

First Reading Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 14:1. 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

27 - 28 August 2022, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Dear Friends,

One of the most basic human responses to anything new is to ask, 'What's in it for me?' We would like to think our motives are pure and our interests are for others, but there is often a nagging voice reminding us that selfish desires are never far from the surface. That said, we all know heroic individuals who care for sick spouses or children, who go to faraway places to give those in need their time and talent or who stay at home and do the same in their local neighborhood. That's what makes them heroic. There is nothing in it for them; they are drawn by bonds of love, faith or by a desire to create a better world.

There are at least two ways we can hear Jesus' words in today's gospel. The first is as a strong challenge about social justice. National boundaries mean nothing to God. All people are equal in God's sight, so the banquet Jesus refers to has implications for how we share the riches with which we have been blessed with others in the world. The poor, crippled, lame and blind of our world are the majority of God's children who mainly live in the Third World. They are our brothers and sisters. At the banquet of life Christians are called to give priority to the needs of these people, not only because they have a just claim on our resources, but also because they can't do anything for us in return. They purify our motives. When we link our concern, time, talent, career, and money with these children of God, we tame that nagging question, 'What's in it for me?' with a firm reply, 'Very little - except God's justice.'

A somewhat comforting angle to take on this gospel is more psychological. Many of us, when we come to God at any time, try to dress ourselves up to look better than we are! This gospel reminds us that at Christ's banquet, however, it's not the poised and perfect who are most welcome, but the vulnerable.

What does this mean for us who pray and celebrate the Eucharist? That God embraces those parts of us that are in greatest need of his love and healing - where we are poor, crippled, blind and lame. We know this it is true because if Jesus is telling us to host the poor and broken at our tables, then as the perfect host he must do exactly the same with us at this Eucharistic meal as well.

When I was a child we referred to our finest clothes as our 'Sunday best' and we wore them proudly to Mass. Not only did we look good, we acted the part as well. Everyone was on best behaviour for the entire parish to see. Now, I have nothing against dressing with care and behaving well at Mass; it can be a sign of our self-respect, our courtesy toward others and our devotion to God. But God cares more about what's going on inside us. We can never hide from God, especially at the Eucharist because we have been invited to be here, not as we would like to be, but as we are.

May this Eucharist - this taste of heaven's justice - give us renewed courage to think beyond our self and national interests, and show to others the hospitality of God that has been lavished on us. May we discover that where faith is concerned, the answer to 'What's in it for me?' is 'More than we can ever hope or imagine.'

IF YOU PUT YOURSELF
ABOVE OTHERS,
YOU WILL BE PUT DOWN.
BUT IF YOU

humble

YOURSELF
YOU WILL BE
HONORED

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PARISH DIARY August 2022	
27 Saturday, St Monica	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
• 6.00pm Vigil Mass-St John's	
28 Sunday, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
• 10.00am Mass-St John's	
29 Monday, Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
30 Tuesday	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
31 Wednesday	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
September 2022	
1 Thursday	
• 12noon Mass at St John's	
2 Friday	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
3 Saturday, St Gregory, pope, doctor	
• 9.00am Mass at St John's	
• 6.00pm Vigil Mass-St John's	
4 Sunday, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
• 10.00am Mass-St John's	

Dr. Drasko Dizdar to speak about the Eucharist
Come and hear Dr. Drasko Dizdar open up the mystery of the Eucharist! Saturday 10 September at 11.00am in St John's church. In past talks Drasko has opened our eyes to the wonders of the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. This will be an opportunity to increase our understanding of the meaning of communion and so deepen our participation in the Mass.

Spring High Tea!

Boxes filled with delicious goodies for a scrumptious high tea will be on sale again this year on Saturday 1 October and NO increase in price! Still only \$15! Numbers are limited so submit your orders now to Felecia on 0447 887 512 for collection from the parish meeting room between 1-2pm. on Saturday 1 October.

'Jesus in the Temple: stories of prayer and healing'
Reflection day, Saturday 3rd September, 2022. You are invited to a day of prayer and reflection. Journey with Jesus through temple stories and discover your place of prayer and healing. At Emmanuel Conference and Retreat Centre, Newstead. 10am-3pm. Cost \$40 (BYO lunch). Facilitated by Belinda Chapman and Maureen O'Halloran. Bookings by 29th August please contact Belinda Chapman email: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com or ph: 0418 141 171

'One Step at a Time' - walking retreat in the Freycinet National Park, 4th - 7th October, 2022.
For more information please visit here:
<https://belindachapman.square.site/one-step-at-a-time>
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Sick and Retired Priest Fund Collection
The Sick and Retired Priest Fund was established to ensure that all diocesan priests incardinated into the Archdiocese of Hobart would receive adequate accommodation, health care and support needed in their retirement, or should they become ill. Retirement expenses are currently met by the Sick and Retired Priest Fund via donations and bequests, and by priests themselves. The Sick and Retired Priest Fund helps to meet the following needs of our diocesan priests:

- A modest monthly allowance
- Nursing home and hostel care for frail priests
- Assistance in transitioning to retirement
- Assistance with out of pocket medical and dental expenses
- Assistance with board and lodging expenses
- Motor vehicle costs.

Please support our diocesan priests through the Sick and Retired Priest Fund Appeal during August. Envelopes are available at the table in the foyer, or you can securely donate online at hobart.catholic.org.au

Help Needed

We are starting to have cup of tea after Mass and Sunday after 10:00am Mass help required. Please contact Sheila on 62726363 at the parish office.

Parish 50/50 Club

What is it? A parish fundraiser for necessary emergency repairs to church and grounds. How does it work? We need 50 parishioners or friends to pay \$50, there is a raffle draw of 3 prizes: \$150, \$100 & \$50. We have 15 people who have joined. We need 35 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.

Interested in a parish ministry?

We thank the people who expressed an interest in the following ministries - reading at Mass, music/choir, communion to the sick, maintenance - in the pew survey undertaken in November. Please contact Sheila on 62726363 (Monday, Thursday Friday 9.00am.-2.00pm.) to further your interest.

Ministers of the Word

Please pick up copies of your readings for the September - November roster from the table in the foyer.

Footy Points Margin

The winner of round 22 (15 points) Margaret Huxley, round 23 (58 points) still to be claimed. The bye round will be the Old Scholars preliminary final to be played on Saturday, points will be know on Sunday.

Bequests

Have you updated your will recently? If you are updating your will, you may wish to think about bequeathing part of it to St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish, Glenorchy.

Please remember in your prayers our sick

Alida Beric, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Fr Bob Curmi, Vince Mele, Barbara Campbell, Elizabeth Drake, Marian Whyman, Marj Direen, Zofia Dzierbicki, Philip Percy, David Smith, Mary Hinds, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Brian Nichols, Fr Lawrie Moate

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

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 - 11.50am 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:	29 Aug
Bridget Hayde	
Next Week :	5 Sept
Mary Parsisson	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$467.85
Quest Tap & Go:	\$200.00
Loose Plate:	\$676.65
Direct Deposit:	\$270.00
TOTAL:	\$1,614.50
Weekly Budget: \$2500.00	
Difference:	-\$885.50