

**First Reading Sirach 27:30 – 28:7**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8**

**(R.)** The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

**Second Reading Romans 14:7-9**

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

**Gospel Acclamation John 13:34**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**Gospel Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be

sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt.

His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him.

Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Parable of The Unforgiving Servant



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St. John the Baptist

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH**

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



St. Monica

**16-17 September 2023, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**



We, the parish community of St John the Baptist, pray for these candidates who are celebrating First Communion that the gift of faith received in Baptism may continue to grow and be nourished. Thank you to all those who prepared them especially Marie Aitken.

**Congratulations to**

Marie Irakoze

Sherlin Golamari

Maryanne Matthew

Gylan Joseph Robles

We pray that they will always seek the nourishment of the Eucharist and with their family's encouragement and example frequently join the Community of St. John's or St. Monica's at Sunday Mass.

**Dear Friends,**

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks His followers to forgive always. As we pray in the "Our Father", 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.' If we refuse to forgive others unconditionally, we distance ourselves from others and from God. We must forgive others if we wish to receive God's unconditional mercy and salvation. May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for us. (Fr Guy)

**Church Repairs:**

Due to the flooding of the church last year there will need to be some restoration work including replacement of carpets and painting of some walls and ceilings in the church. This work is expected to be done during the week days in the next two months. There may be some disruption during this time. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Fr Guy on Annual Retreat:**

I will be away from Sunday afternoon 24 September until Saturday 30 September. During this time there will be no church services or Masses at St John's Church.

**A Prayer after Holy Communion:**

Lord, Jesus, I believe that you are truly present within me in this Holy Sacrament. I believe that You are surrounded by the angels and the saints in heaven. In this sacrament, heaven and earth are joined. I am now joined in a special way with the angels and saints. With the angels and saints I adore You as my God, I praise You for Your glory, I thank You for Your Saving Death and Resurrection. I pray for all my family and friends.

Bring us all to heaven, so that we may enjoy forever Your company with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, and with our friends and all the saints.

Jesus, thank you for the strength You give me through this Holy Communion to live in the way that You ask of me.

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PARISH DIARY September 2023	
<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	
<b>18 Monday</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>19 Tuesday, St Januarius, bishop, martyr</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>20 Wednesday, Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang martyrs</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>21 Thursday, St Matthew, apostle</b>	
● 12noon at St John's	
<b>22 Friday</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>23 Saturday, St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
● 6.00pm Mass-St John's	
<b>24 Sunday, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
● 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
● 10.00am Mass-St John's	

Fr Guy Away	
Fr Guy will be on retreat 24 - 30 September. During this time the church will be closed. The parish office opening hours remain unchanged.	
● There will be <b>NO Masses</b> on Monday 25, Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27, Thursday 28, Friday 29 & 9am Saturday 30 September.	
● There will be No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 September.	
● There will be a 6pm Vigil Mass as usual on Saturday 30 September	
● 8.30am and 10.00am Masses as usual on Sunday 1 October.	
● The sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available on Saturday 30 September.	

First Holy Communion Preparation Classes	
On Wednesday afternoon September 13 the children completed their preparation for receiving their First Holy Communion. They attended a 'retreat' where they consolidated their learning through stories and activities. As well, they were able to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in readiness to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday, 17 September. Receiving First Holy Communion completes their Sacraments of Initiation so that now they can participate more fully in the life of the Church. Congratulations to Maryanne, Marie, Gylan and Sherlin.	

Welcome to New Parishioners	
The Parish Pastoral Council has produced a new 'Welcome Booklet', which includes information provided by our Parish ministries and groups. The booklet contains important details for new parishioners regarding our Parish. Several copies are to be placed in St John's and St Monica's for new parishioners to collect. If you are aware of any families who are new to the Parish, could you please inform them of the Welcome Booklet? Thank you! Mrs Elaine Doran (Chair, Parish Pastoral Council.)	

October : Month of the Rosary	
As in past years, the Rosary will be recited before all weekend Masses at St John's Glenorchy and St Monica's, Chigwell during the month of October. At St John's it will be led by the members of the Legion of Mary.	

The Season of Creation	
The Season of Creation a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. We mark our relationship with God's creation particularly this month in unity with Christians all over the world. This site is one of many with information, prayers and ideas for action: <a href="https://seasonofcreation.org/about/">https://seasonofcreation.org/about/</a>	

St John's Marriage Group	
St John's marriage Group will be meeting again on Sunday 1 October 2023 at 12 noon via ZOOM for Talk 2 of the marriage course titled, "the art of communication". The zoom Link to join; <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83597892197">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83597892197</a> Meeting ID: 835 9789 2197 or call Sean/Sandra on 0481566050 for details.	

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.)	

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.	

Footy Points Margin	
The game being played on Friday 15 September is the semi - final between Melbourne and Carlton. The tickets that were sold on 9/10 September were marked PF with the serial number 823317. (I made a mistake and picked up the wrong box, Jo) So we will be paying out on tickets marked PF for the semi-final game on 15 September and on tickets marked SF for the preliminary final game on 22 September. (I do apologise for causing this confusion, Jo.) Six rounds still remain unclaimed - round 4 (23 points); round 5 (10 points); round 15 (28 points); round 22 (8 points); round 23 (24 points) and the elimination final (6 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	
Don Ambler, Barbara Oakley, John Grace, Harvey Bullen, Stephen Hanlon, John Sheehan, Marian Whyman, Maree Triffett, Antonietta Bradshaw, Beatrice Mackey, Darby Quinn, Erno Giczi	
<i>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.</i>	

Parish Volunteers	
To meet legal requirements, all parishes must ensure all staff and applicable volunteers have required compliance checks, namely <b><u>a current Police Check as well as Working with Vulnerable People Registration.</u></b> 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	
● <b>St. Monica's, Chigwell</b>	
● 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:	18 Sept
Roberta Puckett's Team	
Next Week :	25 Sept
Chris Foale	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$611.85
Quest Tap & Go:	\$130.00
Loose Plate	\$751.65
Direct Deposit:	\$475.00
TOTAL:	\$1,968.50
Weekly Budget: \$2,500.00	
Difference:	\$531.50