

### First Reading

#### 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 136. R. v.6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced,  
if ever I forget you!

#### Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

#### Gospel Acclamation John 3:16

Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much,  
he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him  
might have eternal life.

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Lord Jesus Christ!

#### Gospel John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



St. John the Baptist

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St. Monica

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

### 9 - 10 March 2024, 4th Sunday of Lent - Year B

## Dear Friends,

In the Gospel today Jesus says, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life."

God loves us. His love speaks. Could the Father come directly? Yes, but is the love of a Father, who gives His only Son, not greater? Every mother, if she was able to choose, prefers to die herself rather than see her son die. God has loved us so much, to the point of seeing His Son die!

"Just as a Mum and Dad bend down to pick up their tired and weary child, so too God our Father reaches down to us and gathers us up into his arms, and all this happens, above all, in the cross of Christ. May we often look upon the cross and know how great is the love of God for us." (Bishop Kennedy)

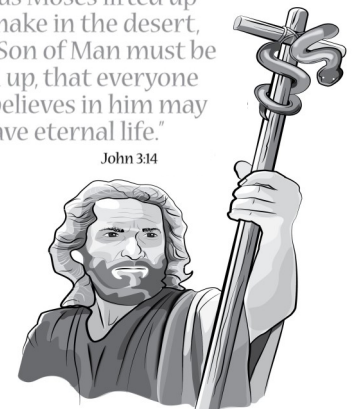
**"The Sacrament of Reconciliation** not only shows me the true nature of God, it importantly also reveals me to myself. But generally, in life, I only know myself through the eyes of another person. I would never know I was lovable if I had not experienced the love of someone else." (Msgr Graham Shmitzer)

Decide to go to Confession this Lent. God will not let you down!

St Pope John Paul II made the comment at World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto, 'We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of God's love for us.' (Fr Guy)

"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

John 3:14



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PARISH DIARY	
<u>March 2024</u>	
<b>9 Saturday</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Mass-St John's</li> <li>• 6.00pm Mass-St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>10 Sunday, 4th Sunday of Lent</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's</li> <li>• 10.00am Mass-St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>11 Monday</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Mass-St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>12 Tuesday</b>	
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<b>13 Wednesday</b>	
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<b>14 Thursday</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12noon Mass -St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>15 Friday</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Mass-St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>16 Saturday</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Mass-St John's</li> <li>• 6.00pm Mass-St John's</li> </ul>	
<b>17 Sunday, 5th Sunday of Lent</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.30am Mass-St Monica's</li> <li>• 10.00am Mass-St John's</li> </ul>	

**World Day of Prayer**

Thank you to all who came to the WDP last Friday. Thank you to those who organised it. \$350 was collected for overseas aid.

**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

**Day of Mercy, Friday, 22 March 2024**


"Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you." Pope Francis

**Reconciliation Times: Friday, 22 March 2024:**  
9:30 - 10:00am  
3:00 - 4:00pm  
6:30 - 7:00pm

There will be the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during these times.

**Palm Sunday (23/24 March)**

You are invited to bring your own palms, olive branches or other green branches to be blessed on Palm Sunday. If anyone can supply additional palms or olive branches to share, please contact me. Thank you Jo 0419 510 014.




**Project Compassion - 4th Sunday of Lent**

Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a lowincome farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a threeyear carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees. Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

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 on the foyer.

**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.



**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.

**Ministers of the Word**

Please indicate your availability to read at the Easter ceremonies on the sheet at the back of the church. Thank you.

**Glenorchy Parish Easter Timetable**

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

**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.

**Please remember in your prayers our sick**

Fr Bob Curmi, Vince Mele, Elizabeth Drake, Zofia Dzierbicki, Marj Direen, David Smith, Mary Hinds, 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, Carey McIver, Fr Terry Yard

*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**

<b>This Week:</b>	13 Mar. Wed.
Bridget Hayde	
<b>Next Week :</b>	18 Mar.
Roberta Puckett's Team	

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes:	\$717.00
Quest Tap & Go:	\$140.00
Loose Plate	\$810.90
Direct Deposit:	\$620.00
TOTAL:	2,287.90
Weekly Budget: \$2,500.00	
Difference:	\$212.10