

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

**Responsorial Psalm
Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2**

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

**Gospel Acclamation
See Ephesians 1:17-18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

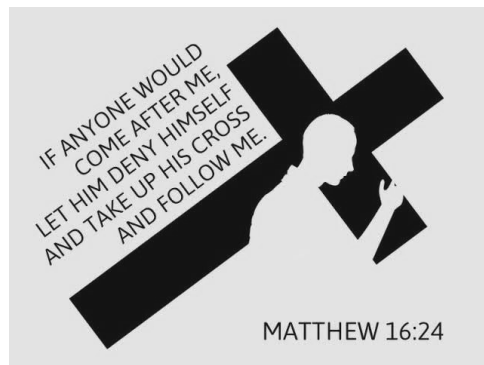
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



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St. John the Baptist

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



St. Monica

2-3 September 2023, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Dear Friends,

St John Bosco discovered God's plan for him gradually over time. He did not know God's will immediately. It grew out of his own experience of life. His vocation to work completely for the poor and abandoned youth took a long time to become a reality. But Don Bosco always put his trust in Jesus and His Mother Mary; he was guided by wise people around him; and the Holy Spirit enlightened him as he went ahead with faith and worked tirelessly to meet the material and spiritual needs of the very poor around him.

There came a time when his work among the poor and abandoned youth was growing very fast. With the help of many adult volunteers he was taking care of over one thousand boys who needed his help. But in 1848 the political climate of his country changed dramatically and nearly all his priest friends who were helping him in his work deserted him and they took many of the boys with them as well. This was a turning point in Don Bosco's life. He realised that he could not depend on them. From now on, he was on his own in his work for the poor and abandoned youth.

Perhaps, a good way to describe this turning point in Don Bosco's life is the image of a street intersection. That is, a place where two roads meet. When we reach an intersection a decision must be made. We can either go straight

ahead through the intersection or turn left onto another road or turn right. Don Bosco could have turned left and given up on his dream to give his life to serve the young. He chose to continue on the hard and lonely road ahead of him with Jesus and Mary. Now there was no turning back. His life from now on would be dedicated totally to these young people who needed his help. For Don Bosco, to follow Jesus meant serving the young. This was now the work God had given him and all the Salesians who came after him.

The Gospel today also speaks of a crucial turning point in the life of Jesus and His disciples. Jesus can go straight ahead to Jerusalem where suffering and death await Him or can take Peter's advice to save His life and be a great leader of His people against the Roman army who control their land. But Jesus has made up His mind to do God's will and there is no turning back on this decision. He will not be talked out of it even though He knows that suffering and death await Him in Jerusalem.

Jesus reminds His disciples that He came to serve and lay down His life for all. He is our Brother who shares our joys and our fears, who died for us and who will always help us carry our crosses as we follow Him with courage and faith.

May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for us.

Fr Guy

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PARISH DIARY

September 2023

2 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary

9.00am Mass-St John's

• 6.00pm Mass-St John's 3 Sunday, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's

• 10.00am Mass-St John's
4 Monday

• 9.00am Mass-St John's
5 Tuesday

• 9.00am Mass-St John's
6 Wednesday

• 9.00am Mass-St John's
7 Thursday

• 12noon at St John's

8 Friday, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

• 9.00am Mass-St John's

9 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary

9.00am Mass-St John's

• 6.00pm Mass-St John's
10 Sunday, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's

• 10.00am Mass-St John's

Coming Up

• 8-11 September—Tour of Relic of Don Bosco—
St John's Church. No changes in Mass times.

• Sunday, 10 September 10am Mass main celebrant will
be Archbishop Julian Porteous. Soup and sandwich
lunch following Mass.

• Sunday, 17 September 10am Mass, 1st communion for
4 young people.

• Saturday, 21 October from 11am-3pm: event to
showcase the Church slab-glass windows.

• Saturday 18 November, Gospel reflection on Advent
11am in the St John's Church by Dr Drasko Dizdar

First Holy Communion Preparation Classes

The children preparing for First Holy Communion are
continuing to learn about the parts of the Mass and this
week are concentrating on the Liturgy of the
Eucharist. At the 10 am Mass this Sunday, they will
be presented with the 'Our Father' on behalf of the
Parish. First Communion will be held on Sunday, 17
September. We invite parishioners to pray for our four
candidates as they continue their preparation.

Sacramental Preparation - Parents' Information Meeting

Parents of children of St John's Parish, Glenorchy, who
wish to begin preparing for the Sacraments of First
Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist, are
invited to attend an information meeting on
Wednesday, 20 September at 7pm in the Parish
meeting room. (Children do not need to attend the
meeting.) If you think your child is ready to take this
step in their faith journey, please come along to the
meeting. For more information contact Marie Aitken
(0472 545 919.)

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.

Social Justice Statement

The Australian Bishops' annual Social Justice Statement
Listen, Learn Love released 27 August calls on Australians
to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander peoples. The statement is available at //
bit.ly/SJS2023-24

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

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 37 people who have joined. We need 13 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.

Footy Points Margin

Tickets for the 'Bye' round 1st. - 3rd. September were not
sold. The next nominated round will be the Elimination finals
for the game to be played on 8th. September. Tickets for this
will be sold 2nd. and 3rd. September. Six rounds remain
unclaimed.

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, Elsa Natoli,
Lorna Bromfield

Prayers for the Deceased

Don Ambler, Byron Howard, Barbara Oakley, John Grace,
Harvey Bullen, Stephen Hanlon, John Sheehan, Marian Whyman,
Maree Triffett, Antonietta Bradshaw, Beatrice Mackey

*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
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: 4 Sept

Mary Parsissons

Next Week : 11 Sept

Bridget Hayde

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$558.85

Quest Tap
& Go: \$150.00

Loose Plate \$662.40

Direct
Deposit: \$555.00

TOTAL: \$1,926.25

Weekly Budget: \$2,500.00

Difference: \$573.75

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.

