

First Reading Is 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.



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Gospel Acclamation

See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

15-16 January 2022, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Dear Friends,

At the start of this year we are all still seriously affected by the Coronavirus. It may take a while for the pandemic to die down. In the meantime we need to live with the Government restrictions which may be imposed on the community for the good of all.

May the good Lord help us to grow in faith and trust in Him so that we may come out of this Pandemic stronger in our faith in Jesus.

In the Gospel today Jesus changes water into wine because of Mary's faith in Him. She is the first person in John's Gospel who places all Her trust in Jesus. The servants too needed faith in Jesus when they took the water to the steward. May we welcome Mary in our lives and in our homes, may She feel at home with us and may She ask Him for us what we need and may our faith in Her Son be as strong as Mary's faith so that our joy may be complete. The glory of God is shown in ordinary human reality because we believe in a God who takes pleasure in 'living among us' as a bridegroom lives with a bride.

My friends, please continue to pray for our sick brothers and sisters, near and far, that they may receive Jesus' healing and merciful presence among them. Also, please remember especially Fr Peter Rankin who is slipping away into God's loving embrace. I am sure Fr Peter is smiling on us with his genuine concern for all especially the vulnerable.

As we celebrate this year the fourth centenary of St Francis de Sales (died -28 December 1622), one of the main patrons of the Salesians, we may wish to reflect on one of his sayings, "God is as good and merciful when we are weak and imperfect as when we are strong and perfect."

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of God pray to Jesus for us. (Fr Guy)



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PARISH DIARY January 2022 15 Saturday

- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 6.00pm Mass-St John's
- 16 Sunday, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8.30am Mass-St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass-St John's
- 17 Monday, St Anthony, Abbot
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 18 Tuesday
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 19 Wednesday
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 20 Thursday, St Fabian, pope, martyr
- 12.00pm Mass-St John's
- 21 Friday, St Agnes
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 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

PARISH ASSEMBLY

From the recent pew survey we learnt that, of the 195 people who responded, almost half were aged 66 or over, but only 35 of the respondents were aged from 18-35. Of the 195, 29 indicated that they would feel more connected to the Parish through activities for youth and a further 56 said that youth involvement was important for the Parish. How can we get things happening? Come to the Parish Assembly on Sunday, 27 February starting at 11.30am and listen to Sam Clear, Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator, speak on youth matters in a Catholic context. We want to tap into our collective Parish experience, and your deep faith commitment, to enliven the Parish experience for our youth and young families. We need your participation. Mark the date on your calendar and put your name on the attendance list in the foyer today!

The Parish Assembly is planned for **Sunday, 27 February from 11.30am-3pm in the GYC Theatre.** The success of the day will depend not only on how well the committee organises the day, but also on your participation! However, most importantly, we cannot do anything without the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Will you pray the Parish Assembly Prayer regularly? We need our collective voices, invoking the Holy Spirit, to be heard in heaven so that our sincerity and commitment to our faith and our Parish will be a catalyst to strengthening our Parish through the Parish Assembly. See flyer with this newsletter

"Becoming Catholic"

Ye Hughes wondered about 'becoming Catholic' and has been meeting with her catechist and sponsors for several months. On Sunday 23 January 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 and "Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!"

NEPALOTTO is coming again! What is it?

It is a fundraiser in support of the Don Bosco Technical School at Biratnagar, Nepal. Players choose their number between 1 and 45. Cost \$5 per number. First prize of \$50 to the person with the number of the first supplementary drawn on Saturday 29 January and second prize of \$25 to the holder of the second supplementary number.

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.

Thank you for prayers

Thank you everyone for your prayers when I was sick. I am happy to say that the operation went well and that I have made a good recovery. God Bless. Krystyna Szukielojc.

Covid safety practices

With the advent of the Omicron variant in Tasmania we have become used to wearing masks as well as social distancing. Additionally Omicron is highly transmissible so cleaning/sanitising procedures of the church after liturgical celebrations are being reviewed. At present there is a dedicated core of people willing to be called upon to undertake this task. Realistically Omicron is going to here for some time and more volunteers are needed for the Vigil and Sunday Masses at St John's so that rosters can be drawn up. Task takes 15-20 minutes following Mass. Enquiries Jo 0419 510 014.

Volunteers Needed

Temporary brass cleaners one or two people to clean the altar brass on Friday 4 or Saturday 5 February. Takes about an hour to an hour and a half. Date and time by arrangement. Enquiries Jo 0419 510 014

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, Fr Peter Rankin, Judy Kingston, Les Williams, Pauline Fitzallen, Bob Mochrie, Elizabeth Drake, Marian Whyman, Joanna Colli, Maria Mele, Marj Direen, Zofia Dzierbicki, Cecile Valenzuela, Linda Gonzales

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
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:	17 January
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Roberta Puckett's Team

Next Week :	24 January
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Bob Mochrie's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$459.00
Quest Tap and Go	\$130.00
Loose Plate:	\$470.45
Direct Deposit:	\$705.00
TOTAL:	\$1,764.45
Weekly Budget: \$ 2,500.00	
Difference: -	\$735.55

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.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our minds,
That we may receive your wisdom,
dream new dreams
And be open to new ideas.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our community,
That we may see Jesus in one another,
Envision new horizons
And welcome all into your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.



Amen.



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(See the Prayer for the Parish Assembly overleaf.)

