

First Reading Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

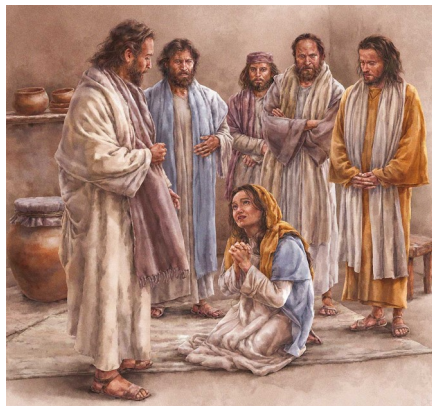
Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



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St. Monica

St. John the Baptist

19-20 August 2023, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Dear Friends,

God wants all people to be saved. This is the message of the Scripture Readings today.

The Old Testament divides humanity into two: on one side, there is the people of Israel; they are God's chosen people. On the other side, there is the rest of the world.

In the First Reading, the prophet Isaiah foresees the gathering of all non-Jews in a spiritual Jerusalem, founded no longer on Mount Sion, but around the person of the Messiah. Citizenship in this city is through faith in the Messiah. All those who follow the Lord to serve Him, love His name and keep His covenant have a right to citizenship in this new Jerusalem, and the Temple becomes "a house of prayer for all the peoples."

In the Gospel, when the non-Jewish woman pleads with Jesus to heal "her daughter who is tormented by a devil" Jesus says that He has been sent only to Israel. But when Jesus sees her deep faith in Him, He replies, "Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted."

When commenting on this Gospel passage, St Augustine and the early Church Fathers taught that Jesus delayed to work the miracle so as to increase her faith and trust, to praise her faith and to point her out for all Christians as a model of true faith.

The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel shows us how to approach God in faith and trust. We should turn to Jesus, in our every need and put our trust in His love and mercy. We may pray to our loving Lord saying, "Lord I ask for this grace... but your will be done and help me to do your will. You know what is good for me. I trust in you." May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for all. (Fr Guy)

Oh woman,
great is your faith.
Let it be to you
as you desire

Matthew 15:28



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PARISH DIARY

August 2023

19 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary

9.00am Mass-St John's

• 6.00pm Mass-St John's

20 Sunday, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's

• 10.00am Mass-St John's

21 Monday, St Pius X, pope

• 9.00am Mass-St John's

22 Tuesday, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

• 9.00am Mass-St John's

23 Wednesday, St Rose of Lima, virgin

• 9.00am Mass-St John's

24 Thurs., St Bartholomew, apostle

• 12noon at St John's

25 Friday, St Louis

• 9.00am Mass-St John's

26 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary

9.00am Mass-St John's

• 6.00pm Mass-St John's

27 Sunday, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's

• 10.00am Mass-St John's

World Youth Day 2023-Fr Guy is back

Thank you to Sr Pamela Davis, Sheila Gonzales, all committee members, to Fr Bernie, Fr Abilio, Paul Becker, Jo Elliott who coordinated the liturgies at Mass and Marie Aitken Sacristan for maintaining the parish life of the community during my absence. Fr Guy.

First Holy Communion Preparation Classes

The children preparing for First Holy Communion have been learning about the parts of the Mass. This weekend they are learning about the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the Last Supper and the real presence of Jesus in Holy Communion. First Communion will be held on Sunday, 17 September. We invite parishioners to continue to pray for the children throughout their preparation.

Relic of Don Bosco visiting our Parish September 9-10, 2023

Depending on upbringing and individual spirituality, people have different opinions on Catholic relics and saints. Article 1674 from the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: Besides sacramental liturgy and sacramentals, catechesis must take into account the forms of piety and popular devotions among the faithful. The religious sense of the Christian people has always found expression in various forms of piety surrounding the Church's sacramental life, such as the veneration of relics, visits to sanctuaries, pilgrimages, processions, the stations of the cross, religious dances, the rosary, medals, etc.

The visit and veneration to the relic of St John Bosco is to acknowledge the presence of God through this saint in human history.

Celebrate Spring with friends!

The International Outreach group is selling high tea boxes again this year so get together and share a box (or two or three) of tempting goodies – sweet and savoury. No price increase, no GST, still only \$15! Cash only, please. Numbers are limited so get your orders to Felecia on 0447 887 512 by Sunday 10 September. Boxes will be available for collection from the parish meeting room on Saturday 16 September between 11.30am and 1.00pm. All proceeds to support students at the Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal.

The annual Evangelium Conference for 2023

will be in Bellerive this year, with keynote speaker Jude Hennessy – Director of the office of Renewal and Evangelisation for the Wollongong Diocese, and Catholic musician, song writer and worship leader Stephen Kirk! Saturday 16th September, 10 am–4:30pm Cost: \$35 Early Bird finishing on August 31st Register: <https://evangeliumconferencetas23.eventbrite.com.au> More information: evangeliumproject@ahtas.org.au



Saturday, 26 August, 2.00pm-3.30pm, (with a cuppa afterwards)
Love singing? Best thing about going to church is/was the music?
Remember the Good Old Hymns we used to love to sing?
Some current ones as well?

Well, come along and enjoy such favourite as:

Soul of My Saviour - Faith of Our Fathers - Holy God We Praise Thy Name
Jesus My Lord, My God, My all - All Creatures of our God and King
Joy is Like the Rain - Amazing Grace - Here I am, Lord Spirit of God - Galilee Song (So I Leave My Boats Behind) - Alleluia

Bring your lungs. Sing the cobwebs and worries away.

Note: While we will be singing in a church and led by church musicians and singers, this event is for people of all levels of devotion: deeply devout to those hanging on by a fingernail. It will not be a liturgy, but we will start with a simple prayer.

Footy Points Margin

No claimant this week so now round 4 (23 points); round 5 (10 points); round 15 (28 points) and round 22 (8 points) are unclaimed – so far.

Ozbosco 2023

Ozbosco 2023 registration is now open and we invite you to get a group of youth organised and come on down. Ozbosco will be located at Don Bosco Camp and Centre, Safety Beach and will begin on Friday September 8th at 5pm and conclude on Sunday September 10th 3pm. The age requirement is 16 to 25 years old with the price being \$160. Below is the link to the website-Pacific <https://www.salesians.org.au/sym/ozboscoozbosco> -2023. If you have any questions or queries, feel free to contact Emma Rigo Email: emma@dbcc.org.au, Phone: 5987 2692 or Fr. Brian -bahern@salesians.org.au

Please remember in your prayers our sick

Fr Bob Curmi, Vince Mele, Elizabeth Drake, Marj Direen, Zofia Dzierbicki, David Smith, Mary Hinds, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Vickie Mackay, Alan Hinds, Peter Reynolds, Philip White, Arnold Markham, Ted Grainger, Bev Evans, Kath Goss

Prayers for the Deceased

Don Ambler, Byron Howard, Barbara Oakley, John Grace, Harvey Bullen, Stephen Hanlon, John Sheehan, Marian Whyman,

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.

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

WEEKEND MASSES St John's, Glenorchy

- 6.00pm Saturday
- 10.00am Sunday
- 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: 21 Aug

Roberta Puckett's Team

Next Week : 28 Aug

Chris Foale

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$468.05

Quest Tap & Go: \$120.00

Loose Plate: \$673.55

Direct Deposit: \$815.00

TOTAL: \$2,076.60

Weekly Budget: \$2,500.00

Difference: \$423.40

Tour of the Relic Statue of St John Bosco in Australia

The relic statue of St John Bosco, better known as Don Bosco, will be touring Australia as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians on Australian soil. The Salesians came to the shore of Australia on 30th March 1923 in Fremantle, Western Australia.

The wax replica of the Saint contained in a glass casket comes from the Salesian Province of Hong Kong, made by Gianpiero Zoncu at the time of Don Bosco's beatification in 1929. A small bone from the right arm of the Saint was removed and placed in this wax replica before being securely concealed in the large glass casket.

John Bosco was born on 16 August 1815 in a farmhouse near a small village east of Turin in northern Italy. Since his childhood and as a mission from God, he had a desire to help the young people in need. He was ordained as a priest in Turin in 1841, at the age of 26 and dedicated his entire life for the good of the young to become 'good Christians and upright citizens'. Following his untiring life with the young, Don Bosco died on 31st January 1888 in Turin. He was declared a saint by Pope Pius XI on Easter Sunday, 1st April in 1934. Don Bosco is the patron saint of young people.



In Catholic Christianity, a relic is of immense reverence, and helps to remind individuals of the holiness of a saint, and the fulfilment of God's work through the saint. A relic can consist of anything from the bones of a saint to an object that the saint came in contact with during his or her lifetime.

The 400 kg glass casket containing the wax replica of St John Bosco was received by the Salesian Province Centre in Ascot Vale, Victoria at the end of June. It will be on tour and displayed for prayers and homage at various Salesian works in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Hobart and Perth from July to September 2023.

The relic stayed at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne during the Salesian Biannual Educational Conference in August. It will also journey with the Salesians and many lay members at the Centenary Retreat in the last week of September at the Foothills in Mooroolbark.

The relic statue of St John Bosco will be farewell from Australia during the concluding Mass of the Centenary led by Archbishop Peter Comensoli on Saturday 30th September at St Margaret Mary's parish in North Brunswick at 11:00 am.

