

First Reading Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

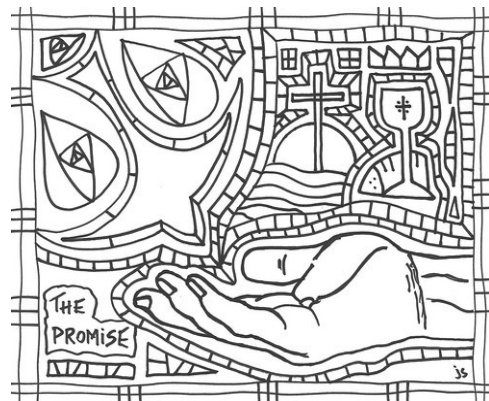
Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



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St. Monica

13-14 May 2023, 6th Sunday of Easter - Year A

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel passage comes from Jesus' Last Supper with His Apostles. Jesus wants to console and prepare them for the time when He is taken away from them. He promises to send them the Holy Spirit, the Consoler. Jesus also promises them that God the Father and He, Himself will come to them in their hearts through their faith and trust in Him and through their keeping of His commandments. Jesus says to them that if they truly love Him they will keep His commandments. If they do not keep His commandments, they do not really love Him.

Jesus also says that He will pray to His Father and He will send them the Holy Spirit. He explains to them who the Holy Spirit is: the Holy Spirit is the Consoler, the Spirit of truth, 'whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him;' but the disciples, including us, know the Holy Spirit because He is with us, and in us through the love we have for Jesus and by keeping His commandments.

Jesus promises that He will return to them after His resurrection; He reveals to them His relationship with God the Father, and will invite them to share in this relationship which they will experience in their hearts through faith.

Jesus wants all people to love Him and to follow and serve Him so that they too can share in the life of His Father. Anyone who believes in Him can share in God's love. Jesus extends His relationship with the Father to all who put their faith in Him because if we remain in Christ, we are also known and loved by the Father. Finally, Jesus promises His love for those who love Him. He says, "anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him."

May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for us. (Fr Guy)

Happy Mother's Day!

Blessings and love to all mothers on their special day. May we thank them for all they do to brighten this world and for the sacrifices they make for their children and others.

We remember those mothers who have gone to their reward in Heaven.



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PARISH DIARY	
May 2023	
13 Saturday, Our Lady of Fatima	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9.00am Mass-St John's ● 6.00pm Mass-St John's 	
14 Sunday, 6th Sunday of Easter - Year A	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8.30am Mass-St Monica's ● 10.00am Mass-St John's 	
15 Monday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9.00am Mass-St John's 	
16 Tuesday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9.00am Mass-St John's 	
17 Wednesday	
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18 Thursday, St John I, pope, martyr	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12noon at St John's 	
19 Friday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9.00am Mass-St John's 	
20 Saturday, St Bernardine of Siena, priest	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9.00am Mass-St John's ● 6.00pm Mass-St John's 	
21 Sunday, The Ascension of the Lord	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8.30am Mass-St Monica's ● 10.00am Mass-St John's 	

Confirmation Preparation Classes
 This Sunday the children will learn how Confirmation is a strengthening of Baptism. As well, they will hear the story of the birthday of the Church – the great feast of Pentecost. Please continue to pray for our four children as they journey towards Confirmation on 18 June.

Welcome again Dr Drasko Dizdar!
 We are delighted to announce that Dr Drasko Dizdar will be exploring the meaning of the Easter season from Jesus' passion, death and resurrection to the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles at Pentecost with us on 20 May at 11.00am. in St John's church. Not to be missed! Make a note in your diary!

24:7 Glenorchy Youth Group
 For Youth in Years 6 - 12 St John the Baptist Parish, 1st and 3rd Friday Nights 4 – 6pm. Come along for fun, friends, food and faith formation! We can't wait to see you there. For more information, please contact Angela 0410 414 459

Summary of the Liturgy Committee meeting held 9th May

- Sister Pam reported on the Ministry of Communion to the Sick in the Parish
- Provision in Mass during Father Guy's absence at World Youth Day (22nd July – 11 August) Fr. Guy to ascertain Fr. Bernie's availability. When no priest available Liturgy of the Word with Communion will be celebrated.
- Discussed two on-line training programmes for Ministers of the Word. More information to be obtained.

World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon
 There are 34 pilgrims attending the WYD in Lisbon. Please pray for all those preparing to take part in the pilgrimage. I will accompany the 15 pilgrims from Catholic Education as chaplain. Please pray for all those from Australia who are preparing to take part in WYD2023. We will be praying for you too. Fr Guy.

Call for volunteers to become catechists for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3-6 year old children: Catechist formation for scriptural and liturgical formation of children based on Montessori educational principles. Where: Kingston Parish. When: July 12-14th for Level 1, Part 1, and July 9-11th for Level 1 Part 2. Beginners can register only for Level 1, Part 1. Volunteers are required at Kingston, Launceston, and Hobart, so if you live nearby and are interested please register. Information: <https://youtu.be/RJZyqsjEjwU> Register: Christine Wood 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au

Please support our
Parish Mother's Day Raffle \$2 a ticket
 Raffle will be drawn after the 10.00am Mass, 14 May 2023

Fr Alar talk on Divine Mercy
 Mass and talk by Fr Chris Alar, MIC, on the subject, 'Understanding Divine Mercy' to be held on Wednesday, 31 May at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart. Mass to commence at 5:30pm, talk to follow at 6:30pm. All welcome to attend.

Beanie and Blanket Drive
 Now the weather is cooling down, we think of those who are less fortunate and perhaps homeless. For some years as a Parish, we have collected Beanies for Louie's Van and Blankets which we give to St Vincent de Paul for distribution. so for the month of May, get the knitting needles out and bring us your Beanies, and also new polar fleece blankets, any size, any price. (Mary)

Footy Points Margin
 Still no-one has claimed round 4, North Melbourne v. Carlton (23 points); round 5, Fremantle v. Gold Coast Suns (10 points); or for round 8, Carlton v. Brisbane Lions (26 points).

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 27 people who have joined. We need 23 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.

Please remember in your prayers our sick
 Fr Bob Curmi, Vince Mele, Elizabeth Drake, Marian Whyman, Marj Direen, Zofia Dzierbicki, David Smith, Mary Hinds, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Vickie Mackay, Alan Hinds, Peter Reynolds, Alan Brock, Philip White, Arnold Markham, Ted Grainger, Bev Evans, Kath Goss

Prayers for the Deceased
 Barbara Campbell, Darrel Patmore, Paul Westcott, Peggy Smith, Don Ambler, Sauro Giana, Ben Mackey, Byron Howard, Barbara Oakley
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:	15 May
Roberta Puckett's Team	
Next Week :	22 May
Chris Foale	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$526.85
Quest Tap & Go:	\$110.00
Loose Plate	\$600.80
Direct Deposit:	\$610.00
TOTAL:	\$1,847.65
Weekly Budget: \$2500.00	
Difference:	-\$652.35