

### First Reading Jer 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord, whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps1:1-4 R Ps 39:5

**(R.)** Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

### Second Reading 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

### Gospel Acclamation Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!



### Gospel Lk 6:17. 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



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St. Monica

### 12-13 February 2022, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

#### Dear Friends,

The poor, the hungry, those who weep and those who are persecuted for the faith are blessed. What makes them blessed and close to God is their complete trust in a good and loving God no matter how desperate and hopeless their situation may be. It is a heart turned to God that makes them blessed. The fact that there are people who are poor, people who suffer unjustly, those who are persecuted by the rich and powerful, means that God's kingdom has not yet reached all people. But with faith in Jesus Christ, God's power is at work in people's lives.

On one hand, the Word of God condemns those who are unjust, those who make themselves rich at the expense of others, especially the poor and the defenceless. On the other hand, the Word of God spoken by Jesus gives hope to those who are oppressed or abused in any way, and to those who are humble and put their trust in a loving God. The poor are not rich in God's eyes because they are poor but because they have put all their hope in God.

"Happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God." So, the poverty Jesus talks about is not something external like food, money or power. It is about something deeper in the hearts of all people – it is about what really makes human beings happy. Ultimately, only God can satisfy all our hopes and dreams. Thus when Jesus talks about those who are blessed, He is referring to

our relationship with God. If we keep God's commandments as Jesus gave them to us then we will be truly blessed because God will be our reward forever.

This happiness is not only something we will receive in the future. The poor, the afflicted, and those who suffer in any way experience this happiness here and now through their faith in Jesus.

Today, Jesus challenges us to recognise our dependence on God. In obeying His law based on love of God and others we experience His love for all. Jesus invites us to rejoice in our poverty, to trust in God and to believe that the kingdom of God is among us because through faith He is always with us. Jesus also challenges Christians to uphold the rights of the poor and the weak and to respect God's law of love. Today, Jesus warns us that the person who does not act with charity towards others and lacks compassion is far from God. The good news for us today is simple, nothing in this world can rob us of our peace of mind and interior joy, because our trust is not in this world, nor in anyone. Rather, our trust is in the crucified and risen Christ, the Saviour and hope of the world. The psalmist summarized this good news for us: "Happy are those who have placed their trust in the Lord."

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

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PARISH DIARY February 2022	
<b>12 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary</b>	
•9.00am Mass-St John's	
•6.00pm Mass-St John's	
<b>13 Sunday, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
•8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
•10.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>14 Mon., Sts Cyril, monk &amp; Methodius, bishop</b>	
•9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>15 Tuesday</b>	
•9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>16 Wednesday</b>	
•9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>17 Thursday, Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</b>	
•12.00pm Mass-St John's	
<b>18 Friday</b>	
•9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>19 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary</b>	
9.00am Mass-St John's	
•6.00pm Mass-St John's	
<b>20 Sunday, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
•8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
•10.00am Mass-St John's	

Coming up	
14 Feb	Royal Hobart Regatta Day (Holiday)
1 Mar	7.00 pm Shrove Tuesday - Burning of Palms
2 Mar	9.00 am & 7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Masses
4 Mar	7.00 pm Stations of the Cross
7 Mar	7.00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
8 Mar	4.00 pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting
8 Mar	7.00 pm Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting
11 Mar	7.00 pm Stations of the Cross
18 Mar	7.00 pm Stations of the Cross
22 Mar	7.00 pm Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service
25 Mar	7.00 pm Stations of the Cross
31 Mar	12.00pm Anointing within Mass

St John's Parish 50/50 Club - Sold Out!	
All 50 tickets have now been sold! We will draw the three prizes this coming week. 1 <sup>st</sup> prize \$150 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize \$100 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize \$50. Thank you to all who contributed so generously.	

Postponement of the Parish Pastoral Assembly	
After considerable discernment by the St John's Parish Pastoral Council, it has been decided to postpone the Parish Assembly, which was scheduled for Sunday, 27 February 2022.	
It was felt that the uncertainty around the rapid spread of COVID and people wishing to avoid large gatherings at this time until case numbers subside meant that the Assembly should not proceed on 27 February.	
We are hopeful that the Parish Assembly may be rescheduled for a later date in 2022.	

Synod of Bishops	
People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at: <a href="https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch">https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch</a>	

Report on meeting of Glenorchy Church Network February 2022	
Meeting held on 2nd February 2022 at the Salvation Army Citadel. Attendees present represented the Salvation Army, Unting Church Glenorchy and Claremont, The Montrose Presbyterian Church and St John's Catholic Parish, Glenorchy.	
Main Points of Interest:	
Thanks to the parishioners who volunteered recently to help pack food hampers at the Uniting Church Hall for distribution to the vulnerable via Glenorchy Community Care.	

Parish Trade Table 26-27 February	
Donations of Pre-loved gifts in good condition, fresh produce and Plants would be greatly appreciated on or before 25 February Many thanks, Kay (contact no. 62 729024)	

Ministers of the Word	
Rosters for Lent to Pentecost (5 March – 5 June) will be drawn up shortly. If you will be unavailable during this time please let me know before 20 February. Jo 0419 510 014	

Footy Points Margin	
Now in its tenth year and still only \$2 a week – what a bargain! The first nominated game is St. Kilda vs. Collingwood on Friday 18 March. Tickets on sale from 5 March so get your name down on the yellow sign up sheet at the back of the church for a chance to win \$100. How does it work? 100 tickets sold weekly with a hidden number from 1 – 100. The winner decided by the difference in the points scored by the teams playing in the nominated game. The person with the winning number wins \$100 and the parish gets \$100. Contact Jo 0419 510 014	

Singers wanted!	
Do you enjoy singing? If so, you are invited to talk to Gemma Bonnitcha about helping to lead the singing on Saturday nights. Talk to her after Mass or ring 0438 736 190	

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	
<i>Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially:</i>	
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	
<i>Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.</i>	

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 February, Thursday
Bridget Hayde's Team	
Next Week :	21 February
Roberta Puckett's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$1,737.70
Quest Tap & Go	\$210.00
Loose Plate:	1,477.70
Direct Deposit:	\$1,010.00
TOTAL:	\$4,435.40
2 Weeks Budget: \$ 5,000.00	
Difference: -	\$564.60