

**First Reading
Genesis 9:8-15**

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

**Responsorial Psalm
Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10**

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

**Second Reading
1 Peter 3:18-22**

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe.

That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

**Gospel Acclamation
Matthew 4:4**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.

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king of endless glory!

**Gospel
Mark 1:12-15**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'



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17-18 February 2024, 1st Sunday of Lent- Year B

Dear Friends,

Today's short Gospel passage has two parts to it: the temptation of Jesus in the desert and the commencement of Jesus' public ministry calling all to "repent and believe the Good News."

Jesus' call to all people of good will to repent and believe in the Good News is a call to follow Him and make Him the centre of their lives.

St Mark, the Gospel writer, does not say what the temptation was for Jesus. But we know from the other Gospel writers that Jesus' temptation was about His struggle to choose what sort of a prophet he would be. Jesus chose to be the Suffering Servant of God in obedience to the will of His heavenly Father.

In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus faces the same temptation. But again, He abandons Himself to the will of His Father. He prays, "Abba Father, all things are possible to you, remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what you will." This is the same temptation that afflicts all those who put Jesus at the centre of their lives. Fortunately, through the apostles who were there at Gethsemane with Him, Jesus reminds all those who follow Him to "watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Mk 14:38-39) Even though we are weak, with God's help we can overcome the evil in our lives.

May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for us. (Fr Guy)

A story:

There was a lady who went into a coffee shop in Pitt St, Sydney and ordered a bowl of soup. After paying for it she chose a table to sit at and started to enjoy her soup. But she forgot to get a soup spoon from the counter. So, leaving her purse on the seat she walked the few steps to collect her spoon.

To her surprise when she returned to her seat there was an Asian eating her soup. She could not believe her eyes. How dare he! In her anger she decided that this Asian with a smile on his face was not going to ruin her day.

She decided to sit opposite him. The man did not say anything. He just smiled. When he finished he bowed to her and left. To make things worse the purse on the chair was also gone!

All of a sudden she chanced to look over to the next table and found a bowl of soup and a purse on the chair.

**Coming up:
PIETA Lenten programme**

With the number of people signing up for the day and evening sessions being roughly equal it has been decided that gatherings will be held at BOTH times. Therefore the first gatherings will be held at 1.30pm. on Wednesday 21 February and 7.00pm. on Wednesday 21 February. Books will be distributed prior to this date.

Parish Lenten Reconciliations

Tuesday, 19 March at 7:00pm. "Repent and believe" embrace the call to turn back to the Lord.

A year of prayer

You are urged to pick up a copy of the Lenten Pastoral Letter 2024 from our Archbishop Julian Porteous

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PARISH DIARY	
February 2024	
17 Saturday, after Ash	
Wednesday	
• 9.00am	Mass-St John's
• 6.00pm	Mass-St John's
18 Sunday, 1st Sunday of Lent	
• 8.30am	Mass-St Monica's
• 10.00am	Mass-St John's
19 Monday	
• 9.00am	Mass-St John's
20 Tuesday	
• 9.00am	Mass-St John's
21 Wednesday, St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor	
• 9.00am	Mass-St John's
22 Thursday, The Chair of St Peter, apostle	
• 12noon	St John's
23 Friday, St Polycarp, bishop, martyr	
• 9.00am	Mass-St John's
24 Saturday	
• 9.00am	Mass-St John's
• 6.00pm	Mass-St John's
25 Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Lent	
• 8.30am	Mass-St Monica's
• 10.00am	Mass-St John's

Project Compassion - First Sunday of Lent

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations.

Meet Ronita from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet Leaia from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet Memory from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the table at the foyer.

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Parish Pastoral Council News: Last year the PPC updated its Constitution. The new guidelines focus much more on the pastoral aspects of the Council's work. At the meeting on 5 February, the PPC members discussed possible ways to make the parish better known in the broader community; opportunities to celebrate the Parish's multicultural diversity; and considered how the Parish and Colleges might work together to support each other through activities or events. The ideas would be discussed further at upcoming meetings and discussed with the Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee or Colleges, as appropriate.

News from the Colleges:

Dominic College: Steve Casni reported that the school year had begun with a strong start, noting that the College was fully staffed. He considered this a blessing because of the teacher shortages around the country. Enrolments were strong with kinder classes full and waiting lists for other year levels.

Guilford Young College: Jo Legosz reported that enrolment numbers were nearing 800 over the two campuses - Glenorchy and Hobart. The 2024 Student Leaders would be commissioned at a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, 15 February and Awards Presentations, to acknowledge the successes of the 2023 students, would be held on Wednesday, 14 March.

World Day of Prayer 2024

This year, our parish is hosting the service for World Day of Prayer so it is hoped that parishioners will join their fellow Christians of different denominations from the Glenorchy area for a time of prayer and reflection on. Friday 1 March at 11.30am, followed by a Cuppa and light refreshments.

Stations of the Cross,

Join with Our Lord on the journey of the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent, 7:00pm at St. John's.



Help Needed

Volunteers are needed for morning tea every first Sunday of the month after Mass. Please contact Kay 6272 9024

Legion of Mary

"Active and Auxiliary Legion of Mary Members and interested Parishioners are invited to attend the Annual Mass and Acies Ceremony on Saturday, 2pm, March 23rd, 2024. To be held at Christ the Priest Parish, Jindabyne Road, Blackman's Bay.

Footy Points Margin

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for this fund raiser. It will definitely be going ahead again this year and tickets will be available for collection weekend 24-25 February onwards for the opening round game between Brisbane Lions and Carlton on Friday 8 March. If you haven't signed up there is still time - see the yellow sheet at the back of the church.

Please remember in your prayers our sick

Fr Bob Curmi, Vince Mele, Elizabeth Drake, Zofia Dzierbicki, Marj Direen, 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, Elaine Brown, Calixto Bumagat Sr., Stephen Mortimer, Noel Sharp, Garren Guevarra

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, Pamela Mavis Porteous, Kerry Eaves, Martin Valenzuela, Isabel Riley, Erminia Sella, Teresa Larkin, Vincent Aiken, Margaret Everett

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 Registration to Work with Vulnerable People (RWVP)**. 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:	19 Feb
Roberta Puckett's Team	
Next Week :	26 Feb
Chris Foale	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$525.95
Quest Tap & Go:	\$140.00
Loose Plate	\$1,054.15
Direct Deposit:	\$575.00
TOTAL:	\$2,295.10
Weekly Budget: \$2,500.00	
Difference:	\$204.90