

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5.7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'



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

29 - 30 July 2023, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A.

Dear Friends,

Father Guy and adult Tasmanian members of the pilgrimage to Rome and World Youth Day have arrived safely in Rome and have already visited places of interest. After their time in Rome, gaining experience of a 2000 year old Church founded by Jesus and lived by followers through those ages, the group will join a group of young people from Tasmania en route to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. Here they will attend a Papal Mass in the company of thousands from various countries.

As we read in today's Gospel, the 'kingdom of heaven' is our great treasure. As members of this kingdom on earth we follow Jesus in great faith as he preaches to us in parables. The treasure in the field and the pearl of great price remind us of our great privilege.

In another of the parables of Jesus which we read today, there is the image of the dragnet, which the fishermen pull to shore. As well as containing fish it brings in all manner of debris. The kingdom of heaven is like that dragnet. All manner of people are members of our Church, some good, some less so! Some new, some old. The angels will separate them at the end of time, as relayed in the parable.

Sr Pamela Davis

Weekday Masses/Communion Services

Monday 31 July – Saturday 4 August

Monday 31 July

- No Mass - Church Closed

Tuesday 1 August

- 9.00am Communion Service-Sr Pam Davis

Wednesday 2 August

- 9.00 am Communion Service-Paul Becker
-8.00–8.50am No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 3 August

- 12.00pm Mass - Fr Bernie/Fr Abilio
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Coming Up

- Saturday, 26 August 2-3.30pm Hymn-A-Long in the St John's Church
- 7-11 September—Tour of Relic of Don Bosco—St John's Church
- Sunday, 10 September at the 10am Mass in honour of St John Bosco: Soup and sandwich lunch following Centenary Salesians Mass.
- Saturday, 21 October from 11am-3pm: event to showcase the Church slab-glass windows.
- Saturday 18 November at 11am in the St John's Church: Dr Drasko Dizdar's talk on the Advent gospels.

PARISH DIRECTORY	
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PARISH DIARY	
July 2023	
29 Saturday, Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus	
● 6.00pm Mass-St John's	
30 Sunday, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
● 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
● 10.00am Mass-St John's	
31 Monday, St Ignatius of Loyola, priest	
● No Mass-St John's	
August 2023	
1 Tuesday, St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor	
● 9.00am Communion Service -St John's	
2 Wednesday	
● 9.00am Communion Service -St John's	
3 Thursday, St Dominic, priest	
● 12noon Mass at St John's	
4 Friday, St John Vianney	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
5 Saturday, Mass of the Virgin Mary	
● 6.00pm Mass-St John's	
6 Sun., The Transfiguration of the Lord	
● 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
● 10.00am Mass-St John's	

First Holy Communion Preparation Classes
This weekend the four children in our Sacramental programme begin their lessons to prepare for their First Holy Communion on Sunday, 17 September. We invite parishioners to pray for the children throughout their weeks of preparation.

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, 10 am-4:30pm Cost: \$35 Early Bird finishing on August 31st Register: <https://evangeliumconferencetas23.eventbrite.com.au> More information: evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au

Passion, Intimacy and Christ
Theology of the Body Retreat 24th-27th August with Simon Carrington from Fire Up Ministries at The Murphy Room, 35 Tower Rd, Archdiocese of Hobart. The deepest desire of the human heart is for God, how do our bodies and sexuality reveal truth about God and our relationship with Him? Explore how you can be free from struggles and learn to love every person you meet with purity of heart. Grow closer to God and understand how to live out your sexuality in freedom, peace and joy. For those married or single, all ages over 18 Thursday and Friday evenings, talks and light supper All day Saturday with lunch and dinner ending in a Mercy Night with Eucharistic Adoration and the chance for Sacrament of Confession and then finishing Sunday Morning \$40 for early bird registrations before 14th August or \$55 afterwards. Contact: Dr Rachel Bradley: (03) 6208 6036.

Knights of the Southern Cross - Prayer Crusade for Vocations, Sunday 6 August to Sunday 13 August
The Australian Catholic Church's Vocations Awareness Week is held this year from 6 - 13 August 2023. It is a week in which the Church asks us all to reflect on how best we can respond to God's call to us to love and serve. It is also a time in which to pray for those seeking to discern their life vocation.

Tasmanian Catholics are once again invited to join the Knights of the Southern Cross and Catholics in the Australian Defence Force in our 17th Prayer Crusade to pray for an increase in the number of Catholics willing to serve the Church in the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

WHAT WE REQUEST:
Those participating in Tasmania are asked to say the special prayer on each day of the week between Sunday 6 to Sunday 13 August.

THE PRAYER:
"Heavenly Father, you know the faith, courage and generosity of your people throughout Australia including the men and women serving at home and overseas with the Australian Defence Force. Please provide your people in Australia with sufficient Priests, Deacons and Religious to meet their needs and be with them always as they endeavour to meet the challenges of their daily lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen."

Fr Anthony Onyirioha - State Chaplain, Tasmania
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Ministers of the Word
I will be preparing the next rosters shortly. If you know you will be unavailable between 3 September and 26 November, the Feast of Christ the King, could you let me know by Sunday 13 August, please. Jo 0419 510 014

Date Saver - Upcoming Event
A free event is being planned to 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 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.

Footy Points Margin
The winner of round 19 was Nick Johnson (41 points). Still looking for winners of round 4 (23 points); round 5 (10 points) and round 15 (28 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 36 people who have joined. We need 14 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, Margaret Gill

Prayers for the Deceased
Don Ambler, Byron Howard, Barbara Oakley, John Grace, Harvey Bullen, Stephen Hanlon, John Sheehan, Marian Whyman,
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 Friday
● 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

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:	31 July
Bridget Hayde	
Next Week :	7 Aug
Mary Parsissons	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$531.85
Quest Tap & Go:	\$160.00
Loose Plate	\$711.45
Direct Deposit:	\$220.00
TOTAL:	\$1,623.30
Weekly Budget: \$2,500.00	
Difference:	\$876.70

**Weekday Masses/ Communion Services
Monday 24 July – Saturday 12 August 2023**

Monday 24 July	No Mass	Church closed
Tuesday 25 July	9.00 am Communion Service	Sr Pam Davis OP
Wednesday 26 July	9.00 am Communion Service	Paul Becker
	8.00 – 8.50 am No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday 27 July	12.00 pm Mass	Fr Bernie/Fr Abilio
	9.00 – 11.50 am No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Friday 28 July	9.00 am Mass	Fr Bernie/Fr Abilio
Saturday 29 July	9.00 am Communion Service	Paul Becker
	Weekend Masses as usual	
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Friday 4 August	9.00 am Mass	Fr Bernie/Fr Abilio
Saturday 5 August	9.00 am Communion Service	Paul Becker
	Weekend Masses as usual	
Monday 7 August	No Mass	Church Closed
Tuesday 8 August	9.00 am Communion Service	Sr Pam Davis OP
Wednesday 9 August	9.00 am Communion Service	Paul Becker
	8.00 – 8.50 am No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday 10 August	12.00 pm Mass	Fr Bernie/Fr Abilio
	9.00 – 11.50 am No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Friday 11 August	9.00 am Mass	Fr Bernie/Fr Abilio
Saturday 12 August	9.00 am Communion Service	Paul Becker
	Weekend Masses as usual	



at St John's,
Glenorchy

Saturday 26th August

2.00 - 3.30pm

(with a cuppa afterwards)

Love singing? Best thing about going to church is / was the music?
Remember the Good Old Hymns we used to love to sing?
Some current ones as well?

Well, come along and enjoy such favourites as:

**Soul of My Saviour - Faith of Our Fathers - Holy God We Praise Thy Name
Jesus My Lord, My God, My All - All Creatures of our God and King
Joy is Like the Rain - Amazing Grace - Here I am, Lord
Spirit of God - Galilee Song (So I Leave My Boats Behind) - Alleluia**

Bring your lungs. Sing the cobwebs and the worries away

*Note: While we will be singing in a church and led by church
musicians and singers, this event is for people of all levels of devotion:
deeply devout to those hanging on by a fingernail. It will not be a liturgy,
but we will start with a simple prayer*

