

**First Reading Sir 35:12-14, 16-18**

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7**

**(R.)** The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**Second Reading**

**2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18**

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
**2 Cor 5:19**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**  
**Lk 18:9-14**  
Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

**For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.**

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St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

**22-23 October 2022, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

**Dear friends,**

The readings last week were about prayer and the need to pray always without losing heart. In all our needs and difficulties, we are invited to pray constantly, trusting in God's mercy and love. This week we continue to speak about prayer. In the first reading, written about two hundred years before the birth of Jesus, the writer warns his people that God prefers the prayer of the widow, the orphan and the poor because their prayer is simple and sincere. God looks at our hearts to see if what we do is done out of love for Him.

For Jesus, the most important thing about prayer is to realise that before God we are all sinners. We all need God's help to live well. We cannot do it on our own. In the Gospel, the Pharisee does not ask for God's help. But the tax collector stands before God, sinful and sorrowful. He realises that he needs God's help and asks for mercy and strength to live well.

Our prayer to God should be like the tax collector's. His words should be our words: "Lord be merciful to me a sinner." There is no one who does not need to humble themselves before God and ask for His love and mercy. With the Psalmist we can pray:

'Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin' (Ps 50).

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, pray to Jesus for all people of good will.

Today we celebrate World Mission Day it would be useful for us to reflect briefly on what Pope Francis said in his letter to all Catholics in 2016:

"All peoples and cultures have the right to receive the message of salvation which is God's gift to every person. This is all the more necessary when we consider how many injustices, wars, and humanitarian crises still need resolution. Missionaries know from experience that the Gospel of forgiveness and mercy can bring joy and reconciliation, justice and peace. The mandate of the Gospel to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20) has not ceased; rather this command commits all of us, in the current landscape with all its challenges, to hear the call to a renewed missionary "impulse", as I noted in my Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium: "Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel" (20).

Today too we believe in this sign of missionary ecclesial communion. Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all of humanity.

May Holy Mary, sublime icon of redeemed humanity, model of missionaries for the Church, teach all men, women and families, to foster and safeguard the living and mysterious presence of the Risen Lord in every place, he who renews personal relationships, cultures and peoples, and who fills all with joyful mercy. ( Fr Guy)

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**PARISH DIARY****October 2022****22 Saturday, St John Paul II, Pope**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 6.00pm Vigil Mass-St John's
- 23 Sunday, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 8.30am Mass-St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass-St John's
- 24 Monday, St Anthony Claret, bishop**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 25 Tuesday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 26 Wednesday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 27 Thursday**
- 12noon Mass at St John's
- 28 Friday, Sts Simon & Jude, apostles**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 29 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary**
- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 6.00pm Vigil Mass-St John's
- 30 Sunday, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 8.30am Mass-St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass-St John's

**Catholic Mission Appeal**

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones. The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's\*, so that babies like Ajani\* can be healthy and strong. Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided or going online at catholicmission.org.au/Ethiopia.

**November - Month of the Holy Souls**

For many centuries it has been the practise of the faithful to pray and offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the eternal repose of their loved ones. As usual, we will have the names of the people to be remembered written up around the walls of the church. In this way the whole congregation can see the names and join in prayer for the faithful departed.

Those who are in the Planned Giving Program have envelopes already. Additional envelopes are available in the foyer. Please write the name of the person or family in BLOCK LETTERS, and include the usual offering for each Mass. These Masses will be celebrated within the Parish, or by the Salesians in the Missions, as soon as possible after the intention is received.

Please hand in your intentions in good time so that your loved ones can be remembered by us all on All Souls Day which this year falls on Wednesday 2nd November and throughout the month.

**Ministers of the Word**

Rosters for Advent to Lent (25/26 February) will be prepared shortly. If you know you will be unavailable during this time please let me know before Sunday 6 November. Jo 0419 510 014

**Parish Assembly Cancelled for 2022**

For various reasons, it has become impossible for the Parish Pastoral Council to mount an assembly this year. After many attempts to elicit a response from parishioners for this type of meeting, it seemed that our present parish community requires some other occasion to express needs and concerns for our future pastoral direction. There is still a hope that more parishioners will come forward to express ideas for our common hopes and needs as a parish. Sr Pam

**Garden Co-ordinator**

Firstly, we thank Roberta, Wendy and Peter for their care of our garden over the past years. But the time has come for some new volunteers to ensure our roses bloom and bring joy to us all. We are seeking someone to coordinate the care of the garden and some volunteers to assist them. Please call Sheila 6272 6363 if you can assist.

**Marriage Resource Center Talk**

'The Way of Mercy' is a simple Four Step process for those who are married, single parents, friends and religious to use as a tool to heal or renew relationship. Presented by Francine and Byron Pirola of the Marriage Resource Center. Saturday 5th November 2022 at St John the Baptist Church, parish centre from 7.15pm to 8.45pm followed by cuppa and fellowship.

**Columban Art Calendars 2023**

These traditional and beautiful calendars will soon be available. If you would like one please write your name on the list. Cost will be \$9. Please pay when the calendars are delivered.

**Our Shared Car Park**

A reminder as students return for term 4. The car park spaces marked and numbered in white are reserved for GYC students during school hours. (They pay a fee) Parks for parishioners are marked in blue and with a P. Please set a good example and observe the arrows when exiting the car park.

**Christmas Raffle**

Now it is time to start planning again. Our major fundraiser for the year will be our Christmas Raffle. If anyone feels they would like to donate a prize it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Kay Grainger 6272 9024.

**Parish Christmas Luncheon**

The Parish Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday 9th December at Riverfront Restaurant. If you would like to come please write your name on the list at the back of the church. Kay Grainger 6272 9024.

**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 39 people who have joined. We need 11 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.

**Please remember in your prayers our sick**

Don Ambler, Fr Bob Curmi, Vince Mele, Barbara Campbell, Elizabeth Drake, Marian Whyman, Marj Direen, Zofia Dzierbicki, David Smith, Mary Hinds, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Brian Nichols

**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, Alida Beric, Mirella Delpero, Philip Percy, Norma Russell, Frank Demarte, Fr Lawrie Moate, Lina Giana, Josephine Reynolds, Antonio La Polla

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

**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:** 24 Oct

Chris Foale

**Next Week :** 31 Oct

Bridget Hayde

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes:	\$576.85
Quest Tap & Go:	\$80.00
Loose Plate:	\$712.35
Direct Deposit:	\$320.00
TOTAL:	\$1,689.20
<b>Weekly Budget: \$2500.00</b>	
Difference:	-\$810.80