

### First Reading Is 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7**  
**(R.)** Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

### Second Reading Rom 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

### Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Mt 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'



### 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

### 3 - 4 December 2022, 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year A

#### Dear friends,

The Second Sunday of Advent presents John the Baptist. He is the most important prophet of the Old Testament because he is the precursor and the one who comes to announce and prepare the people for the presence of Jesus among them. His message is loud and clear—Repent and believe in Jesus!

To repent is to change our lives and put Jesus at the centre of our lives because he is the source of our happiness. If Jesus is the centre of our lives then we should be people of peace, joy, love and hope.

We should not judge others, but, be especially concerned for the sick and the poor and be ready to give up our own rights and privileges for the good of all.

May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for all people of goodwill. (Fr Guy)



#### Coming up:

- **Immaculate Conception:**  
Thursday, 8 December
  - ◆ 12:00pm, Mass at St John's
  - ◆ 7:00pm, Mass at St Mary's Cathedral and the occasion for the blessing and dedication of the new altar and extensive renovations.
- **Parish Christmas Luncheon:**  
12:00pm, Friday, 9 December at Riverfront Restaurant
- **Advent Reconciliation:**  
7:00pm, Tuesday, 13 December at St John's. All Welcome.
- **Christmas Mass Times:**  
**24 December, Saturday**
  - ◆ 5:30pm Carols at St John's
  - ◆ 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St John's**25 December, Sunday, Christmas Day**
  - ◆ 8.30am Mass - St Monica's
  - ◆ 10.00am Mass - St John's

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PARISH DIARY	
<b>December 2022</b>	
<b>3 Saturday, St Francis Xavier, priest</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Mass at St John's</li> <li>• 6.00pm Vigil Mass-St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>4 Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year A</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's</li> <li>• 10.00am Mass-St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>5 Monday</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Mass-St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>6 Tuesday, St Nicholas, bishop</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Mass-St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>7 Wed., St Ambrose, bishop</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Mass-St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>8 Thursday, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12noon at St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>9 Friday, St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, hermit</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Mass-St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>10 Saturday, Our Lady of Loreto</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Mass at St John's</li> <li>• 6.00pm Vigil Mass-St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>11 Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year A</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's</li> <li>• 10.00am Mass-St John's</li> </ul>	

**Vinnies needs your help**  
Vinnies 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 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.

**The Way to St James Cygnet Camino!**  
happening on 14th-15th January. See noticeboard for details.

**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.

**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

**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)

Thank you to Fr Guy, Sr Pam and all friends for the Mass, prayers, phone calls and messages on the recent passing of my husband Frank. God bless. Ann Rogers.



**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 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 call 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 43 people who have joined. We need 7 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.*

<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> <b>St John's, Glenorchy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.00pm Saturday</li> <li>• 10.00am Sunday</li> </ul>
<b>St. Monica's, Chigwell</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.30am Sunday</li> </ul>
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b> <b>St. John's, Glenorchy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday</li> <li>• 12.00pm Thursday</li> </ul>
<b>ROSARY</b> <b>At St. John's, Glenorchy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.30am every Wednesday and Saturday</li> </ul>
<b>RECONCILIATION</b> <b>At St. John's, Glenorchy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.30am-10.00am &amp; 5.15pm-5.45pm Saturday</li> </ul>
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> <b>At St. John's, Glenorchy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.00am - 8.50am Wednesday</li> <li>• 9:00am - 11.50am Thursday</li> </ul>
<b>LEGION OF MARY</b> <b>at St. John's, Glenorchy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.45 pm Every Tuesday</li> </ul>
<b>ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP</b> <b>at St. John's, Glenorchy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30am</li> </ul>
<b>DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP</b> <b>at St. John's, Glenorchy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every Friday at 3.00pm</li> </ul>

COUNTERS' ROSTERS	
<b>This Week:</b>	5 Dec.
Mary Parsissons	
<b>Next Week :</b>	12 Dec.
Bridget Hayde	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$533.80
Quest Tap & Go:	\$180.00
Loose Plate:	\$605.65
Direct Deposit:	\$300.00
TOTAL:	\$1,619.15
<b>Weekly Budget: \$2500.00</b>	
Difference:	-\$880.55