

**First Reading
Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am,' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Second Reading
Romans 8:31-34**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

**Gospel Acclamation
See Matthew 17:5**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud,
the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



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St. Monica

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

24-25 February 2024, 2nd Sunday of Lent- Year B

Dear Friends,

On the Second Sunday of Lent, we celebrate Jesus' transfiguration.

St Mark writes:

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The meaning and purpose of the Transfiguration is:

Firstly, to show that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God and the Son of Mary.

Secondly, to strengthen the apostles' faith in Jesus' divinity by giving them a glimpse of the glory of the Resurrection. Thirdly, to prepare them to remain faithful to Him after His scandalous death on the Cross.

Today, our faith in Jesus' divinity is strengthened as we celebrate Jesus' transfiguration. When difficulties and trials come our way, we can face them with courage and faith in Jesus, and, through them, He draws us closer to Himself and to God the Father.

May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for all people of good will.

'Be in good spirits under the fatherly mantle of St. Joseph, a place of safest refuge in trials and tribulations.'
(St. Joseph Marello)

Parish Lenten Reconciliations

Tuesday 19 March at 7.00 pm

Fr Abilio Guterres and I will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please come to prepare well for the Easter Celebration on 31 March. Our Lady of Fatima urges all Catholics to confess their sins weekly!

Reconciliation Times :

Saturdays: 9.30am - 10.00am & 5.15pm - 5.45pm

During Lent -

extra Reconciliation Times :

Thursdays: 11.15am - 11.45am
Fridays: 3.00pm - 4.00pm

What we must give up for Lent is our sins - sins which arise from our failure to believe that our happiness is to be found in God. This is how Satan tempts Jesus in the wilderness, with a false version of true happiness. To repent is to return to reality. Genuine repentance isn't motivated by guilt or fear. We are not punished **for** our sins but **by** them. Our sins do us harm, and they are ultimately futile and unsatisfying. Lent is our opportunity to set our hearts on God. It's in the heart that all the real battles in this life are won or lost. We fill our hearts with all the wrong things and gratify other needs, making us restless and unhappy. Lenten penance helps us to recognise the space within us for God, and keep that space free for him. (Fr Alban McCoy OFM Conv)

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PARISH DIARY	
February 2024	
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	
26 Monday	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
27 Tuesday, St Gregory of Narek abbot, doctor	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
28 Wednesday	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
29 Thursday	
• 12noon Mass -St John's	
March 2024	
1 Friday, Autumn Ember Day	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
2 Saturday	
• 9.00am Mass-St John's	
• 6.00pm Mass-St John's	
3 Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Lent	
• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
• 10.00am Mass-St John's	

Project Compassion - 2nd Sunday of Lent
 After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at the table in the foyer.

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 at St John's on Friday 1 March at 11.30am, followed by a Cuppa and light refreshments.

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.

Glenorchy Parish Easter Timetable

<u>St John's</u>			
28 March	Holy Thursday	Mass	7.00pm.
29 March	Good Friday	Stations Passion	10.00am. 3.00pm.
30 March	Easter Vigil	Mass	7.30pm.
31 March	Easter Sunday	Mass	10.00am.
<u>St. Monica's</u>			
31 March	Easter Sunday	Mass	8.30am.

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Parish Pastoral Council News: At the recent PPC meeting on 5 February, Mary-Anne shared an excerpt from a book about Peter Taylor, the artist who created the sculpture of the Risen Christ in St John's Church, which explained the background to how the artwork had been produced. Copies of the article, and accompanying photos, are available on the table in the Church foyer for you to take.

News from the Colleges: **Dominic College:** Prior to the start of the school year, staff at the College had undertaken Cultural Awareness training to help them understand the differences in the various cultures represented at the College. The staff were encouraged to get to know their families and to be aware of language barriers to communication. **Guilford Young College:** Work on the new Trade Training Centre building on the Glenorchy Campus was progressing well and is due to be finished in September. The Musical planned for 2024 is Hairspray - a show about racial diversity, inclusion and acceptance. A workshop for interested students had been held in early December.

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.



Autumn Ember Day Friday, 1 March 2024
Special day of prayer and penance
 Ember days seek God's blessing of favourable weather and a fruitful harvest from the land.

St John's features in promotional video for archbishop's Parish Mission Plan. To access - google hobart.catholic.org.au then search Parish Mission Plan then A new vision for Tasmanian parishes launched. Scroll to the end and watch the video clip.

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 17 people who have joined. We need 33 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
 There has been a wonderful response to this fund raiser, thank you to all who have signed up. Tickets will be available this week end and next for the first game which is the opening round, marked 'O' on your tickets, to be played Friday 8 March between Brisbane Lions and Carlton. The following week will be round 1 between Collingwood and Sydney Swans on Friday 15, then round 2, round 3 etc. as usual.

Please remember in your prayers our sick
 Fr Bob Curmi, Vince Mele, Elizabeth Drake, Zofia Dzierbicki, Marj Dreen, 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, Stephen Mortimer, Noel Sharp, Garren Guevarra, Geoff Urquhart, Peter Bailey, Vito Russo

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, Anne Hickey

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:	26 Feb
Chris Foale	
Next Week :	4 March
Mary Parsissons	

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$385.00
Quest Tap & Go:	\$260.00
Loose Plate	\$795.95
Direct Deposit:	\$190.00
TOTAL:	\$1,630.95
Weekly Budget: \$2,500.00	
Difference:	\$869.05