

First Reading Is 40:1-5. 9-11

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her that her time
of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received
from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'
Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1
(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 3:15-16. 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



St. John the Baptist

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



St. Monica

8-9 January 2022, The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

Dear Friends,

As we journey together this year, I would like to promote a new parish group in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians, patroness of Australia. This parish group which will start soon is a Salesian initiative which is widespread throughout the Salesian world. It is known as the **Association of Mary Help of Christians (ADMA)** and was started by Don Bosco, in 1869 in Turin, Italy. It is She "who guides our steps, sustains us in difficulties, consoles us in tribulations, educates us to love her Son, and makes us joyful and courageous witnesses of the Gospel. Being part of ADMA means living with Mary as a model, being humble and with a heart full of love for one's neighbour." (The Salesian Family of Don Bosco, January 2020 Rome)

Just as the Redemptorists promote devotion to Our Lady under the title of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the Salesians honour Our Lady under the title of Our Lady Help of Christians. Don Bosco, the founder of the Salesians, attributed all his achievements to Our Lady Help of Christians.

"Do all through love, nothing by constraint." St Francis de Sales.

"This year the Salesian world celebrates the fourth centenary of the anniversary of the death of St Francis de Sales, the wellspring of Don Bosco's Salesian spirit which our founder drank from and always contemplated. ... The great invitation that St Francis de Sales addresses to Christians is "to belong completely to God, living to our full presence in the world and the tasks proper to our place." (Fr Angel Fernandez Artime SDB Rector-Major of the Salesian Congregation)

Please pray for the Coronavirus Pandemic sweeping the globe. Here in Tasmania, we too are seriously affected. We should closely follow the health instructions provided by our authorities. This will help us to ride out the wave as best we can and let us make sure that we watch out for one another especially the most vulnerable.

Please also pray constantly and work earnestly for world peace and the cause of the family. Both are under extreme threat. May the Infant Jesus, Prince of Peace and humble of heart and our Lady Help of Christians restore true peace, unity and wellbeing in our families and in our world. (Fr Guy)

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 be 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. The task takes 15-20 minutes following Mass. Enquiries Jo 0419 510 014.

Temporary brass cleaners wanted!

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

PARISH DIRECTORY	
Parish Priest	Fr Gaetano Riolo SDB
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Parish Christmas Raffle Winners	
1.	\$500 Cash - Linda
2.	\$250 Gift Voucher - B. Lee
3.	George Forman BBQ - Kimbra
4.	\$150 Gift Voucher - D. Abate
5.	Christmas Hamper - Linda
6.	Christmas Hamper - Wendy
7.	\$100 Just Cut Voucher
8.	\$100 Gift Voucher
9.	\$100 Fuel Voucher - Judy
10.	Pamper Package - G. Nilsson
11.	Christmas Hamper - K. Grainger
12.	Christmas Hamper - Sr Mary
13.	Bonorong Family Pass - A. Gadon
14.	Noni B Gift Voucher - P. Scott
15.	Dymocks Gift Voucher - Peter
16.	Wish Gift Voucher - Nancy
17.	Bottle of Whisky - M. Nilsson

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.

Marriage Masses for the Renewal of Vows

will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous on Sunday 13th February, 2022 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart at 10.30am and Sunday 20th February, 2022 at the Church of the Apostles, Launceston at 10.30am. Couples celebrating Catholic Marriage milestones including couples in the early years of marriage (1st, 5th and 10th anniversaries) are invited to RSVP by emailing ben.smith@aohtas.org.au or on 6208 6036. Catholic married couples will receive a special acknowledgement from Archbishop Julian on the day.

Our Sick - Please remember in your prayers

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, Krystyna Szukielojc, Bob Mochrie, Elizabeth Drake, Marian Whyman, Joanna Colli, Maria Mele, Marj 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

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

PARISH DIARY

January 2022

8 Saturday

- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 6.00pm Mass-St John's

9 Sunday, The Baptism of the Lord

- 8.30am Mass-St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass-St John's

10 Monday

- 9.00am Mass-St John's

11 Tuesday

- 9.00am Mass-St John's

12 Wednesday

- 9.00am Mass-St John's

13 Thursday, St Hillary

- 12.00pm Mass-St John's

14 Friday

- 9.00am Mass-St John's

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

Parish Assembly Day

Sunday, 27 February, 2022

You are invited
to attend a Parish Assembly Day
to be held at Guilford Young College Glenorchy, on
Sunday, 27 February, 2022 from 11.30 a.m. until
3.00 p.m. The Day will begin with Mass at 10.00
a.m. at St John's Catholic Church, Glenorchy and
include a light lunch.

Come and celebrate what the Parish is doing well
and help us identify future growth areas.

To make the Assembly a success, we welcome your
participation. You are encouraged to put your name
on the attendance sheet today at the back of the
church.

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 you in one another,
Envision new horizons
And welcome all into your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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:	10 January
Bridget Hayde's Team	
Next Week :	17 January
Roberta Puckett's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$1,353.80
Quest Tap and Go	\$390.00
Loose Plate:	\$1,866.15
Direct Deposit:	\$790.00
TOTAL:	\$4,399.95
Two Weeks Budget: \$ 5,000.00	
Difference: -	\$600.95