

**First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8**

**(R.)** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading Romans 13:8-10**

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**2 Corinthians 5:19**

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ,  
to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation  
he has entrusted to us.

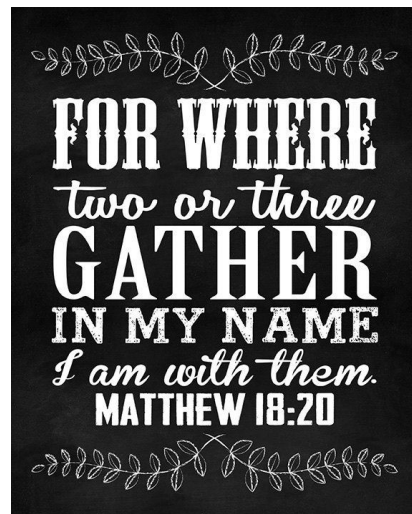
Alleluia!

**Gospel Matthew 18:15-20**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



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St. John the Baptist

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



St. Monica

**9-10 September 2023, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

**Dear Friends,**

This weekend as part of the Centenary Celebrations of the Salesian presence in Australia (1923-2023) St John's Parish is very fortunate to host the Relic of Don Bosco, the worldwide founder of the Salesian Order.

It is truly a momentous occasion to spend some time before the Relic Statue to pray to this great saint for your personal intentions, for your families and loved ones, for the church, for vocations and especially for young people.

The wax replica of the Saint contained in a glass casket has a small bone from the saint's body which was placed in this wax replica before being securely concealed in the large glass casket.

A suggested prayer before the Relic Statue might be:

O Saint John Bosco, you were full of compassion toward all people, especially the young, who suffered from illness, poverty, hunger, injustice and alienation. Pray for all in need, and for us too, that the blessings of God and protection of Mary Help of Christians may be on us all, to heal us, strengthen us, and comfort us. Pray for our families, especially for our young people, that they may be kept safely in God's grace. Intercede for us in life and in death so that we may eternally sing the divine mercies in heaven.

**St JOHN BOSCO**



**PRAY for US!**

**Tour of Relic Statue Program  
St John's Church, Glenorchy**

Some times before and after Masses will be available for people to view and pray before the Relic.

**Saturday 9 September**

- Relic Statue arrives at St John's
- 6.00 pm Mass

**Sunday 10 September**

- 10.00 am Mass (Archbishop Julian Porteous – main Celebrant with Salesians concelebrating)

**Monday 11 September**

- 9.00 am Mass Departure: Relic Statue leaves St John's

**Church open for View and Prayer**

- 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm Saturday 9 September
- 9.30 am – 4.00 pm Sunday 10 September
- 8.30 am – 10.00 am Monday 11 September

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PARISH DIARY September 2023	
<b>9 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary</b> 9.00am Mass-St John's	
• 6.00pm Mass-St John's	
<b>10 Sunday, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
• 10.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>11 Monday</b>	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>12 Tuesday</b>	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>13 Wednesday, St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor</b>	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>14 Thursday, Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>	
• 12noon at St John's	
<b>15 Fri., Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>16 Saturday, Sts Cornelius &amp; Cyprian martyrs</b>	
9.00am Mass-St John's	
• 6.00pm Mass-St John's	
<b>17 Sunday, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
• 10.00am Mass-St John's	

**The annual Evangelium Conference for 2023** will be in Bellerive this year, with keynote speaker Jude Hennessy – Director of the office of Renewal and Evangelisation for the Wollongong Diocese, and Catholic musician, song writer and worship leader Stephen Kirk! Saturday 16th September, 10am–4:30pm Cost: \$35 Please Register online: <https://evangeliumconferencetas23.eventbrite.com.au> More information: [evangeliumproject@aohatas.org.au](mailto:evangeliumproject@aohatas.org.au)

- Coming Up**
- Sunday, 17 September 10am Mass, First Holy Communion for 4 young people.
  - Saturday, 21 October from 11am-3pm: event to showcase the Church slab-glass windows.
  - Saturday 18 November, Gospel reflection on Advent 11am in the St John's Church by Dr Drasko Dizdar

**Sacramental Preparation - Parents' Information Meeting**

Parents of children of St John's Parish, Glenorchy, who wish to begin preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist, are invited to attend an information meeting on Wednesday, 20 September at 7pm in the Parish meeting room. (Children do not need to attend the meeting.) If you think your child is ready to take this step in their faith journey, please come along to the meeting. For more information contact Marie Aitken (0472 545 919).

**Celebrate Spring with friends!**

LAST CHANCE! Orders for high tea boxes close today – Sunday 10 September. Mouth watering goodies – sweet and savoury. Still only \$15, cash only, please. So get your orders to Felecia on 0447 887 512 today. Boxes will be available for collection from the parish meeting room on Saturday 16 September between 11.30am and 1.00pm. All proceeds to support students at the Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnager, Nepal.

**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 37 people who have joined. We need 13 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.

**HYMN TO DON BOSCO**

You were sent as a light to the nations,  
A witness that speaks louder than words.  
A hope that leads through the darkness  
That tells of truth and happiness to be.

**Refrain**

Don Bosco, be our guide and father,  
teach us the way of the Lord, the Truth and Life.  
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"To rejoice in the Lord, take joy in giving,"  
With kindness and patience, you did teach;  
The hearts of the young your life and glory.  
May our lives be part of this saving story.

**Refrain**

"Give me souls, take all else," now re-echoes.  
As we follow where you lead.  
With faith and trust we'll spread the Word,  
United in the strength of the Lord.

**Refrain**

**Footy Points Margin**

Des Mortimer had the winning ticket for round 24 (70 points). Five rounds still remain unclaimed - round 4 (23 points); round 5 (10 points); round 15 (28 points): round 22 (8 points) and round 23 (24 points).

**Please remember in your prayers our sick**

Fr Bob Curmi, Vince Mele, Elizabeth Drake, Marj Direen, Zofia Dzierbicki, David Smith, Mary Hinds, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Vickie Mackay, Alan Hinds, Peter Reynolds, Philip White, Arnold Markham, Ted Grainger, Bev Evans, Kath Goss, Elsa Natoli, Lorna Bromfield

**Prayers for the Deceased**

Byron Howard, Barbara Oakley, John Grace, Harvey Bullen, Stephen Hanlon, John Sheehan, Marian Whyman, Maree Triffett, Antonietta Bradshaw, Beatrice Mackey, Darby Quinn

*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**

<b>This Week:</b>	11 Sept
Bridget Hayde	
<b>Next Week :</b>	18 Sept
Roberta Puckett's Team	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$709.85
Quest Tap & Go:	\$160.00
Loose Plate	\$698.20
Direct Deposit:	\$435.00
TOTAL:	\$2,003.00
Weekly Budget: \$2,500.00	
Difference:	\$496.95

## Tour of the Relic Statue of St John Bosco in Australia

The relic statue of St John Bosco, better known as Don Bosco, will be touring Australia as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians on Australian soil. The Salesians came to the shore of Australia on 30th March 1923 in Fremantle, Western Australia.

The wax replica of the Saint contained in a glass casket comes from the Salesian Province of Hong Kong, made by Gianpiero Zoncu at the time of Don Bosco's beatification in 1929. A small bone from the right arm of the Saint was removed and placed in this wax replica before being securely concealed in the large glass casket.

John Bosco was born on 16 August 1815 in a farmhouse near a small village east of Turin in northern Italy. Since his childhood and as a mission from God, he had a desire to help the young people in need. He was ordained as a priest in Turin in 1841, at the age of 26 and dedicated his entire life for the good of the young to become 'good Christians and upright citizens'. Following his untiring life with the young, Don Bosco died on 31st January 1888 in Turin. He was declared a saint by Pope Pius XI on Easter Sunday, 1st April in 1934. Don Bosco is the patron saint of young people.



In Catholic Christianity, a relic is of immense reverence, and helps to remind individuals of the holiness of a saint, and the fulfilment of God's work through the saint. A relic can consist of anything from the bones of a saint to an object that the saint came in contact with during his or her lifetime.

The 400 kg glass casket containing the wax replica of St John Bosco was received by the Salesian Province Centre in Ascot Vale, Victoria at the end of June. It will be on tour and displayed for prayers and homage at various Salesian works in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Hobart and Perth from July to September 2023.

The relic stayed at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne during the Salesian Biannual Educational Conference in August. It will also journey with the Salesians and many lay members at the Centenary Retreat in the last week of September at the Foothills in Mooroolbark.

The relic statue of St John Bosco will be farewell from Australia during the concluding Mass of the Centenary led by Archbishop Peter Comensoli on Saturday 30th September at St Margaret Mary's parish in North Brunswick at 11:00 am.

