 however w/end numbers are limited. Enquiries: mfohalloran@bigpond.com

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers

Dear Parishioners,
 In my letter, to you some weeks ago, advising you that St. Dominic Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society would be going into recess. It is with deep sorrow that I have to confirm that it has happened. However we need some help in handling Christmas Hampers this year. They will be in the Parish meeting room for the consumers to come and collect them on Tuesday 21st to Thursday 23rd December from 10.00am-2.00pm. Our consumers are still being cared for by other Conferences and are mainly working from Hopkins Street store. As I stated the Poor Box in the Chapel will be looked after for the Society. There are some Christmas Cards for sale this week-end. Des Mortimer

Columban Calendars

Your calendars are available for collection in the parish office during business hours on Weekdays except Wednesday's. Calendars are \$9 each.

St John's Parish 50/50 Club

We have 26 people who have joined. We need 24 people to complete the fundraiser. You may join 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.

Assistance Required

We are in need of assistance with serving refreshments (and washing up thereof) at the end of the 6pm Vigil Mass. If you can give a little of your time (on a rotating roster) to assist Sue, please call Virginia on 0428 627 311. Thank you.

Our Sick - Please remember in your prayers

Alida Beric, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Fr Bob Curmi, Mary Dowd, Monique Matzner, Amy Matzner, Patricia Leamey, June Webb, Vince Mele, Barbara Campbell, Fr Peter Rankin, Judy Kingston, Les Williams, Pauline Fitzallen, Krystyna Szukielojc, Bob Mochrie, Elizabeth Drake, Marian Whyman, Joanna Colli, Maria Mele

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 Valdarchi, Cath Mc Carthy, Georgette Thomas, PK Varghese, Esterina D'Onofrio, Dino Di Benedetto, Luis Escobar, Doreen Street

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 Dec
Bridget Hayde's Team	

Next Week :	20 Dec
Roberta Puckett's Team	

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$665.95
Quest Tap and Go	\$80.00
Loose Plate:	\$641.45
Direct Deposit:	\$865.00
TOTAL:	\$2,252.40
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,500.00	
Difference: -	\$247.60

PRAYER FOR THE PARISH ASSEMBLY

Merciful and loving Father,

You have called us to be your family
in this place

To discuss the things that matter to us

To discern the path ahead

And to share in the life and mission of your Son, Jesus.



As we prepare for our Parish Assembly

We ask you to make us ready for the work at hand.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts,

That we may be filled with compassion, courage and love.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our minds,

That we may receive your wisdom, dream new dreams,

And be open to new ideas.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our community,

That we may see you in one another,

Envision new horizons

And welcome all into your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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At Glenorchy and Chigwell

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, 27 February, 2022

You are invited

**to attend a Parish Assembly Day to be held at
Guilford Young College Glenorchy, on Sunday, 27
February, 2022 from 11.30 a.m. until 3.00 p.m.
The Day will begin with Mass at 10.00 a.m. at St
John's Catholic Church, Glenorchy and include a
light lunch.**

**Come and celebrate what the Parish is doing well
and help us identify future growth areas.**

**To make the Assembly a success, we welcome your
participation. You are encouraged to put your
name on the attendance sheet today at the back
of the church.**