

First Reading Is 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7. 10

(R.) Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.

Second Reading Rom 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel:
God is with us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



St. John the Baptist

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The Parish has been entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco since 2000



St. Monica

17-18 December 2022 , 4th Sunday of Advent - Year A

Dear Friends,

Pope Francis wrote in one of his homilies in 2016:

"The example of Mary and Joseph is for all of us an invitation to welcome Jesus with all our hearts, who for love of us became our Brother. He comes to bring the world peace, "peace on earth to people who enjoy his favour" (Lk 2:14) as the angels, in choir, announce to the shepherds.

The precious gift of Christmas is peace, and Jesus is our true peace. Jesus knocks at the door of our hearts to gift us with His peace in our souls. Let us open our doors to Christ!

We entrust ourselves to the intercession of our Blessed Mother and of St Joseph to live a Christmas in a truly Christian way, free from worldly care and ready to welcome our Saviour, Emmanuel, the God-with-us."

Please pray the Rosary every day for World peace, especially in Ukraine and for the family. May the Virgin Mary Mother of God and Queen of Peace pray to Jesus for all people of good will.

UKRAINE APPEAL

The parish raised \$400 last weekend. Thanks to all who supported this appeal. Bishop Mykola Bychok has said that all

donations from the Advent appeal for Ukraine will go to Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), whose foci are - evacuation of people from frontline territories; food packages for people in need and shelters for internally displaced people. Thank you.

100 Years of Salesian Presence in Australia

The Australia-Pacific Province will be hosting a series of events across 2023 to celebrate the 100 years of Salesian presence in Australia. Details to be announced in the Salesian Bulletin and online at www.salesians.org.au

Christmas Masses

5.30 pm Saturday 24 December: Carols

6.00 pm Saturday 24 December: Mass

8.30 am Sunday 25 December: Mass
(at St Monica's, Chigwell)

10.00 am Sunday 25 December: Mass

Parish Office Closed from 2.00 pm Monday 19 December 2022 and will reopen at 8.30 am on Monday 9 January 2023. In case of an emergency, Fr Guy Riolo maybe contacted on 62734313

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PARISH DIARY

December 2022

- 17 Saturday**
- 9.00am Mass at St John's
 - 6.00pm Vigil Mass-St John's
- 18 Sunday, 4th Sunday of Advent - Year A**
- 8.30am Mass-St Monica's
 - 10.00am Mass-St John's
- 19 Monday,**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 20 Tuesday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 21 Wednesday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 22 Thursday**
- 12noon at St John's
- 23 Friday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 24 Saturday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
 - 5.30pm Carols -St John's
- 25 Sunday, Christmas Day**
- 8.30am Mass-St Monica's
 - 9.45am carols-St John's
 - 10.00am Mass-St John's

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)

Parish Volunteers

To meet legal requirements, all parishes must ensure all staff and applicable volunteers have required compliance checks, namely **a current Police Check as well as Working with Vulnerable People Registration.** We are reviewing the status of all these checks and you may find that we contact you to arrange to have these checks in place if you do not already have them. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Fr Guy Riolo

Nepalotto

Nepalotto, to support students at Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnager, Nepal, commences on Saturday 31 December. How does it work? It is based on Saturday Tattslootto. The numbers 1 - 45 will be on sale for \$5 during January. First prize of \$50 goes to the person holding the first supplementary number on Saturday 28 January and second prize of \$25 to the holder of the second supplementary number. You have to be quick if you want to choose your lucky number!

Walk the Tasmanian Camino!

You may not be able to go to Spain to walk the Camino but you may be able to go to the Huon. See the noticeboard for details of The Way to St James Cygnet Camino! which is happening on 14th-15th January.

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. For more information: Contact Fr Guy or the PPC Chair, Mrs Elaine Doran - elainedoran17@gmail.com

Pre-marriage Summer School

The Made for Each Other Summer School returns for the fifth year! This year's theme, 'Him & Her: Vive La Difference' celebrates the undeniable differences and complementarity of the sexes. What: An overnight retreat with engaging speakers, opportunity for prayer, reflection, and social interaction. When: January 27th-28th Where: Launceston Who: 18+ year olds who are discerning marriage and forming relationships. Register: www.himandher.eventbrite.com.au For more information: rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au

Archdiocese of Hobart's World Youth Day pilgrimage 2023

The Archdiocese of Hobart will be taking a group of young pilgrims to the next World Youth Day (WYD) in Lisbon, Portugal in 2023. It will be led by Archbishop Julian Porteous and Director of the Office of Youth Evangelisation, Sam Clear. Departing: 27 July 2023. Returning: 11 August 2023. Destinations: Rome and Vatican City, WYD in Lisbon, and post-WYD retreat in Fatima. Indicative cost: \$5990 (that's \$115/week from now on, so start saving!). Ideal Group Size: 40 pilgrims (18-35 year-olds, however 16 & 17 year-olds active in their parish are encouraged to consider coming). Leadership: Archbishop Julian Porteous, Fr Chathura Silva, Ella Tobin & Samuel Clear. For more information please contact the Office of Youth Evangelisation at (03) 6208 6096 or youth@aohtas.org.au

Columban Art Calendars 2023

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

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 45 people who have joined. We need 5 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

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:	19 Dec.
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Roberta Puckett's Team

Next Week :	
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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$550.85
Quest Tap & Go:	\$210.00
Loose Plate:	\$875.35
Direct Deposit:	\$360.00
TOTAL:	\$1,996.20
Weekly Budget:	\$2500.00
Difference:	-\$503.80