

First Reading Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

(R.) Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God’s doing he has

become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: ‘How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

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St. Monica

28-29 January 2023 - 4th Week in Ordinary Time - Year A

Dear Friends,

Today’s Gospel passage comes from chapters 5-7 in Matthew’s Gospel. Jesus speaks about how to follow Him. Matthew, the Gospel writer, says:

“Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak.”

Jesus not only preached humility and mercy He lived them out in His life. He became poor and vulnerable; He did not own anything and He had nowhere to lay down His head. Jesus shows us by His life and by His teaching that God loves us and is taking care of us. Therefore, we should not be discouraged in our efforts to be humble, loving and chaste because Jesus Himself lived out these values in His life and showed us that it is possible for us to live them out in our own lives too, with His help.

Let us examine our hearts and listen to Jesus’ call to repent, “for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.” (Matt 4:17) But also, to His words of encouragement at the end of today’s Gospel passage: “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

May the Virgin Mary Mother of God help us to imitate Her Son, Jesus’ humility and chastity in our world today.

Please continue to pray for the repose of the souls of Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI and Cardinal George Pell. A pontifical Requiem Mass will be held for Cardinal George Pell at St Mary’s Cathedral in Sydney on Thursday 2 February at 11:00am livestreamed on the St Mary’s Cathedral YouTube Channel.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest, in peace.

183 days to WYD 2023 – 6 August 2023

Sam Clear led a successful 2nd Retreat for WYD 2023 pilgrims last weekend 21-22 January. There were 9 pilgrims who participated in the weekend at the Emmanuel Centre in Launceston.

If there are any young people 18-35 who wish to come, please see Fr Guy as soon as possible.



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**PARISH DIARY
 January 2023**

- 28 Saturday, St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor**
 • 9.00am Mass-St John's
 • 6.00pm Mass-St John's
29 Sunday, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
 • 8.30am Mass-St Monica's
 • 10.00am Mass-St John's
30 Monday
 • 9.00am Mass-St John's
31 Tuesday, St John Bosco, Priest
 • 9.00am Mass-St John's
February 2023
1 Wednesday
 • 9.00am Mass-St John's
2 Thurs., The Presentation of the Lord
 • 12noon at St John's
3 Friday, St Blaise, bishop
 • 9.00am Mass-St John's
4 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary
 • 9.00am Mass-St John's
 • 6.00pm Mass-St John's
5 Sunday, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
 • 8.30am Mass-St Monica's
 • 10.00am Mass-St John's

Family Camp - March 4th-5th 2023

Venue at The Lea Scout camp, Kingston, Tasmania
 Spend a weekend in the Tasmanian bush reconnecting with your family and growing in your faith. Life is busy and sometimes we struggle to make time to connect with the people closest to us. This weekend is a chance to play together with exciting activities on offer, pray together and learn more about your faith in a beautiful bush environment. You will stay overnight in cabins as family groups and all meals will be provided. There will be the opportunity to take part in laser skirmish, orienteering, rope assault course, flying fox and other games. Get to know other families and have fun with your own. There will be talks and Q&A sessions, movies, a Catholic trivia quiz (with a prize for the victor) and delicious food. Cost: \$250 per family (up to 10 people) staying in bunk cabin together, includes activities (must be over 7 years for laser skirmish. Self contained units may be available too, please contact Rachel if you are interested in this option. rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au 0475222056 Bring: Your own bedding for basic cabins, sleeping bag etc, sunscreen, water bottle, long trousers and enclosed shoes if playing laser skirmish Eventbrite link: <https://familycamptas.eventbrite.com.au>

The Marriage Course by Alpha

Free, enjoyable on-line course to help strengthen communication skills and grow closer to one another. When?: watch together on Monday nights 7.30-approx 9 pm starting 20th February 2023
 Where?: In the comfort of your own home with a glass of wine or a cuppa. You just need connection to the internet and a couple of hours a week
 What? :7 weeks online course delivered via email, suitable for all married couples.
 The first 15 couples to register will each receive a free journal to accompany their course.
 Please register your interest by emailing : rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au or ring 0475222056/62086036 at the Office of Life, Marriage and Family of the Archdiocese of Hobart.

Footy Points Margin

Yes, it is on again and still only \$2 a week (\$59 for the full season). The first nominated game is Geelong v. Collingwood on Friday 17 March. Tickets on sale from 4 March so get your name down on the yellow sign up sheet at the back of the church for a chance to win \$100. How does it work? 100 tickets sold weekly with a hidden number from 1 - 100. The winner decided by the difference in the points scored by the teams playing in the nominated game. The person with the winning number wins \$100 and the parish gets \$100. Contact Jo 0419 510 014

Ministers of the Word at St John's

I will be preparing the roster for the Lent- Easter seasons shortly. If you know you will be unavailable between 25 February and 28 May inclusive please let me know before 5 February. Jo 0419 510 014

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for parish morning teas after mass every 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 5 person who have joined. We need 45 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

Thank you to everyone who picked a number in January's draw. \$155 was raised to support the students at the Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal. Winners will be announced in next week's newsletter. If you missed out in January you will have another chance to pick the lucky number for the draw on February 25. On sale now.

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

Prayers for the Deceased

Joe Benson, Frank Rogers, Sr Josepha RSJ, Kaye Brock, Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal George Pell
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.

**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:	30 January
Bridget Hayde	
Next Week :	6 February
Mary Parissons	

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$567.00
Quest Tap & Go:	\$190.00
Loose Plate	\$877.45
Direct Deposit:	\$240.00
TOTAL:	\$1,874.45
Weekly Budget: \$2500.00	
Difference:	-\$625.55