

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

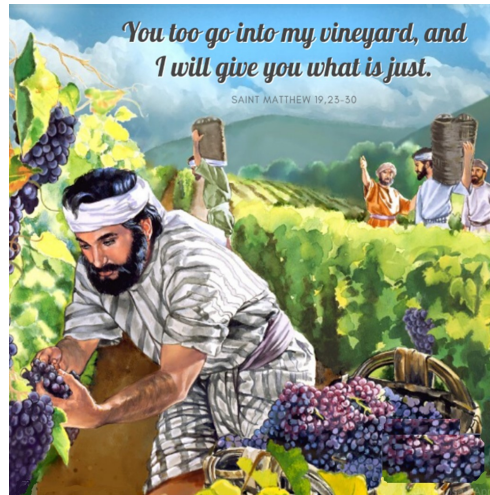
Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went.

At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each.

They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'



St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

23-24 September 2023, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Dear Friends,

"How small our thoughts can be, and how poor our ways of seeing and judging. We think miserly thoughts, and act in miserly ways.

Why?

Because we have small minds and small hearts.

Lord, open our minds and enlarge our hearts, so that we can think more like you. Let us not begrudge your goodness to others, knowing that we too are undeserving of your favours, And stand more in need of your mercy than of your justice. Amen." (p.301 Flor McCarthy)

The Gospel today asks us to see God as our Friend. The friendship between God and humanity is based on love. Jesus asks us to accept God's infinite love and mercy and not judge others by what they do or fail to do. He asks us to treat others with generosity and respect because that is the way God loves us. God does not exclude anyone from heaven.

The only barrier that can exclude anyone from heaven is their lack of love towards all. Why should we be jealous because God is so generous towards all? (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.

Annual Retreat: Fr Abilio and Fr Guy.

Fr Abilio and Fr Guy will be away on their annual Salesian retreat from Sunday afternoon 24 September to Saturday 30 September. During the weekdays- 25-30 September - there will be no Masses or other services - at St John's Church.

St John's Slab Glass Windows Exhibition - 11am-3pm Saturday 21 October 2023

A free event will showcase our hidden treasures the slab-glass windows in St John's Church—to Parishioners, friends and the general public. This will be held in the Church on Saturday, 21 October between 11am - 3pm. Archbishop Julian Porteous will officially open the event at 11am, refreshments will be offered, and people will then have the opportunity of viewing the windows and talking to the artist, Michael Nunn, during the day. Mark the date in your calendars and spread the word about our hidden treasures, unique in Tasmania. All welcome.

PARISH DIRECTORY	
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PARISH DIARY	
September 2023	
23 Saturday, St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am Mass-St John's • 6.00pm Mass-St John's 	
24 Sunday, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.30am Mass-St Monica's • 10.00am Mass-St John's 	
25 Monday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Mass-St John's 	
26 Tuesday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Mass-St John's 	
27 Wednesday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Mass-St John's 	
28 Thursday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Mass-St John's 	
29 Friday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Mass-St John's 	
30 Sat., St Jerome, priest	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am No Mass-St John's • 6.00pm Mass-St John's 	
October 2023	
1 Sunday, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be NO Masses 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. 	

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.	

Education of Future Priests Appeal	
For this weeks collection help support our seminarian students who are in preparation for entering the priesthood. The Education of Future Priests Appeal enables Tasmanians to help fund the training and education of seminarians on their journey to the priesthood. The cost of training each seminarian is approximately \$45,000 per annum, with most students taking up to seven years to complete their studies. Seminarians studying to become priests for the Archdiocese of Hobart must attend theological colleges interstate or overseas for the duration of their studies and formation. The Education of Future Priests Appeal helps to meet the costs of training our seminarians: Tuition fees for theological education, Seminary accommodation and living fees, Health insurance costs, A modest monthly study allowance, Interstate travel between Melbourne & Hobart (Easter, Christmas, pastoral work, Assistance with the costs of pastoral work experience in parishes.	

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.)	

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; https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83597892197 Meeting ID: 835 9789 2197 or call Sean/Sandra on 0481566050 for details.	

High Tea Boxes	
Thank you to everyone who supported this fund raiser. We hope they were enjoyed at get-togethers with friends and families. The final total was \$565.00 which will be forwarded to the Don Bosco Technical School in Biratnagar, Nepal in due course.	

Weekend Retreat on Carmelite Spirituality and Introduction to personal prayer	
The Way of Perfection: St Teresa of Avila, Mystic and the First Woman Doctor of the Church will be the topic presented to us by Fr Paul Maunder, Carmelite Friar based in Sydney. Emmanuel Centre, Friday 24th November - Sunday 26th November. Cost of Weekend is \$300 include all meals and accommodation. Call Sandra on 6331 4991 for more information and bookings.	

Footy Points Margin	
We have some winners! Adriana Taylor won round 22 (8 points); Des Mortimer won the elimination round (6 points) and Annette Bailey won the semi-final between Melbourne and Carlton (2 points). That leaves only four rounds unclaimed - round 4 (23 points); round 5 (10 points); round 15 (28 points) and round 23 (24 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 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.	

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 <u>a current Police Check as well as Working with Vulnerable People Registration.</u> 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	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.00pm Saturday • 10.00am Sunday 	
St. Monica's, Chigwell	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.30am Sunday 	
WEEKDAY MASSES St. John's, Glenorchy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday • 12.00pm Thursday 	
ROSARY At St. John's, Glenorchy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.30am every Wednesday and Saturday 	
RECONCILIATION At St. John's, Glenorchy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.30am-10.00am & 5.15pm-5.45pm Saturday 	
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT At St. John's, Glenorchy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.00am - 8.50am Wednesday • 9:00am - 11.50am Thursday 	
LEGION OF MARY at St. John's, Glenorchy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.45 pm Every Tuesday 	
ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP at St. John's, Glenorchy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30am 	
DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP at St. John's, Glenorchy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every Friday at 3.00pm 	

COUNTERS' ROSTERS	
This Week:	25 Sept
Chris Foale	
Next Week :	2 Oct
Mary Parsissons	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$955.80
Quest Tap & Go:	\$120.00
Loose Plate	\$853.30
Direct Deposit:	\$220.00
TOTAL:	\$2,149.10
Weekly Budget: \$2,500.00	
Difference:	\$350.00