

First Reading Jon 3:1-5. 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of

their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.



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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



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St. Monica

23rd & 24th January 2021 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Dear Friends,

In the Gospel Reading today, Jesus begins his public ministry by proclaiming: **'The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News'**. His hearers are warned to turn back to God and to believe in the words and actions of Jesus because from now on it is He who reveals God the Father to the world. Through His words and actions, and His death and resurrection, Jesus brings God's salvation to all humankind.

Therefore, people are urgently called to examine their lives and make or renew their heartfelt commitment to accept Jesus, follow Him more closely and live by Gospel values. Simon, Andrew, James and John, the first four disciples of Jesus are examples for us to imitate because they heard the urgent call to repent and believe in Jesus, responded promptly and wholeheartedly and followed Him.

In the Gospel, Jesus says, "The time has come". This refers to God's time of salvation which He accomplishes in His own time. With Jesus, God's time has come. Jesus makes known God the Father and therefore, now is the time to respond to His call and follow Him. If we place our trust in Jesus we are saved. Failing to decide to follow Jesus and live by His teaching will be our ruin.

When Jesus says, "The kingdom of God is at hand", He is referring to Himself. By His Incarnation, words, actions, death and resurrection He is

preparing for His final coming when He will present all people and all creation to God for their eternal happiness with God.

Finally, Jesus says, "Repent and believe the Good News." But to enter the kingdom of God is not easy, nevertheless, it is possible. Entry into God's kingdom is now through faith in Jesus and by living in a Christ-like manner in this life. For Jesus those who are blessed are the poor, those who mourn, the persecuted, those who hunger for justice, the peacemakers, the gentle, the merciful, the pure in heart... for theirs is the kingdom of God. To "believe in the Gospel" means a whole-hearted trust in Jesus and living life by the Gospel values. May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for us so that we may be more Christ-like, always put our trust in Him and lead others to know and follow Him too.

St Francis de Sales

Today we also celebrate the Memoria of St Francis de Sales, one of the main patrons of the Salesians. Our founder, Don Bosco, wanted us to be like St Francis because he was so gentle and mild towards all. Pope St John XXIII wrote in his personal diary, 'My life, so the Lord tells me, must be a perfect copy of that of St Francis if I wish to bear good fruit. Nothing extraordinary in me, or in my behaviour, except my way of doing ordinary things. "All ordinary things but done in no ordinary way." A great burning love for Jesus Christ and his Church, unalterable serenity of mind, wonderful gentleness with everyone, that is all.' (Fr Guy)

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PARISH DIARY**January 2021****23 Saturday, Mass of Virgin Mary**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

- 6.00pm Mass at St John's

24 Sunday, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's

- 10.00am Mass at St John's

25 Monday, The Conversion of St Paul, apostle

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

26 Tuesday, Australia Day

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

27 Wednesday, Sts Timothy and Titus

- 8.00am-8.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

28 Thursday, St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor

- 9.00am-11.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St John's

- 12.00 noon Mass at St John's

29 Friday

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

30 Saturday, Mass of Virgin Mary

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

- 6.00pm Mass at St John's

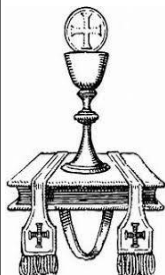
31 Sunday, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's

- 10.00am Mass at St John's

31st January Feast day of St John Bosco

We pray for the Salesians of Don Bosco who celebrate their founder's feast today.



Please pray for
 Fr Lawrie Moate SDB
 who celebrates his 60th anniversary
 of his profession as a Salesian
 on 31st January 2021
 the feast of St John Bosco

Moved by Hope: "See, I am making all things anew" (Rev21:5) - Salesian Strenna for 2021

At the beginning of each year, the Rector Major gives a new strenna to be a guide to live our Christian lives in the charism of St John Bosco. "Strenna" is an Italian word which means gift; a small and cherished gift which was used by Don Bosco to help direct and teach those in Salesian parishes, schools and playgrounds. We continue this tradition and so receive this year's Strenna from the Rector Major and reflect on ways by which we can implement it in our daily lives.

Coming up

24th Jan St Francis de Sales - 8:30am & 10:00am Masses
 25th Jan The Conversion of St Paul - 9:00am Mass
 28th Jan St Thomas Aquinas - 12:00pm Mass
 31 Jan St John Bosco - 8:30am & 10:00am Masses
 1st Feb Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - 7:00pm
 2nd Feb The Presentation of the Lord - 9:00am Mass
 2nd Feb Parish Liturgy Meeting - 7:00pm
 16th Feb Parish Finance Committee - 4:00pm
 17th Feb Ash Wednesday - 9:00am & 10:00am Masses
 19th Feb Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm
 23rd Feb Lenten Talk: Dr Drasko Dizdar - 7:00pm

Farewell Fr Peter and Fr Damien

Fr Peter Rankin and Fr Damien Sladen have moved to the mainland We thank them again for their great help in the parish. We warmly welcome Fr Bernie Graham to our Salesian Community at Glenorchy. Hopefully you will meet him soon, however, he is heavily committed to Dominic College.

Ministers of the Word

The rosters for 20 February to 23 May will be drawn up shortly. If you know you will be unavailable during this time, please let me know before 31 January. Thank you, Jo 0419 510 014

Emergency Repair Club

Late last year we announced the intention to start the 50/50 EmRep (emergency repair) club to raise funds for those necessary urgent repairs and maintenance inflicted on the parish from time to time. This need was forcibly demonstrated in the last few weeks when our ride-on mower and whipper snipper both failed at the same time. When we attempted to get them repaired we were advised that the overall condition of both items was such that the cost of repair could not be justified. The replacement is urgent and the estimated \$4,000 cost has not been provided for in our budget. This means we are looking to the 50/50 Club for replenishment of our funds. This is how the 50/50 club works: We are inviting parishioners to become a member of the club by donating \$50 as a 'membership' fee. Members may remain anonymous if they wish otherwise their names will be available on the notice board. A group of 50 members will be known as a Chapter and when one Chapter is filled, 3 prizes will be drawn and a new chapter list commences. When a new list is started, people may elect to renew their membership but there is no compulsion to do so. The prizes are - \$150 first prize, \$100 second prize and \$50 for third prize. This means that each chapter raises a net total of \$2,200 which will be set aside for emergency repairs. Application for membership may be made by contacting the Parish Office.

Can you help?

Due to COVID requirements we need to have a roster of people, men and women, to help clean the Church after Mass. We have had willing volunteers do this for some months but they need some support as it seems that we will continue to have restrictions until the end of this year. Can you give a few minutes after Mass on a rostered basis? If so, please contact Jo Elliott 0419 510 014 (St. John's); Paul Becker 0476 404 080 (St. Monica's)

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 and Barbara Campbell

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially:

Mary Nichols, Jennifer Barnard and Bill Oakley

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
 - 8.40am every 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:	28 Jan 21 Thursday
Bob Mochrie's Team	
Next Week :	1 Feb 21 Monday
Mary Parisissons' Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$892.95
Loose Plate:	\$480.60
Direct Deposit:	\$410.00
TOTAL:	\$1783.55
<u>Weekly Budget: \$ 2,500.00</u>	
Difference:	- \$716.45