

First Reading Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

Job began to speak:
 Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading

1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!



Gospel Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



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6th & 7th February 2020 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Dear Friends,

On this Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time the Word of God invites us to reflect on the problem of suffering in the light of our faith. It also prepare us for the World Day of the Sick, celebrated annually on 11th of February.

In the first reading, The Author of the Book of Job argues that the whole of humanity throughout history experiences illusion and grief. If we reflect on our lives we can see that this is true. Job says, "Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy." But what scandalises the author of the Book of Job and is a problem for him is the fact that suffering also happens to innocent persons. That is, it is the innocent who suffer.

Job shouts in rebellion and asks God for an explanation. But he cannot have an explanation because the ways of God are beyond human understanding and remain a mystery. Even the suffering of the just and innocent person form a part of God's providential Plan. The answer to Job's question: "Why does the innocent and just person suffer" is answered in Jesus, the Son whom God the Father sends into the world.

Jesus comes near to those who suffer. He shares the lot of the poor, the sick and those who are excluded from society. He also frees them from their sicknesses. The Gospel of Mark states: "He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils".

However, Jesus does not eliminate suffering; He takes it on Himself and personally experiences fully the suffering of others. His suffering, brings about the salvation of humanity, willed by God the Father. With Him suffering becomes a source and instrument of salvation.

This is the good news that Jesus brings: God the Father loves us and wants all to be saved. Therefore, faith in Jesus, does not free us from suffering. But, "the certainty of future immortality and hope in the promised resurrection cast new light on the mystery of suffering and death, and fill the believer with an extraordinary capacity to trust fully in the plan of God" St Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae

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PARISH DIARY	
February 2021	
6 Saturday, St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs	
●9.00am Mass at St John's	
●6.00pm Mass at St John's	
7 Sunday, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
●8.30am Mass at St Monica's	
8 Monday, St Josephine Bakhita, virgin	
9.00am Mass at St John's	
9 Tuesday	
●9.00am Mass at St John's	
10 Wednesday, St Scholastica, virgin	
●8.00am-8.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
●9.00am Mass at St John's	
11 Thursday, Our Lady of Lourdes	
●9.00am-11.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St John's	
●12.00 noon Mass at St John's	
12 Friday	
●9.00am Mass at St John's	
13 Saturday, Mass of Virgin Mary	
●9.00am Mass at St John's	
●6.00pm Mass at St John's	
14 Sunday, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
●8.30am Mass at St Monica's	
●10.00am Mass at St John's	

Coming up	
16th Feb	Parish Finance Committee - 4:00pm
16th Feb	Shrove Tuesday & Burning of Ashes - 7:00pm
17th Feb	Ash Wednesday - 9:00am & 7:00pm Masses
19th Feb	Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm
23rd Feb	Lenten Talk: Dr Drasko Dizdar - 7:00pm

Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday 2021 (in Time of Pandemic)

Archbishop Julian Porteous has provided the following recommendation: "The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". The Priest then cleanses his hands and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything."

Lenten Talk: February 23rd, 2021

Dr Drasko Dizdar will give a reflection on the theme of the desert of doubt and temptation and why God allows us to be tempted. This Lenten Talk will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday February 23, at St John's Church, Glenorchy, Dr Dizdar is a member of the Emmaus monastic community, affiliated to the ecumenical Monastery of Bose (Italy). He is a theologian and has taught in various universities and colleges in Australia and overseas, including the Australian Catholic University. He is currently working with the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office.

Becoming Motivated Disciples: The Verbum Domini Institute is focusing on how to live out the Gospel more fully through motivated Christian Discipleship. Join this four session short course to hear and discuss the meaning of Christian discipleship with the aim of developing a renewed commitment to Jesus Christ in preparation for Easter. When: Tuesdays 23rd Feb., 9th & 23rd Mar, and 6th Apr. The final session will be in the Easter season so we can focus on the fruits of Easter in our spiritual lives. Time: 7-8.30pm. Cost: Free. Register: christine.wood@aohas.org.au or call 0408-321-002. Where: online via Zoom.

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)

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 established and when it is filled, 3 prizes will be drawn and a new group will commence. 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 group raises a net total of \$2,200 which will be set aside for emergency repairs. To be a member of the group may be made by contacting the Parish Office.

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:	9 Feb 21- Tuesday
Linda Mondigo's Team	
Next Week :	15 Feb 21
Roberta Puckett's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$922.85
Loose Plate:	\$528.50
Direct Deposit:	\$695.00
TOTAL:	\$2,146.35
Weekly Budget:	\$ 2,500.00
Difference:	-\$353.65