

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except
through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

DO NOT LET
YOUR HEARTS
♥ BE TROUBLED ♥
trust in
God
John 14:1



St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

6-7 May 2023, 5th Sunday of Easter - Year A

Dear Friends,

The Gospel today is taken from Jesus' long farewell speech to His apostles, at the Last Supper, just before His passion and death on the Cross. This is to strengthen their faith and to comfort and reassure them before His departure.

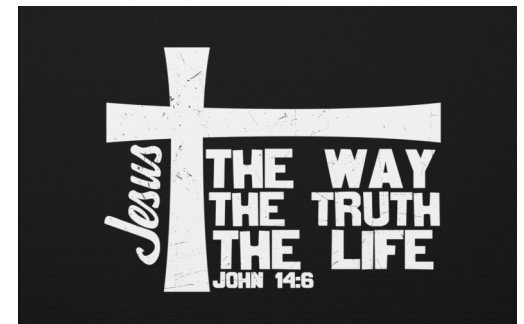
Before leaving them, Jesus reveals Himself to His apostles to strengthen their faith and trust in Him. Christians should not be discouraged or despair, whatever happens to them in this world because Jesus and His Father are always with them through Their unconditional love for all people of good will. Therefore, Christians are called to place all their trust in Jesus, their Lord and Saviour.

The Gospel writer uses the questions he puts on the lips of Thomas and Philip to reveal Jesus' identity. To the question asked by Thomas, Jesus replies, "I am the way, the truth and the life." To Philip's question, Jesus replies, "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." When Jesus says, "I am the way", He reveals His Father through His teaching and His miracles. What He says and does are true signs of God's presence in the world.

Therefore, those who put their trust in Jesus also put their trust in the God of Jesus Christ.

Also, when Jesus says He is in the Father and the Father is in Him He means that He is one with God the Father because He always does the Father's will. It is the Father who acts directly through Him. Therefore, Jesus is the full revelation of the unseen God. Human beings cannot see God in any other way except through Jesus who reveals Him to the world.

Christians are His disciples in so far as they imitate their Saviour and Lord. They too are called to do God the Father's will in their lives in response to Jesus' command to love one another. May the Virgin Mary Mother of God help us to be true disciples of Jesus.



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PARISH DIARY	
May 2023	
6 Saturday	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
● 6.00pm Mass-St John's	
7 Sunday, 5th Sunday of Easter - Year A	
● 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
● 10.00am Mass-St John's	
8 Monday	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
9 Tuesday	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
10 Wednesday, St John de Avila priest, doctor	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
11 Thursday	
● 12noon at St John's	
12 Friday, Sts Nereus and Achilles, martyrs	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
13 Saturday, Our Lady of Fatima	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
● 6.00pm Mass-St John's	
14 Sunday, 6th Sunday of Easter - Year A	
● 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
● 10.00am Mass-St John's	

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 Beansies 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 Beansies, and also new polar fleece blankets, any size, any price. (Mary)

The Rosary in May

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to our Lady. During this month, there will be the opportunity to join in praying the Rosary before the Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings from 5.30pm-5.50pm and before the 10.00am Mass on Sundays from 9.30am-9.50am

Mates and Dates

Are you tired of small talk, and ready to connect with others on a deeper level? Mates & Dates is all about mastering the art of connection - whether you're on a first date, or just getting to know someone new. This 8 week course is specifically targeted at young adults, helping you to build the confidence to connect with others and share your thoughts in genuine and meaningful ways (whether or not romance is on the table)! Each week, we will share a meal and explore topics including; how to have conversations, surviving the dating jungle, what not to do, and how to meet more people without dying of embarrassment! Registrations not required, anyone over 18 is welcome. When: Mondays, starting May 8, from 6pm-8pm Where: Black Buffalo Hotel, 14 Federal St, North Hobart Who: Anyone over 18 More information: rachel.bradley@aohatas.org.au

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@aohatas.org.au

Evangelium Project

Following the success of the 2022 Evangelium Project and Evangelium Conference, we are excited to invite you to the upcoming Epiclesis retreat, a one-day event aimed at deepening our spiritual lives and making us more effective instruments of God in sharing our faith with others. The retreat will be led by Fr Dave Callaghan MGL, and will include talks, times for prayer and reflection, music, and a shared meal. When: Saturday 13th May from 9:30am - 3:30pm Where: St Mary's Cathedral Centre, Hobart More Information: evangeliumproject@aohatas.org.au Register Now: <https://epiclesis-hobart.eventbrite.com.au>

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!

Please support our
Parish Mother's Day Raffle \$2 a ticket
Raffle will be drawn on 14 May 2023

Ministers of the Word

The roster for 3 June to 27 August will be drawn up shortly. If you know you will be unavailable during this time please let me know by 14 May. Thank you Jo 0419 510 014

Footy Points Margin

Wayne Cook was the 7 point winner for round 7. No-one has yet claimed round 4, North Melbourne v. Carlton (23 points) or round 5, Freemantle v. Gold Coast Suns (10 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 26 person who have joined. We need 24 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

Don Fogg, Barbara Campbell, Darrel Patmore, Paul Westcott, Peggy Smith, Don Ambler, Sauro Giana, Ben 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:	8 May
Bridget Hayde	
Next Week :	15 May
Roberta Puckett's Team	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$828.75
Quest Tap & Go:	\$80.00
Loose Plate	\$697.70
Direct Deposit:	\$555.00
TOTAL:	\$2,161.45
Weekly Budget: \$2500.00	
Difference:	-\$338.55