

First Reading Is 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading Rom 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower; all who come to him will
live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'



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St. Monica

15-16 July 2023, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A.

Dear Friends,

Jesus uses story-telling as a means of teaching the people. These stories are parables—stories with an underlying meaning.

In the Gospel chosen for today's Mass we find the parable of the sower and the seed; a common scene. Jesus is the sower and the seed is the Word of God and the soil is the level of acceptance in our hearts. The people gathered at the lakeside are a diverse crowd so Jesus gets into a boat to ensure that he will be heard.

His message is clear. Some will not be able to understand the message: they are not ready. Some will hear but they have not the courage or interest to persevere, influenced by their worldly interests.

Imagine and pray that you are the ones who have prepared your hearts and have accepted the seed, the Word of God! You will 'yield a harvest' according to your perseverance.

Blessings,
Sr Pam OP



Coming Up:

- Next Sunday is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.
- Saturday, 26 August 2-3.30pm Hymn-A-Long in the Church
- 7-11 September—Tour of Relic of Don Bosco
- Sunday, 10 September at the 10am Mass: Soup and sandwich lunch following Centenary Salesian Mass.
- Saturday, 21 October at 2.30pm: John Wallis lecture
- Saturday 18 November at 11am in the Church: Dr Drasko Dizdar's talk on the Advent gospels.

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PARISH DIARY July 2023

15 Sat., St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor

9.00am Mass-St John's

• 6.00pm Mass-St John's

16 Sunday, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's

17 Monday

• 9.00am Mass-St John's

18 Tuesday

• 9.00am Mass-St John's

19 Wednesday

• 9.00am Mass-St John's

20 Thurs, St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr

• 12noon at St John's

21 Friday, St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor

• 9.00am Mass-St John's

22 Saturday, St Mary Magdalene

9.00am Mass-St John's

• 6.00pm Mass-St John's 23 Sunday, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's

• 10.00am Mass-St John's

The Samaritan Projects Collection

The Samaritan Projects Collection this weekend is for the Archbishop's charitable works. It is for emergency needs which come under the Archbishop's notice in the course of his ministry.

Important Information for Parishioners

Fr Guy will be absent from the Parish from Saturday, 22 July until Sunday 13 August. During this time there will be no change to weekend Mass times at St John's or St Monica's. Fr Bernie and Fr Abilio will be the celebrants. The Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) will not be available during this time. Arrangements for weekdays will appear each Sunday in this newsletter, beginning Sunday, 23 July.

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.

National Liturgy and Liturgical Music Conference - September 2023

The conference is a joint initiative of the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and the National Liturgical Council of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Featuring five keynote presentations, 50 wide-ranging breakout workshop options, facilitated discussions, conference Mass, daily prayer and ritual experiences, optional conference dinner, along with broad networking opportunities and resource displays, this "not-to-be-missed" event invites all involved in liturgy and liturgical music in parishes, schools and other Catholic agencies to participate in the premier liturgy-focussed gathering in Australia. For full conference information go to: <https://mysteryandmission.com.au/>

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

Natural Fertility Services Tasmania

A healthy choice for couples who want to use natural methods for planning, and preventing pregnancies. The healthy choice, with personalised service. For more information call 0447 276 154 or CatholicCareTas.org.au

Church Tapestry

The large tapestry (needlepoint) hanging at the back of St John's Church is much in need of restoration. The staff of the Diocesan Archive Centre is arranging for its removal, cleaning and mending. It is of historical value and may be kept safely in the best place.

Ignite Conference 23

National Catholic Conference for everyone, with streams for kids, high schoolers, young adults and deeper sessions for 25+ Brisbane 21-24 September and Sydney 28 September-1 October, 2023. Information and registration: www.igniteconference.com.au

Footy Points Margin

This week's winners with 12 points (round 17) are Margaret and Bruce Gill. No-one has claimed round 4 (23 points); round 5 (10 points) or round 15 (28 points) yet.

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 32 people who have joined. We need 18 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, Margaret Gill, Arnold Gonzales, Maree Triffett, Anne Tabe, Kerry Eaves.

Prayers for the Deceased

Don Ambler, Barbara Oakley, John Grace, Harvey Bullen, Stephen Hanlon, Maria Cingel, Darrel Patmore, Angelo Pasutto, Barbara Campbell, Paul Westcott, Rosario Barahona, Peggy Smith, Sauro Giana, Don Fogg, Sr Josepha RSJ, Sr Ann Condon OP, Cathy Mallaburn, Doreen Street, Marjorie Harcourt. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. May they 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: 17 July

Roberta Puckett's Team

Next Week : 24 July

Chris Foale

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$595.35
Quest Tap & Go:	\$120.00
Loose Plate	\$812.80
Direct Deposit:	\$460.00
TOTAL:	\$1988.15
Weekly Budget: \$2,500.00	
Difference:	-\$511.85