

The Scrutinies

On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent we will be celebrating what the Church calls the 'Scrutinies' with Yeni. These are some of the rites of Christian Initiation. Although the word 'scrutiny' sounds intimidating the Scrutinies are intended to give healing and strength. Christian initiation is all about conversion, about changing, about becoming more Christ-like. As Christians we strive at all times to 'put on Christ', especially during Lent. The Church recognises that this is not always easy and so gives us rites to help and strengthen people preparing for initiation. When we celebrate the Scrutinies we will be praying for healing and strength for Yeni and for ourselves as we accompany each other on our journeys of conversion to Christ.

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A reading from the book of Exodus

Ex 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt? they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Ministers of the Word:

Please indicate your availability to read at the Easter ceremonies on the yellow sheets at the back of the church. Jo 0419 510 014.

A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those who are suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for the world.

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Second Reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man—though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die—but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 4:42, 15

Glorify you Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

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Gospel—See insert



St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

19-20 March 2022, 3rd Sunday in Lent - Year A Readings

Dear Friends,

In the 6th century, an unknown poet wrote a poem for the Lenten season. It was later translated into English and is used as a hymn for the Prayer of the Church.

*Jesus, the sun of ransomed earth,
Shed in our inmost souls thy light,
As in spring days a fairer birth
Heralds, each morn, the doom of night.*

*This hour of grace thou dost impart;
Teach us with flowing tears the stain
to cleanse from every victim heart
That longs to feel love's welcome pain.*

*The day is come, the accepted day
When grace like nature, flowers anew;
Trained by thy hand a surer way
Rejoice we in our springtime too.*

*Let the whole earth in worship bow,
Great God, before thy mercy-seat,
As we, renewed by grace, do now
With praises new thy presence greet.*

Lent, the great preparation for Easter is celebrated in Autumn in our Southern Hemisphere but our northern neighbours are surrounded by Spring during this season. Both the mellowness of Autumn and the flowering of Spring, help us to understand Lent's real meaning. These seasons are the symbols of our mature examination of frailty and resolution to 'drop our leaves' and of welcoming newness of life at Easter.

St John the Evangelist gives us three stories to contemplate as we pass through our Autumn and our Spring. There is the story of an unnamed woman from a despised religious group who encounters Jesus at the Well of Sichar. She moves from bewilderment and misunderstanding to faith in Jesus and his mission.

There is the man born blind whose sight is restored enabling him to turn in gratitude to Jesus, and lastly, the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. These three stories form the gospel readings for the last three Sundays of Lent.

May our celebration of Lent reflect our desire to consider carefully our frailty and sinfulness as we move to an openness of mind and heart at Easter.

Sr Pamela Davis OP



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**PARISH DIARY
 March 2022**

19 Saturday, St Joseph Solemnity
 9.00am Mass-St John's
 •6.00pm Mass-St John's
20 Sunday, Third Sunday of Lent
 •8.30am Mass-St Monica's
 •10.00am Mass-St John's
21 Monday
 •9.00am Mass-St John's
22 Tuesday
 •9.00am Mass-St John's
23 Wednesday
 • 9.00am Mass-St John's
24 Thursday, St Oscar Romero
 •12.00pm Mass-St John's
25 Friday, Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity
 •9.00am Mass-St John's
 •7.00pm Stations
26 Saturday,
 9.00am Mass-St John's
 •6.00pm Mass-St John's
27 Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Lent
 •8.30am Mass-St Monica's
 •10.00am Mass-St John's

Coming up

19 Mar 9.00 am Mass St Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
 22 Mar 7.00 pm Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service
 25 Mar 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross
 26 Mar 11.00am Parish Lenten Talk: Dr Drasko Dizdar
 31 Mar 12.00pm Mass and Anointing within Mass

Project Compassion

Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.

Summary of Liturgy Meeting 8 March

1. Parish Lenten talk by Dr Drasko Dizdar on Saturday 26 March to be energetically advertised.
2. Format for Stations of the Cross on Good Friday to reflect a *Laudato Si* perspective.
3. Lenten Reconciliation to take the form of a Penitential service followed by individual reconciliation.
4. Noted that sprinkling ashes over the head (due to covid protocols) caused some problems.

Parish Lenten Talk 2

11.00am on Saturday 26 March in St John's Church
 "Have you ever wondered what Baptism is really about, how it relates to the other sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist,) and what its biblical and theological roots are? If so, come and be part of a conversation in which we will explore the meaning of Baptism (which literally means 'immersion') as a lifelong journey of initiation into the mystery of life and death in Christ as our True Self, and as Christ's Body, the Church. We will be drawing on the scriptures and the spiritual and theological Judaeo-Christian tradition as well as our own experience, thoughts, ideas and prayer to give shape and substance to the conversation." Dr Drasko Dizdar

Legion of Mary

Active, Auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary and interested Parishioners are invited to the Annual Legion of Mary Acies Mass and Ceremony, to be held at St Paul's Church, Paice Street, Bridgewater, Saturday, 26 March, 2022, commencing at 2.00pm.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Parents' Information Meeting.

Parents/Carers of children who have already made their First Reconciliation, and who are interested in preparing them for the Sacrament of Confirmation, are invited to attend an information meeting at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 6 April 2022 at St John's Parish Meeting Room, Glenorchy. The meeting will provide parents/carers with information on preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you think your child is ready to continue in their faith journey by taking this step, please contact Marie Aitken (0472545919) to register. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Archbishop Julian Porteous at the Vigil Mass, 6.00pm Saturday 2 July 2022 at St John's Catholic Church, Glenorchy.

Parish Secretary on Leave

Sheila Gonzales, our Parish secretary, has taken leave for family reasons. She and Arnold and son Alonzo have flown to the Philippines because of death and serious illness in the extended family. She will be away until Easter. The office will be open from 9am-2pm Thursdays and Fridays.

Please remember in your prayers our sick

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

Prayers for the Deceased

Bill Oakley, Gwen Lincoln, Betty Direen, Frances Direen, Peter Crane, Sr Carmel Hall, Minka Busch, Ron Nilsson, Stan Brach, Kerris Direen, Michael Percy, Luigi Valdarchi, Georgette Thomas, PK Varghese, Esterina D'Onofrio, Dino Di Benedetto, Luis Escobar, Doreen Street, Fr Peter Rankin, Gavin Direen, Gloria Valenzuela, Linda Gonzales. Palmerino di Santo. Margaret Gough, Patricia Leamey. *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'

**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:	21 March
Roberta Puckett's Team	
Next Week :	28 March
Chris Foal's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$750
Quest Tap & Go	\$70
Loose Plate:	\$880
Direct Deposit:	\$700
TOTAL:	\$2400
<i>Weekly Budget: \$2500.00</i>	
Difference: -	-\$100