

First Reading Is 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1. (R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

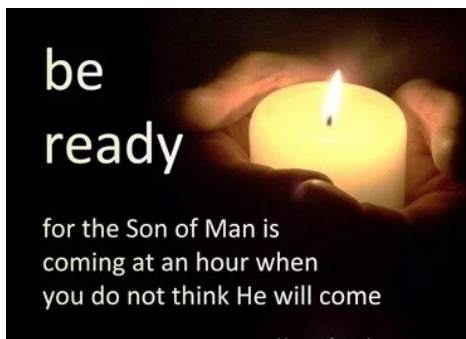
Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



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St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

26-27 November 2022, 1st Sunday of Advent - Year A

Dear friends,

The feast day of the birth of Jesus, is only a few weeks away. On Christmas Day, all Christians celebrate the wonderful story of the birthday of Jesus who is both the Son of Mary and the Son of God. Jesus became one of us to show us God's love, goodness and mercy for all people. Furthermore, we are also getting ready for His return at the end of time. Jesus said He would return to take us with Him so that we might be with Him and His Heavenly Father forever. No one knows when Jesus will return; only His Heavenly Father knows.

The Gospel today is taken from the end of Matthew's Gospel. It invites us to "Stay awake!", that is, to be ready or prepared! Jesus warns us that at the end of time it will be like the story in the Book of Genesis about Noah and his ark. At that time people were living life as though God did not exist. But God sent a flood which destroyed everything except Noah and his family and a few animals. When Jesus returns at the end of time, those who have followed His teaching and example by leading a life of love, forgiveness and peace will be taken to heaven to be with Him and His Father forever, while those who ignored Jesus and His commandment of love will be lost forever.

To help us prepare for Jesus' return, in the Gospel, Jesus tells the story of the burglar who breaks into a house when the owner is away. If the owner knew at what time the burglar would come, he would not let him break into his house. Therefore, what is important is to be ready to receive Jesus when He comes. We will be ready if try to be happy and share what we can with those in need and let them know how much God loves them. Are we ready to receive Jesus when He comes again? Are we leading good and honest lives? May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for us.

ADVENT PASTORAL LETTER

Archbishop Julian Porteous has just issued an Advent Pastoral Letter titled: Renewing our Participation in the Sacred Liturgy. There are copies at the back of the church. Please take a copy and reflect on it during this Advent period.



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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PARISH DIARY**November 2022****26 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

- 6.00pm Vigil Mass-St John's

27 Sunday, 1st Sunday of Advent - Year A

- 8.30am Mass-St Monica's

- 10.00am Mass-St John's

28 Monday

- 9.00am Mass-St John's

29 Tuesday

- 9.00am Mass-St John's

30 Wednesday, St Andrew, apostle

- 9.00am Mass-St John's

December 2022**1 Thursday, Anointing Mass**

- 12noon at St John's

2 Friday

- 9.00am Mass-St John's

3 Saturday, St Francis Xavier, priest

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

- 6.00pm Vigil Mass-St John's

4 Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year A

- 8.30am Mass-St Monica's

- 10.00am Mass-St John's

Vinnies needs your help to make Christmas brighter

Vinnie have got hampers organised for the 80 families they are supporting. They need help with gifts for children. They have soft toys for infants but would welcome suitable gifts for teenagers. (one suggestion is gift cards.) These can be placed in the basket provided at Masses on 3/4 December and 10/11 December and will be carried in the presentation of the gifts. Gifts should be in paper or plastic bags so that families can choose the gift suitable for their child and wrap themselves.

Meli Melo Christmas Concert

Meli Melo are presenting their Christmas concert at St John's on Saturday 3rd. December at 2.00pm. All funds go to support the Don Bosco Technical School in Biratnager, Nepal. Monies raised earlier this year from the sale of chocolates and High Tea boxes totalling \$1500 has been forwarded to the Salesian Missions Office recently for transfer to the Biratnagar school.

Parish Pastoral Council - Nominations for New Members

The PPC is seeking nominations from within the Parish community to fill several new vacancies on the Council, as well as to fill vacancies of current members who have completed their term of office. This is an important Parish pastoral ministry and we are seeking a diverse range of members to represent the various groups of parishioners from both St John's and St Monica's. Please nominate yourself or someone else to Fr Guy by the end of November. For more information: Contact Fr Guy or the PPC Chair, Mrs Elaine Doran - elainedoran17@gmail.com

Cathedral Re-opening

The Archbishop will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 as the occasion for the blessing and dedication of the new altar for the Cathedral after extensive renovations. St Mary's Cathedral is the mother church of the Archdiocese and so this event is a very significant one for all Catholics in Tasmania. The Archbishop cordially invites members of the Catholic community in Tasmania to attend this Mass at which the blessing and dedication will take place, at 7:00pm on Thursday, 8 December, at St Mary's Cathedral.

Carols on the Hill - 17 December 2022

Supported by the City of Hobart, Carols on the Hill is a free, traditional outdoor carols event designed for families to share the joyful spirit of Christmas. Staged at Guilford Young College oval (Hobart Campus), this cosy venue is perfect for a family picnic. There will be food vans on-site and activities for children. A single general admission ticket must be reserved for each & every attendee (adults & children). Tickets can be reserved at Eventbrite.com.au and searching 'Carols on the Hill 2022'

Christmas Eve Mass 6:00pm, Saturday, 24th December

Dear Parents, We are asking young children to participate in the Nativity Tableau on Christmas Eve at the Family Mass. All children welcome! We will have a rehearsal on Sunday 11th December and Sunday 18th December after the 10:00 Mass. It should not take too long. We will find costumes for your child to wear and show the children where we want them to stand during the reading of the Gospel. On Christmas Eve, 24th December, we ask that you be there about 5.15pm so we can dress the children before the 5.30pm carol singing and the beginning of Mass. With thanks, Mary and Jo (0448 259 747)

1 December Anointing of the Sick

There will be the anointing of the Sick at the 12.00pm Mass on Thursday 1st December at St John's

Columban Art Calendars 2023

Your calendars are available for collection in the parish office during business hours on Weekdays except Tuesday & Wednesday's. Calendars are \$9 each.

Parish Christmas Raffle

Parish Christmas Raffle \$2.00 PER TICKET. Surprise prizes to be won. The Raffle will be drawn on 18th December 2022. Please help in making it a big success by purchasing your tickets and selling a book to friends. Thank you

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.

Multicultural Christmas Carols

4 December at Glenorchy Uniting Church. More information see noticeboard.

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 42 people who have joined. We need 8 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, Vicki Mackay, Sr Frances McShane, Alan Hinds, Zofia Dzienbicko

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, Nancy Ryan, Stephanie Nyirambangutse, Joe Benson, Frank Rogers

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: 28 Nov

Chris Foale

Next Week : 5 Dec.

Mary Parsissons

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$649.90

Quest Tap & Go: \$120.00

Loose Plate: \$631.50

Direct Deposit: \$550.00

TOTAL: \$1,951.40

Weekly Budget: \$2500.00

Difference: -\$548.60