

First Reading Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:12-20

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honorable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'



St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

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

22-23 January 2022, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Dear Friends,

Both the First Reading and the Gospel today remind us of the importance of the Word of God. The Word of God has the power to change people's lives. It calls all to obey the ways of God above the attractions and the ways of this world. The ways of God lead to life and happiness while the ways of this world bring death and unhappiness.

In the First Reading, Ezra, the priest said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day (the Sabbath) is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

In the Gospel, Jesus took up the reading (in the synagogue in His home town, Nazareth) and this is what he reads:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

This, as everybody in the room knows, is a description of the great day when the Messiah will be sent to redeem and save God's people and Jesus says that He is the fulfilment of this prophecy.

Dear Parishioners, last Wednesday evening, I returned from the funeral Mass and burial of Fr Peter Rankin SDB, who was the Salesian leader here at Glenorchy from about 2016 until the end of 2020. He had endeared himself to many in Tasmania through his assistance at Dominic College and St John's parish. Please pray for the repose of his soul as I am sure he will continue to help us from heaven.

We will have a Memorial Mass for him at 7.00 pm next Thursday, 27 January here at St John's. Fr Bernie Graham, our current Salesian leader, and who was a long-time Salesian friend and companion, will be the main celebrant and homilist at Mass. All welcome.

* There will be exposition at 9.00am - 11.50am and 12.00pm Mass on Thursday 27 January as usual

Coming up:

- 10.00 am Mass, 23 January: The Rite of Acceptance for Ye Hughes
- 9.00 am Mass, 24 January, St Francis de Sales
- 9.00 am Mass 26 January, Australia Day
- 7.00 pm Mass, 27 January, Memorial Mass for Fr Peter Rankin SDB
- 9.00 am Mass, 31 January, St John Bosco

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Parish Assembly News: 87% of the 195 people who responded to the recent pew survey felt either connected, engaged or fully connected to the Parish, and 165 attended Mass every week. That still leaves an important percentage of parishioners who don't feel particularly connected or who don't attend Mass regularly. How can we make the Parish a more welcoming and faith-centred experience for the majority, and help connect and encourage the others at the same time? Attend the upcoming Parish Assembly on **Sunday, 27 February from 11.30am - 3pm in the GYC** and listen to our guest speaker, Fr Richard Ross, tell us about how his Parish faced these questions and how we might implement the suggestions and directions coming from our recent pew survey. Be part of the solution by participating. Put your name on the attendance list in the foyer today!

PARISH DIARY January 2022	
22 Saturday	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
• 6.00pm Mass-St John's	
23 Sunday, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
• 10.00am Mass-St John's	
24 Monday, St France de Sales	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
25 Tuesday, Conversion of St Paul, apostle	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
26 Wednesday, Australia Day	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
27 Thursday, Sts Timothy & Titus	
• 12.00pm Mass-St John's	
• 7.00pm Mass - St John's for Fr Peter Rankin RIP	
28 Friday, St Thomas Aquinas	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
29 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
• 6.00pm Mass-St John's	
30 Sunday, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
• 10.00am Mass-St John's	

PRAYER FOR THE PARISH ASSEMBLY

Merciful and loving Father,
You have called us to be your family in this place
To discuss the things that matter to us
To discern the path ahead
And to share in the life and mission of your Son, Jesus.

As we prepare for our Parish Assembly
We ask you to make us ready for the work at hand.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts,
That we may be filled with compassion,
courage and love.

"Becoming Catholic"

Ye Hughes wondered about 'becoming Catholic' and has been meeting with her catechist and sponsors for several months. Today we will celebrate the first step in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. She has moved from thinking about 'becoming Catholic' to saying "Yes, this is what I want. I want to be baptised as a Catholic Christian." During the Rite she will be asked what she asks of God and we will be asked if we are ready to help her. There will be many opportunities in the coming months to welcome her and her family and to rejoice with her in the choice she has made. As she is signed with the sign of the cross we join together As she is signed with the sign of the cross we join together and sing **"Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!"**

On Gentleness to Ourselves

One form of gentleness we should practise is toward ourselves. We should never get irritable with ourselves because of our imperfections. It is reasonable to be displeased and sorry when we commit faults, but not fretful or spiteful to ourselves.

Some make the mistake of being angry, hurt because they have been hurt, vexed because they have been vexed. They think they are getting rid of anger, that the second remedies the first, actually, they are preparing the way for fresh anger on the first occasion.

Besides this, all irritation with ourselves tends to foster pride and springs from self-love, which is displeased at finding we are not perfect.

We should regard our faults with calm, collected and firm displeasure. We correct ourselves better by quiet persevering repentance than by an irritated, hasty and passionate one.

When your heart has fallen raise it gently, humbling yourself before God, acknowledging your fault, but not surprised at your fall. Infirmity is infirm, weakness weak and frailty frail.

St John's Parish 50/50 Club

We have 42 people who have joined. We need 8 people to complete the fundraiser. You may join 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.

Please remember in your prayers our sick

Alida Beric, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Fr Bob Curmi, Mary Dowd, Monique Matzner, Amy Matzner, Patricia Leamey, June Webb, Vince Mele, Barbara Campbell, Judy Kingston, Les Williams, Pauline Fitzallen, Bob Mochrie, Elizabeth Drake, Marian Whyman, Joanna Colli, Maria Mele, Marj Direen, Zofia Dzierbicki, Cecile Valenzuela, Linda Gonzales, Gavin Direen

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, Michael Percy, Luigi Valdarchi, Cath Mc Carthy, Georgette Thomas, PK Varghese, Esterina D'Onofrio, Dino Di Benedetto, Luis Escobar, Doreen Street, Fr Peter Rankin
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	
DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP at St. John's, Glenorchy	
• Every Friday at 3.00pm	
COUNTERS' ROSTERS	
This Week:	24 January
Bob Mochrie's Team	
Next Week :	31 January
Bridget Hayde's Team	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$452.85
Quest Tap and Go	\$120.00
Loose Plate:	503.30
Direct Deposit:	410.00
TOTAL:	\$1,486.15
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,500.00	
Difference: -	\$1,013.85

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Come to the Assembly, listen to a talk by the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator, Sam Clear, and be inspired on how you can more fully participated in Parish life and strengthen your Catholic faith.



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