

First Reading Is 35:1-6, 10

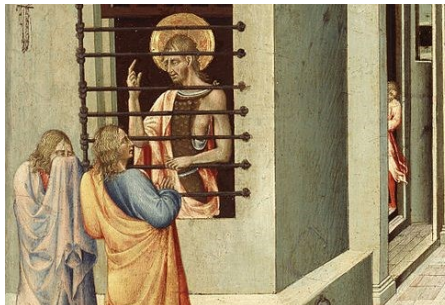
Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and 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 those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4 (R.) Lord, come and save us.

Second Reading Jas 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.



Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News
to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'



St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

10-11 December 2022 , 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year A

Dear friends,

The human heart desires joy. Everyone desires to have joy; every family and all peoples seek happiness. But what kind of joy is the Christian called to live and give witness to? It is that happiness which comes from being close to God. From the time of Jesus' birth at Bethlehem, the human race has received the seed of the Kingdom of God, like the soil that receives the seed with the promise of a future harvest. There is no need to look elsewhere! Jesus has come to bring joy to all, now and always. We are not speaking of a hoped for joy in the future or a joy which we will experience in paradise: as if to say that here on earth we are sad and in heaven we will be happy. No! It is not like that. We can experience even now true joy because Jesus Himself is our joy. The joy we experience with Jesus, is a joy that is like the security and the love we may experience in our family home where we are able to be ourselves and be appreciated and affirmed without fear or judgement. By His life, death and resurrection, Jesus is now always present among us, especially through the Word of God, the Church's Sacraments and in the poor and the needy. As we prepare for His coming at Christmas, may we be servants to one another and filled with His joy and peace.

Pope Francis wrote a wonderful Apostolic Letter "On the Meaning and importance of the Nativity Scene" (1/12/19) He writes, "I wish to encourage the beautiful tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares. ... Why does the Christmas creche (crib) arouse such wonder and move us so deeply? First, because it shows God's tender love: the Creator of the universe lowered himself to take up our littleness. The gift of life, in all its mystery, becomes all the more wondrous as we realise that the Son of Mary is the source and sustenance of all life. In Jesus, the Father has given us a brother who comes to seek us out whenever we are confused or lost, a loyal friend ever at our side. He gave us his Son who forgives us and frees us from our sins." (No. 3)
May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for all people of good will. (Fr Guy)



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PARISH DIARY	
December 2022	
10 Saturday, Our Lady of Loreto	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
• 6.00pm Vigil Mass-St John's	
11 Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year A	
• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
• 10.00am Mass-St John's	
12 Monday, Our Lady of Guadalupe	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
13 Tuesday, St Lucy, virgin, martyr	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
14 Wed., St John of the Cross, priest, doctor	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
15 Thursday	
• 12noon at St John's	
16 Friday	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
17 Saturday	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
• 6.00pm Vigil Mass-St John's	
18 Sunday, 4th Sunday of Advent - Year A	
• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
• 10.00am Mass-St John's	

Christmas Mass Times	
24 December, Saturday	
♦ 5:30pm Carols at St John's	
♦ 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St John's	
25 December, Sunday, Christmas Day	
♦ 8.30am Mass - St Monica's	
♦ 9.45am Carols at St John's	
♦ 10.00am Mass - St John's	

International Outreach – Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnager, Nepal	
The Meli Melo choir presented a concert consisting of a 'little bit of this and a little bit of that' which set the scene for Christmas and was enjoyed by people from Hobart and beyond. The concert raised \$700 for the school which was augmented by a further \$300 donated by the choir which they had raised at separate concerts. Our next fund raiser will be Nepalotto commencing on Saturday 31 December. How does it work? It is based on Saturday Tattsлото. The numbers 1 – 45 will be on sale for \$5 during January. First prize of \$50 goes to the person holding the first supplementary number on Saturday 28 January and second prize of \$25 to the holder of the second supplementary number. You have to be quick if you want to get your lucky number! The school is steadily recovering after the pandemic. The lack of basic infrastructure in Nepal had a severe impact on their ability to operate.	

Parish Pastoral Council – Nominations for New Members	
The PPC is seeking nominations from within the Parish community to fill several new vacancies on the Council, as well as to fill vacancies of current members who have completed their term of office. This is an important Parish pastoral ministry and we are seeking a diverse range of members to represent the various groups of parishioners from both St John's and St Monica's. Please nominate yourself or someone else to Fr Guy. For more information: Contact Fr Guy or the PPC Chair, Mrs Elaine Doran – elainedoran17@gmail.com	

Carols on the Hill - 17 December 2022	
Supported by the City of Hobart, Carols on the Hill is a free, traditional outdoor carols event designed for families to share the joyful spirit of Christmas. Staged at Guilford Young College oval (Hobart Campus), this cosy venue is perfect for a family picnic. There will be food vans on-site and activities for children. A single general admission ticket must be reserved for each & every attendee (adults & children). Tickets can be reserved at Eventbrite.com.au and searching 'Carols on the Hill 2022'	

Christmas Eve Mass 6:00pm, Saturday, 24th December	
Dear Parents, We are asking young children to participate in the Nativity Tableau on Christmas Eve at the Family Mass. All children welcome! We will have a rehearsal on Sunday 11th December and Sunday 18th December after the 10:00 Mass. It should not take too long. We will find costumes for your child to wear and show the children where we want them to stand during the reading of the Gospel. On Christmas Eve, 24th December, we ask that you be there about 5.15pm so we can dress the children before the 5.30pm carol singing and the beginning of Mass. With thanks, Mary and Jo (0448 259 747)	

Parish Volunteers	
To meet legal requirements, all parishes must ensure all staff and applicable volunteers have required compliance checks, namely <u>a current Police Check as well as Working with Vulnerable People Registration.</u> We are reviewing the status of all these checks and you may find that we contact you to arrange to have these checks in place if you do not already have them. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Fr Guy Riolo	

Summary of Liturgy Meeting 6 December 2022	
1) Children have been invited to take part in the Nativity tableau at the family Mass on Christmas Eve.	
2) Gifts for children are being collected. These will be chosen by families when they collect their Christmas hampers.	
3) Use of hymn books to be reviewed at February meeting.	
4) Torres Strait Islander flag to be sourced.	
5) Marie Aitken's resignation from committee accepted.	

Columban Art Calendars 2023	
Your calendars are available for collection in the parish office during business hours on Weekdays except Tuesday's & Wednesday's. Calendars are \$9 each.	

Parish Christmas Raffle	
Parish Christmas Raffle \$2.00 PER TICKET. Surprise prizes to be won. The Raffle will be drawn on 18th December 2022. Please help in making it a big success by purchasing your tickets and selling a book to friends. Thank you	

Please remember in your prayers our sick	
Don Ambler, Fr Bob Curmi, Vince Mele, Barbara Campbell, Elizabeth Drake, Marian Whyman, Marj Direen, Zofia Dzierbicki, David Smith, Mary Hinds, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Brian Nichols, Vicki Mackay, Sr Frances McShane, Alan Hinds	

Prayers for the Deceased	
Frances Direen, Peter Crane, Sr Carmel Hall, Kerris Direen, Michael Percy, Doreen Street, Fr Peter Rankin, Gavin Direen, Gloria Valenzuela, Linda Gonzales, Patricia Leamey, Pauline Fitzallen, Lucy Williams, Derek Cate, Alan Tabe, Alvin Walker, Ruby Markham, Judy Kingston, Antonio Palmese, Mary Dowd, June Webb, Adelina Valentin, Cecile Valenzuela, Bob Mochrie, Jan Leslie, Nicola Lattanzio, Vinze Pinzone, Dorothy Shearing, Danny DAbate, Alida Beric, Mirella Delpero, Philip Percy, Norma Russell, Frank Demarte, Fr Lawrie Moate, Lina Giana, Josephine Reynolds, Antonio La Polla, Nancy Ryan, Stephanie Nyirambangutse, Joe Benson, Frank Rogers	

Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

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 - 11.50am 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:	12 Dec.
Bridget Hayde	
Next Week :	19 Dec.
Roberta Puckett's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$573.85
Quest Tap & Go:	\$150.00
Loose Plate:	\$724.45
Direct Deposit:	\$920.00
TOTAL:	\$2,368.30
Weekly Budget: \$2500.00	
Difference:	-\$131.70