

**First Reading Sir 15:15-20**

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1 (R.)** Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

**Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10**

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Mt 5:17-37**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who

keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH**



St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

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

**11-12 February 2023 - 6th Week in Ordinary Time - Year A**

**Dear Friends,**

Today's Gospel comes from chapters 5-7 in Matthew's Gospel. It is a list of Jesus' sayings. He does not cancel the Commandments the Lord handed to Moses, but Jesus comes to be the fulfilment of the Commandments so that His followers may faithfully put them into practice in their lives.

Jesus warns us that the heart is the source of our motivations, intentions, desires, choices, and decisions. Unless we master the evil that may enter our hearts, we become corrupted, false, and malicious. Sin does not just happen to us; it first grows as a tiny seed in our hearts. Unless it is uprooted, with God's help, it grows like a weed and chokes the vine and all its fruit... Jesus says that anger towards another must not lead us to ill-will, hatred or revenge. To overcome uncontrolled anger or rage the Christian needs to practice mercy, forgiveness, good will, and patience. The first person to hate his brother was Cain. God warned Cain: "Why are you angry? Sin is couching at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it." (Gen 4:6-7)

Since God has forgiven us unconditionally, like Him, we His children must forgive and show mercy towards all. Just as Jesus forgave those who were responsible for His crucifixion, we can turn to the crucified Christ when we may experience darkness, despair, suffering and abandonment in our lives.

We can always ask Him to transform the evil in our lives into love and forgiveness towards all.

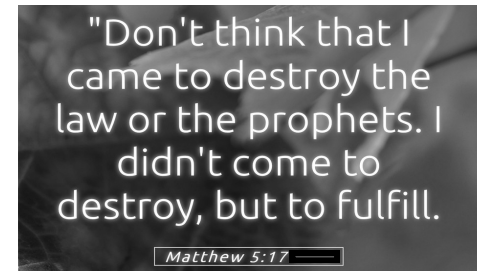
Through our faith in Jesus, may we love God above all and serve our neighbour in peace and may the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for us.

**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 in St John the Baptist Church courtyard. 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, 22 February:** Here at St John the Baptist Church. There will be the distribution of ashes during the Masses: at 9.00 am and at 7.00 pm.

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday in Lent, 7.00pm at St John the Baptist Church commencing Friday 24 February. Please come one and all to this most important devotional practice of our faith.

**Anointing of the Sick within Mass:** 12.00 pm Thursday 2 March



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PARISH DIARY <u>February 2023</u>	
<b>11 Saturday, Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
● 6.00pm Mass-St John's	
<b>12 Sunday, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A</b>	
● 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
● 10.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>13 Monday</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>14 Tues., Sts Cyril, monk &amp; Methodious, bishop</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>15 Wednesday</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>16 Thursday</b>	
● 12noon at St John's	
<b>17 Friday, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>18 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
● 6.00pm Mass-St John's	
<b>19 Sunday, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A</b>	
● 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
● 10.00am Mass-St John's	

**WANTED! PALMS for Palm Sunday**  
We need 4 palm fronds (branches) approximately 2 metres long as decoration on Palm Sunday 2 April. If you can help please ring Jo 0419 510 014

**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.

**Our Shared Car Park**  
A reminder, as students return to college at the beginning of the school year, that the spaces marked out and numbered in white are for students' use and the spaces marked out in blue with a 'P' are for parishioners' use. Please observe this agreement on school days and follow the directional arrows.

**The February issue of the Catholic Standard**  
Some highlights from this edition:

- Farewell to Benedict XVI: the gentle pope with the towering intellect
- An outpouring of love for Cardinal Pell as mourners urged to 'Be Not Afraid'
- Ukraine Appeal response shows true Christian charity
- A 'wonderful sign of growth' for Catholic schools in Tasmania
- Fr Bartha commences role as new Moonah-Lutana Parish Priest
- Archbishop Adrian Doyle recalls his episcopal ordination 25 years ago
- Exploring sexuality at the Made For Each Other Summer School
- Vale Sr Mary Josepha Aiken

**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.

**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 6 person who have joined. We need 44 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**  
There are still some 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**  
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

**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, Phillip White

**Prayers for the Deceased**  
Joe Benson, Frank Rogers, Sr Josepha RSJ, Kaye Brock, Darrel Patmore  
*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:	14 February
Bridget Hayde	
Next Week :	20 February
Roberta Puckett's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$811.85
Quest Tap & Go:	\$210.00
Loose Plate	\$682.85
Direct Deposit:	\$420.00
TOTAL:	\$2,124.70
Weekly Budget: \$2500.00	
Difference:	\$375.30