

First Reading Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8 (R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading 1 Cor 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 2:5

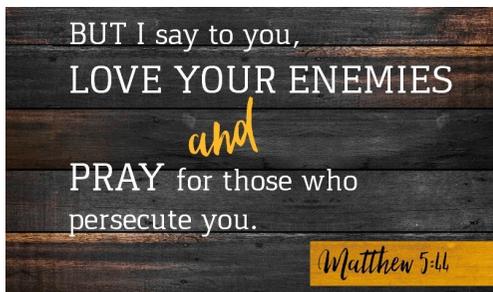
Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'



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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



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St. Monica

18 - 19 February 2023 - 7th Week in Ordinary Time - Year A

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance."

Therefore, in the face of violence, do not respond with violence because violence begets violence and so it continues without end.

Not to respond with violence is not a sign of weakness or to give up the rights of justice; instead, non-violence is a strength of character and the power of love.

Again, Jesus adds, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be children of your Father in heaven, for He causes His sun to rise on bad people as well as good, and His rain to fall on honest and dishonest people alike."

Jesus, challenges all Christians to imitate His unconditional love for all people. May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus that all Christians may have the courage and strength to be Christ-like towards all people. (Fr Guy)

COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

• **Shrove Tuesday 21 February:** You are invited to bring your palms from last year to the ritual burning of palms at 7.00 pm on Shrove Tuesday, 21 February in the foyer at St John the Baptist Church. The short ceremony will be followed by pancakes in the parish meeting room in preparation for Lent. If you wish you may bring your own pancake mixture.

Ash Wednesday Masses:

• 9.00 am and 7.00 pm, 22 February, at St John the Baptist Church. There will be the distribution of ashes as usual during Mass.

• Stations of the Cross:

7.00 pm Friday 24 February and every Friday in Lent, at St John the Baptist Church. Please come one and all to this most important practice of our faith.

• Anointing of the Sick within Mass:

12.00 pm Thursday 2 March.

• 1923 - 2023 Salesian Centenary Celebrations

As the Salesians celebrate 100 years of their presence in Australia and the Pacific please pray for an increase of vocations to the priestly and religious life. 5 Young Salesians were ordained to the priesthood at St Francis Church in Melbourne on Saturday 28th January 2023. May the Lord bless them with a fruitful priestly life and draw many others to Jesus.

• 163 days to World Youth Day in Lisbon.

Please pray that this pilgrimage will be a spiritual event that will strengthen the faith of many young people and lead them closer to Jesus, their Lord and Saviour.

• St Patrick's Pilgrimage

Join Archbishop Julian Porteous for Mass following a pilgrimage in celebration of the feast of St Patrick. Pilgrims will set out from St John the Evangelist Church, Richmond to St Patrick's Church, Colebrook. This popular pilgrimage is open to all young adults between the ages of 16-35 years and will conclude with Mass at St Patrick's on Sunday afternoon.

When: Saturday 18 March - Sunday 19 March 2023

Where: Richmond - Colebrook
Cost: Cost \$55 or Early Bird \$45 (closes Friday 3 March 2023)

Go to eventbrite.com.au and search 'St Patrick's Pilgrimage 2023' to register. <https://StPatricksPilgrimage2023.eventbrite.com.au>

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PARISH DIARY February 2023

18 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary

- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 6.00pm Mass-St John's
- 19 Sunday, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**
- 8.30am Mass-St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass-St John's
- 20 Monday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 21 Tuesday, St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 22 Wednesday, Ash Wednesday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 7.00pm-St John's
- 23 Thursday, St Polycarp, bishop, martyr**
- 12noon at St John's
- 24 Friday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 25 Saturday, after Ash Wednesday**
- 9.00am Mass-St John's
- 6.00pm Mass-St John's
- 26 Sunday, 1st Sunday of Lent - Year A**
- 8.30am Mass-St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass-St John's

Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available.

Syria Earthquake Relief through the Salesians of Don Bosco

I'm sure you are all aware of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria that has devastated thousands of lives this week. I just wanted to update you on the Salesian response effort that has commenced. The Salesians have decided as a congregation to concentrate on the area's in Syria where they are present and that have been impacted mainly Aleppo, Kafroun and Damascus. Fr Alejandro with the support of the PDO are currently assessing the needs and the intervention required. If you have any enquires regarding the earthquakes impact and Salesians response please visit our website www.salesianmissionsaustralia.com.

For direct donors supporters may leave a contribution to <https://www.givenow.com.au/salesianmissions>

For updated news and photo's <https://salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au/news/110-salesian-support-for-earthquake-survivors-in-syria>.

Other ways people can give is to call our office with their credit card details contact Olga or Tina on 03 9377 6060 or send a Cheque to Salesian Missions Australia, P O Box 264, Ascot Vale, Vic 3032 and include a letter to say they would like the funds to go to the Syria Earthquake Relief Appeal. Please ensure they include their name and address so that we can send them a receipt in due course.

Talks by Dr Drasko Dizdar on Lent, Easter and Pentecost

We are happy to announce that Dr Drasko Dizdar will be opening our hearts and minds to the wonders of the Seasons of Lent and Easter.

- Lent - what is it about?
Saturday 11 March, 11am at St John's church.
- Easter to Pentecost - what is it about?
Saturday 20 May, 11am at St John's church.
Get these dates in your diary now!

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for parish morning teas after mass every 2nd and 3rd Sunday. Anyone interested please call Kay Grainger at 6272 9024.

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

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 8 person who have joined. We need 42 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.

Nepalotto

Your last chance to pick the winning number! Only a few numbers left and one of them could be the winner so why not have a go? \$5 and you could win \$50 on the first supplementary number drawn 25 February or \$25 for the second supplementary. All proceeds go to support students at Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal.

Footy Points Margin

Only \$2 a week and you might win \$100! A number of people have signed up already but we need more to make this really profitable for the parish so why not have a go? The person with the winning number wins \$100 and the parish gets \$100. Tickets on sale from 4 March so get your name down on the yellow sign up sheet at the back of the church. The first nominated game is Geelong v. Collingwood on Friday 17 March. Contact Jo 0419 510 014

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, Vickie Mackay, Sr Frances McShane, Alan Hinds, Peter Reynolds, Alan Brock, Philip White, Arnold Markham

Prayers for the Deceased

Joe Benson, Frank Rogers, Sr Josepha RSJ, Kaye Brock, Darrel Patmore, Angelo Pasutto, Don Fogg, Barbara Campbell
Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all faithful departed through the mercy of God, 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: 20 February

Roberta Puckett's Team

Next Week : 27 February

Chris Foale

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$680.85
Quest Tap & Go:	\$200.00
Loose Plate	\$640.75
Direct Deposit:	\$870.00
TOTAL:	\$2,391.60
Weekly Budget: \$2500.00	
Difference:	\$108.40