

First Reading Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his

commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:
'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'



St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

1st & 2nd May 2021 - 5th Sunday of Easter - Year B

Dear Friends,

The Gospel today teaches us that we must cling to Jesus the way that a vine is attached to a branch. We are a part of Him and we must live in Him. We can break ourselves off from Him by choosing to no longer be with Him. Sin does not break us off from Him when we choose to repent. So repentance must always be at the heart of our life with Jesus.

There is a story about "a relatively young priest who is in a hospital visiting some of his parishioners. He is walking down the hallway, and a nun stops him and says, "Father, can you go into this room? There's a man on his deathbed. He's been here for days. We've asked priests to go in, but he chases everyone away. He doesn't want to talk about Jesus. But he's dying. Could you please visit him?"

The priest goes in and introduces himself to the patient. The guy erupts and starts cursing at him. He is so angry: "I don't want anything to do with you. Get out of here!" The priest says, "Okay" and goes out into the hall. The nun is still there. She says, "Could you go back in? The priest replies, "He doesn't want anything I have to offer." "Just give it another chance," pleads the nun. The priest reluctantly re-enters the room. "I'm not going to ask if you want to go to confession. I'm not going to ask if you want Holy Communion. But is it okay if I just sit here next to your bed and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy?" The old man replies, "I don't care. Do whatever you want."

The priest sits down and begins softly praying the words of the Chaplet: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world..." Suddenly the man bursts out, "Stop it!" Startled, the priest looks up and asks, "Why?" "Because there is no mercy for me!" "Why do you think there is no mercy for you?" asks the priest. "It doesn't matter," responds the old man. But the priest persists: "Why do you think there is no mercy for you?" "I'll tell you... Twenty-five years ago, I was working for the railroad. My job was to lower the crossing

guard arm when a train would come to prevent cars from going on the tracks. But one night I was drunk. I didn't lower the crossing guard arm, and a couple and their three young children were on the tracks as a train came, and they were all instantly killed. That was my fault. So there is no mercy for me. I have failed. It is over."

The priest just sits there staring at the rosary in his hands. Finally he asks, "Where was this?" The man tells him the name of the Polish town. The priest looks up and says, "Twenty-five years ago, my mom and my dad were taking my little siblings on a trip. I couldn't go with them. They were driving through this small town. For some reason the railroad crossing guard arm wasn't lowered. As they were crossing the tracks, a train came and killed them all. I lost my whole family that night." The priest gazes intently into the man's face, and he says, "My brother, God forgives you. Not only that, I forgive you." The man realizes that God's mercy is for him.

The priest asks, "Would you let me hear your confession and give you the Eucharist?" The man makes his confession and receives Holy Communion. Two days later he dies. Mercy wins. His failure is not final. The story goes on. It's kind of cool. After giving the man Communion, the priest goes into the hallway in search of the nun. He can't find her. The administration tells him, "We don't employ any nuns at this hospital." For years the priest does not know who this nun is. Eventually he goes to the town of Vilnius, which is where Saint Faustina lived. He goes to the convent to say Mass for the nuns there. He sees a painting on the wall of Saint Faustina, and he says, "I've met that nun a couple of years ago." "No, Father, you did not," replies one of the nuns. "She's been dead since 1938."

The priest then realizes it was Sister Faustina who told him to go into the patient's room, told him to go back again into that room. Failure is not final. Not when it comes to Jesus. Jesus, is no longer dead. He is risen, and He is ruling over His creation using His almighty power to direct everything in the world to get you safely to that eternal life." Fr Guy

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PARISH DIARY**May 2021****1 Saturday, St Joseph the Worker**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

- 6.00pm Mass at St John's

2 Sunday, 5th Sunday of Easter

- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's

- 10.00am Mass at St John's

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

4 Tuesday

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

5 Wednesday

- 8.00am-8.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

6 Thursday

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

- 12.00 noon Mass at St John's

7 Friday

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

- 3.00pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group at St John's

8 Saturday

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

- 6.00pm Mass at St John's

9 Sunday, 6th Sunday of Easter

- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's

- 10.00am Mass at St John's

Timor Leste Flood Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the Timor Leste Flood appeal last week end, which raised \$1300. The International Outreach Committee added a further \$855 bringing the total to \$2155. This has been sent to the Salesian Missions office in Melbourne for forwarding to the Salesians in Timor Leste.

Communion to the Sick

We are in need of more volunteers to take communion to sick parishioners both in their own homes and in nursing homes. Volunteers need to have or willing to procure A current police check, A record of a flu vaccine, A volunteer card for Working with Vulnerable People. If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry, please talk to Fr Guy or Sr Pamela.

The Rosary in May

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to our Lady. During this month, there will be the opportunity to join in praying the Rosary before the Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings from 5.30pm-5.50pm and before the 10.00am Mass on Sundays from 9.30am-9.50am.

Night Rallies for Young Adults

Free event 5.45pm-7.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart. Wednesday May 5 featuring Fr Rob Galea, Anna Aodhan Kirk. Register via Eventbrite. Search 'TCYF 2021 Night Rally'. (Event is for 18 years and over)

Liturgy Committee Minutes Summary, April 6th, 2021

- Church Environment Guidelines are being developed by a sub-committee. Nearly ready for to be formalised.

- Evaluation of Easter Ceremonies, which were all spiritually uplifting. Congratulations to all those involved. We also considered possible modifications next Easter Season

- Assessment of excellent Lenten talks – we wonder: how often should the parish organise Faith Formation?

- A Sprinkling Rite will replace the Penitential Rite during the Easter Season as a reminder of our baptism.

St John's Parish 50/50's 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.

Application to join may be made by contacting Sheila, the parish secretary, at the Parish Office 62726363 or envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church and can be put on the plate.

Hurry Last 18 spots left! We need your support.**Parish Fundraiser**

Please support our Mother's Day Raffle

\$ 2 a ticket

Raffle will be drawn on 9th May 2021

Tickets are available at the back of the church after Mass.

Footy Points Margin

All rounds have now been claimed. Maureen d'Abate had the winning ticket for round 1 (16 points); Tom Carty the winning ticket for round 5 (27 points) and Gemma Bonnitche won round 6 (39 points).

Ministers of the Word

Rosters for 29 May until 22 August inclusive prepared shortly. If you know you will be unavailable during this time would you let me know before 2 May, please?

Jo 0419 510 014

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, Barbara Oakley, Fr Peter Rankin and Tom Elliott

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially: Joy Mochrie, George Marino, Palmerino Di Santo, Mary Nichols, Jennifer Barnard, Bill Oakley, Joseph Nguyen Van Thuong, Raelene Di Martino, Brian Harradine, Ray Tarvydas, Pasquale Falera, Stan Taylor
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:	3 May
Mary Parisissons' Team	

Next Week :	10 May
Bridget Hayde's Team	

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$1083.95
Quest Tap and Go	\$120.00
Loose Plate:	\$390.60
Direct Deposit:	\$380.00
TOTAL:	\$1,974.55
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,500.00	
Difference:	\$525.45