

First Reading 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation. And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 136. R. v.6
(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

Second Reading Eph 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with

him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Glory and praise to you,
 Lord Jesus Christ!
 God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
 Glory and praise to you,
 Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

For God so loved the world
 that he gave his one and
 only Son, that whoever
 believes in him shall not
 perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

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St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

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13th & 14th March 2021 - 4th Sunday of Lent - Year B

Dear Friends,

Our Scripture Readings today are about God's infinite love for all people.

In today's First Reading God's merciful love reaches out to the Jewish people who are special to Him. The Jerusalem Temple had been destroyed and they had been taken as slaves to Persia because of their unfaithfulness to God. But God inspired Cyrus, the king of the Persians to let the Jews return to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple.

In the Second Reading, St Paul reminds his listeners, including us, that it is by God's help that we are saved. No one can save himself or herself by their own efforts alone. It is God who saves all people through His Son, Jesus who died on the Cross for the salvation of the world.

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus tells Nicodemus, and all who read or listen to this passage, that Moses lifted the bronze serpent on a pole in the desert. All those bitten by fiery serpents and looked at the bronze serpent, did not die. In the same way, Jesus was lifted on a Cross so that all those who looked at Him on the Cross and believed in Him would have eternal life. This shows God's infinite love for all people.

May the Virgin Mary Mother of God help us to trust in God's loving mercy and thank Him for giving us Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. May She accompany us on our Lenten journey of reconciliation with one another and with God.

Holy Week Ceremonies:

Holy Week begins in two weeks. We shall be looking for assistance with the ceremonies. Please help if you can. Let us seek to celebrate these ceremonies as well as we can. God reaches many people at this time, and everything we can do to celebrate the liturgy worthily and well assists all who attend to experience God's merciful love.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please let those you know who need the Sacrament of the Sick to come to Mass this Thursday 18 March.

Lenten Reconciliation:

Our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service at St John's Church Glenorchy, will be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 22 March. Fr Graeme Howard and Fr Suresh Sesusion and Fr Guy Riolo will be our Confessors. All welcome.

On-line Booking for the Easter Ceremonies:

Due to Covid-19 Restrictions, as we did for Christmas, we need to book on-line for the Easter Ceremonies. Please see this Newsletter for details.

Morning Tea after Weekend Masses is back!

As from this weekend we can have a cuppa after Mass on Saturday night and Sunday morning. Please take care and continue to respect the Covid-19 Restrictions in place.

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PARISH DIARY**March 2021****13 Saturday**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 6.00pm Mass at St John's
- 14 Sunday, 4th Sunday of Lent**
- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass at St John's
- 15 Monday**
- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 16 Tuesday**
- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 17 Wednesday, St Patrick**
- 8.00am-8.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 18 Thursday**
- 9.00am-11.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St John's
- 12.00 noon Mass at St John's
- 19 Friday, St Joseph**
- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross at St John's
- 20 Saturday**
- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 6.00pm Mass at St John's
- 21 Sunday, 5th Sunday of Lent**
- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass at St John's

Coming up

- 17th Mar St Patrick Solemnity - 9:00am Mass
 18th Mar Anointing within Mass - 12:00 noon
 19th Mar St Joseph - Solemnity - 9:00am Mass
 Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm
 22nd Mar Lenten Reconciliation Service - 7:00pm
 23rd Mar Meeting of Parents of Confirmation and First Communion children - 7:00pm
 24th Mar Lenten Talk: One Man's Way of the Cross by Ed Sianski - 7:00pm St. John's church

24 Hours for the Lord

The "24 Hours for the Lord" was begun in 2014 by Pope Francis. It is an annual worldwide Lenten initiative for Catholics to receive the mercy of God through Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We have adapted the program for our Parish and will have Exposition, Reconciliation and other devotions on Friday evening, 26 March and throughout the day on Saturday, 27 March. These are the days prior to Palm Sunday and the commencement of Holy Week. The event is recommended as a climax to the Lenten period: an opportunity for prayer and reconciliation. Please see the information leaflet in this newsletter for the program. A roster to cover the hours of Exposition is available at the back of the church. Could you to spend an hour in prayer with the Lord?

Invitation to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion

The Church of St. John the Baptist, Glenorchy, is offering to help parents of primary school children, prepare them to be confirmed and make their first Communion. Families who have connections with the Parish are invited to participate. The child must already have made their first Reconciliation. An information session for parents only will be available on Tuesday 23 Mar @ 7:00pm in the Parish meeting room. For more information please contact the Parish 62726363.

***EASTER ONLINE BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Glenorchy Parish direct bookings page is: <https://glenorchyeaster2021.eventbrite.com.au>
2. Choose the Mass service you are attending and number of people coming with you.
3. Register your name, phone/mobile number, email address.
4. Admission Ticket(s) to the Mass you are attending will be sent to your email address
5. Please bring your Ticket(s) printed out or on your phone, with you when attending a Easter Mass service.

Project Compassion

Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet, so he and his family always had to walk into the forest to an open defecation area. His family was often sick and open defecation caused many neighbourhood disputes. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, Arsad took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He then funded the building of a toilet in his house and helped other community members to save for toilets. Now Arsad's family is healthier. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. Arsad inspired his community to 'Be More.' You can donate through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes located on the table in the foyer.

Readers for Easter Ceremonies

Ministers of the Word are invited to indicate their availability to read at the Easter ceremonies on the mauve sheet in the foyer by 14 March, please.

St John's Parish 50/50's Club**What is it?**

A parish fundraiser for necessary emergency repairs to church and the upkeep of the church carpark and grounds.

Who can be a member?

Any parishioner or friend of the parish.

How does it work?

50 parishioners and friends volunteer to become members of the 50/50's club by paying \$50 only as a membership fee. Once there are 50 members there is a raffle draw of 3 prizes: \$150, \$100 & \$50. Application to join may be made by contacting Sheila, the parish secretary, at 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, Barbara Campbell, Sr Carmel Hall and Fr Peter Rankin

Prayers for the Deceased

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

Mary Nichols, Jennifer Barnard, Bill Oakley, Joseph Nguyen Van Thuong, Raelene Di Martino
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

COUNTERS' ROSTERS

This Week:	15 Mar 21
Roberta Puckett's Team	
Next Week :	22 Mar 21
Bob Mochrie's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION

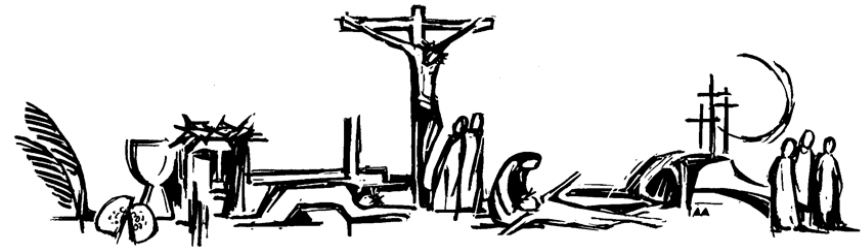
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Quest Tap and Go	\$65.00
Loose Plate:	\$393.00
Direct Deposit:	\$75.00
TOTAL:	\$1,283.25
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,500.00	
Difference:	-\$1,216.75

From fasting to feasting

A guide through our journey of Lent:

- Fast from judging others; feast on seeing the best in people.
- Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.
- Fast from despair; feast on hope.
- Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that destroy; feast on phrases that are encouraging
- Fast from discontent; feast on patience.
- Fast from being negative; feast on being positive.
- Fast from worry; feast on trust.
- Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
- Fast from hostility; feast on peacemaking.
- Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from constant activity; feast on slowing down.
- Fast from disrespect; feast on recognising the sacred in all of life.
- Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

(Adapted from an unknown source)



EASTER MASS TIMES 2021

Palm Sunday

Saturday, 27th March	6.00pm Vigil Mass, St. John's
Sunday, 28th March	8.30am Mass, St. Monica's 10.00am Mass, St. John's

Tuesday

Tuesday, 30th March	7.00pm Chrism Mass, St Mary's Cathedral Hobart
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Holy Thursday

Thursday, 1st April	7.00pm , St. John's Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Please note: No 9am-12pm Adoration & Mass at 12.00 noon)
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Good Friday

Friday, 2nd April	10.00am Stations of the Cross, St. John's 3.00pm Passion of the Lord, St. John's
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Holy Saturday

Saturday, 3rd April	7.00pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, St. John's
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Easter Sunday

Sunday, 4th April	8.30am Mass, St. Monica's 10.00am Mass, St. John's
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Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, 11th April	8.30am Mass St Monica's 10.00am Mass St John's
	2.00pm Exposition St John's 2.15pm Rosary 2.40pm Chaplet of Mercy 2.50pm Benediction 3.00pm Mass 3.45pm Veneration of Divine Mercy Image *2.00pm - 2.50pm Individual Reconciliation



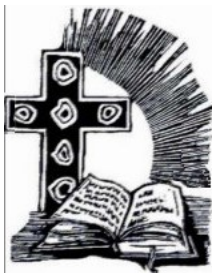
Join with our Lord on the journey of the Station of the Cross Every Friday in Lent, 7.00pm at St John's

HOLY THURSDAY

Please remember to bring your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday 1st April at 7.00pm. Also bells to ring adding to the joyfulness of the Gloria.



HOLY SATURDAY



Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday 3rd April 2021 at 7.00 pm. Our celebrations start around the Easter fire on this most holy night, we listen to the stories of our history and share in the Eucharist. Bring your bells again as we celebrate this great Easter feast.