

First Reading Is 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind
shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb
sing for joy; for water gushes
in the desert, streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading Jas 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

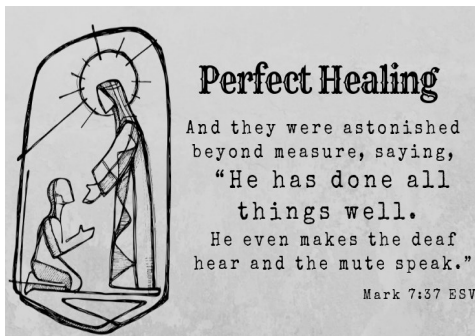
Gospel Acclamation cf. Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



Perfect Healing

And they were astonished beyond measure, saying,
"He has done all things well.

He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Mark 7:37 ESV



St. John the Baptist

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

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The Parish has been entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco since 2000



St. Monica

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 4th & 5th September 2021

Dear Friends,

Jesus is the One who heals our deafness and loosens our tongue to sing God's praises:

One day after Mass, a young man excitedly announced to Sr Annamaria, a Missionary Sister of the Sacred Heart, whom he knew well and who worked in his parish, "I'm getting married!" She replied: "I thought you were going to be a priest!" The young man sheepishly said, "No, No!" The idea of priesthood had never crossed his mind. But, at the same time, a bell rang in his head. It was the first time someone had ever suggested to him the idea of a call to the priesthood. As he walked back home he thought to himself, "Me a priest? I am not good enough! You have to be smart, know a lot, and be a perfect person. Besides, I am a sinner." So, he did not give it any serious thought for some years.

I tell this story because I feel that today's Gospel reading is about the power of Christ in our lives. Jesus is the One who heals our deafness and loosens our tongue to sing God's praises through the power of His word "be opened" and His healing touch. Today, Jesus brings healing to all who are sick and forgiveness to all sinners. This is what He does for the deaf man and this is what He can do for us too. May the Virgin Mary Mother of God, whose birthday we will celebrate next Wednesday, pray to Jesus for all.

A Prayer for Father's Day

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost and suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. (Newman College - WA)

May St Joseph, loving father of Jesus, be their model and guide their hardships, and hopes for the future. May they find your beloved Son, Jesus always beside them, guiding them to holiness and happiness and watching over them faithfully as they have watched over us. Amen (A Father's Day Blessing - Prospect Hill Company Brockton MA, USA)



The righteous man walks in his integrity;
His children are blessed after him.

PROVERBS 20:7

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PARISH DIARY September 2021	
4 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am Mass at St John's • 6.00pm Mass at St John's 	
5 Sunday, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.30am Mass at St Monica's • 10.00am Mass at St John's 	
6 Monday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am Mass at St John's 	
7 Tuesday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am Mass at St John's 	
8 Wed., The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am Mass at St John's • 12.00 noon Mass at St John's 	
9 Thurs., St Peter Claver	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.00 noon Mass at St John's 	
10 Friday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am Mass at St John's 	
11 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am Mass at St John's • 6.00pm Mass at St John's 	
12 Sunday, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.30am Mass at St Monica's • 10.00am Mass at St John's 	

Sacramental Preparation - First Reconciliation
 Parents/carers of children of St John's Parish, Glenorchy, who wish to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, are invited to attend an information meeting on Wednesday, 8 September at 7pm in the parish meeting room. (The Church requires that children have made their First Reconciliation before celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion.) If you think your child is ready to take this step in their faith journey, please contact Marie Aitken (0472 545 919) or the Parish Office (6272 6363) to register your interest or for further information.

First Holy Communion
 Please pray for our four young people who will receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time at the **10.00 am Mass Sunday 19 September.** May they always make Him the centre of their lives. Please join in welcoming these young people at morning tea following the ceremony. You might like to bring a plate to share.

October Month of the Rosary
 As in past years, the Rosary will be recited before all weekend Masses at St John's, Glenorchy and St Monica's, Chigwell during the month of October. At St John's, it will be led by the members of the Legion of Mary.

Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor
 A copy of the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor is available to read on the noticeboard or you can access it on www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.
 You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
 Pour out upon us the power of your love,
 that we may protect life and beauty.
 Fill us with peace, that we may live
 as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
 help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
 so precious in your eyes.
 Bring healing to our lives,
 that we may protect the world and not prey upon it,
 that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts
 of those who look only for gain
 at the expense of the poor and the earth.
 Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
 to be filled with awe and contemplation,
 to recognise that we are profoundly united
 with every creature
 as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.
 Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
 for justice, love, and peace.

St John's Parish 50/50 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. The next raffle will be drawn in December 2021. We have 12 people who have joined. We need 38 people to complete the fundraiser.
 Application to join may be made 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.

Parish Fundraiser
 Donations of Pre-loved gifts in good condition, Plants and Scratchies for a raffle tree would be greatly appreciated. This will be needed for our parish fair on Sunday, 17th October 2021. Many thanks, Kay Grainger (6272 9024).

Spring High Tea Boxes
 Spring High Tea Boxes (@ \$15 each) with a delicious variety of sweet and savoury pieces will be on sale at the presbytery on Saturday 18 September between 12 noon and 1.30pm. All money raised goes to support the Salesians working at the Don Bosco Technical School in Biratnagar Nepal. Orders should be made with Felecia (0447 887 512) or Jo (0419 510 014) by 11 September.

Footy Points Margin
 Anne Rogers had the winning ticket for the "Bye" round (43 points). Round 23 (2 points) still has not been claimed. **The ticket to claim on for game played on Friday 3 September will be the one marked First Week of the Finals.** (Apologies for the confusion but these are unprecedented times as they say!)

Bequests
 Have you updated your will recently? If you are updating your will, you may wish to think about bequeathing part of it to St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish, Glenorchy.

Our Sick - Please remember in your prayers
 Alida Beric, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Mary Dowd, Monique Matzner, Amy Matzner, Patricia Leamey, June Webb, Vince Mele, Barbara Campbell, Fr Peter Rankin, Judy Kingston, Paul Becker, Les Williams, Pauline Fitzallen

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
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:	6 Sept
Mary Parsissons' Team	
Next Week :	13 Sept
Mary Parsissons' Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$938.75
Quest Tap and Go	\$100.00
Loose Plate:	\$706.30
Direct Deposit:	\$555.00
TOTAL:	\$2,300.05
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,500.00	
Difference: -	\$199.95