

### First Reading Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9**  
(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

### Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

### Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

### Gospel Jn 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

**Next weeks readings:** First Reading Dt 4:1-2. 6-8, Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1, Second Reading Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27, Gospel Acclamation Jas 1:18, Gospel Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

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### NEWSLETTER

26th August 2018

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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



St. John the Baptist



St. Monica

## Dear Friends,

This week Coalition politicians have been making decisions: whether to stick with Malcolm, the leader they have, or to side with Peter or to look for a compromise candidate. Today's readings are about decisions too. Joshua tells the Israelites to decide whether to stick with God who led them out of slavery or to bow down before the idols of the Amorites. Joshua says, "As for me and my household- we will serve the Lord." The people recall God's goodness in leading them out of Egypt and settling them in the land of promise and they too decide, "We also will serve the Lord, for he indeed is our God." And so they make their covenant renewal.



St Paul in his letter to the Ephesians reflects on the decision that husbands and wives make to love and honour each other. He compares our covenant with Christ to the bond of marriage. Those of you who are married know that a relationship grows stale unless the original decision to love is often renewed. ("She knows I love her," is not good enough. How long is it since you actually told her?)

In the gospel, it's decision time for the disciples. Over the last few weeks, Jesus has been talking about himself as the bread of life. Some of those who heard him said, "This is intolerable language," and they would not remain in his company any longer. Jesus didn't chase after them and say, "Hey, listen. You've misunderstood..." He let them make their decision.

We are here at St Monica's or St John's to renew, (as we do each Sunday) **our** covenant with Christ—to accept him as the bread of life. Each of us must decide to do so or not. Decision making is sometimes lonely and awesome. Christ who died for us, looks searchingly into our eyes, and asks us as he asked Peter and the Apostles: "Will you also go away?"

May our decision be that of Peter and the thousands of married couples gathered in Dublin this week for the World Meeting of Families, "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!"

I hope we all find communion with the Lord - bread for our journey, wine for our joy.

**Fr Lawrie**

## PARISH DIARY

### August 2018

#### 25 Saturday, Week 20

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass at St. Johns

#### 26 Sunday, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass at St. Johns

#### 27 Monday, St Monica 28 Tues., St Augustine

- 9.00am Mass at St. John's
- 7.00pm Liturgy Com. Mtg

#### 29 Wednesday, The Passion of St John the Baptist

#### 30 Thurs, Week 21

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

#### 31 Friday, Week 21

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

### September 2018

#### 1 Saturday, Week 21

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's

- 6:00pm Vigil Mass at St. Johns

#### 2 Sunday, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass at St. Johns



We offer our condolences to the family and friends of

### Frank Lewis

who passed away on 22nd August. We pray that he enters joyfully into the presence of our Lord, to dwell in peace forever.

#### We abandoned the little ones: Pope Francis

In a special letter addressed to the "People of God," Pope Francis has acknowledged the Church "did not act in a timely matter" to protect children from sexually abusive priests over a period of decades.

*"With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been ... realising the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives". "We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them."*

Praising zero-tolerance policies and "ways of making all those who perpetrate or cover up these crimes accountable," Francis said, "We have delayed in applying these actions and sanctions that are so necessary, yet I am confident that they will help to guarantee a greater culture of care in the present and future." The Pope's letter, begins with a quote from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians: "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it."

#### Celebration of Families – August 26, 2:30 to 4pm, St Mary's Cathedral Centre

You are welcome to participate in the Archdiocese of Hobart's celebration of the 9th World Meeting of Families on Sunday, August 26 from 2:30 to 4pm at the St Mary's Cathedral Centre. The celebration will involve the blessing of a unique icon of the Holy Family by Archbishop Porteous, a brief presentation on the World Meeting of Families, a Family Rosary and afternoon tea. For more information please contact Ben Smith at the Office of Life, Marriage and Family on 6208 6036 or ben.smith@aohtas.org.au .

#### Salesian Provincial's Visit

During the coming week the new Salesian Provincial, Fr William Matthews will be making his first visit to the Salesian Community. His task is to familiarize himself with our work in the Parish and at Dominic College and to strengthen and encourage us. Fr Provincial will be the main celebrant at next Sunday's 10:00am Mass.

#### Catholic world watching Australia

The Catholic world is watching as the Church in Australia moves towards the Plenary Council 2020, according to one of America's leading theologians. "I think this is one of the most important things that is going to happen in the Church – universal – in the next four or five years," Richard Gaillardetz, the Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College, said.

"If the Plenary Council is done well it could have a marvellous revitalising effect, both in the Church in Australia and give some hope to other Churches in other parts of the world," he said. "I also fear that it could go in the other direction. There will be a great temptation for the bishops to sanitise the whole process "I think that would be the worst thing they could do.

***"If the Plenary Council can muster the courage to take a genuine act of ecclesial repentance it has a chance of restoring the credibility of the Church."***

#### Are you a Senior? Do you have difficulty cutting your fingernails?

Sue (a manicurist) is offering a free service after Mass on the Sunday 2 September and thereafter on the first Sunday of the month. No appointment necessary!

#### FOOTY POINTS MARGIN

Round 13 (15 points) has been claimed by Bev Smith; round 20 (3 points), round 21 (43 points) and round 22 (8 points) have not been claimed. The nominated game in the 'Bye' round will be the game played on Friday 31 August.

#### OUR SICK - Please remember in your prayers:

Leonie Hills, Ester Underwood, Monique Matzner, Carol-ann Jones, Zayden Direen, Mary Nichols, Charlie White, Patricia Mc Donah, Sarah Gill, Nance Bennette, Trevor Coleman, Kate Hayes-Newington, Patricia Leamey, Delma Walsh, Maila Beekmeijer, Peter Crane, Ted Grainger, Lani Baron, Marie Knight, Alida Beric, Nell Smith, Peter Drake, Eileen Sherrin Tracey Deayton and Warwick Cardamatis

#### WEEKEND MASSES

##### St John's, Glenorchy

- 9.00am Saturday
- 6.00pm Saturday Vigil
- 10.00am Sunday

##### St. Monica's, Chigwell

- 8.30am Sunday

##### WEEKDAY MASSES

##### St. John's, Glenorchy

- 9.00am Tues, Friday, Sat.
- 12.00pm Thursday

##### ROSARY

##### At St. John's, Glenorchy

- 8.40am every Saturday

##### RECONCILIATION

##### At St. John's, Glenorchy

- 9.30am & 5.15pm Sat.

##### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

##### At St. John's, Glenorchy

- Cancelled until further notice

##### 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 10.00am

#### COUNTERS' ROSTERS

**This Week:** 27 August

Des Mortimer's Team

**Next Week :** 3 Sept

Mary Parisson's Team

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**Envelopes:** \$1,056.00

**Loose Plate:** \$798.80

**Direct Debit:** \$390.00

**TOTAL:** \$2,244.80

**Weeks Budget: \$ 2,500**

**Deficit:** \$255.20



## Sick and Aged Priest Fund Annual Collection

Please give generously in support of our Archdiocesan priests in recognition of their years of selfless service to generations of Tasmanian families.

SATURDAY 1 & SUNDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2018

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY**



Archdiocese of Hobart

### **SICK AND AGED PRIEST'S FUND SPECIAL COLLECTION**

The Sick and Aged Priest Fund was established to ensure that all diocesan priests incardinated into the Archdiocese of Hobart would receive adequate accommodation, health care and support needed in their retirement, or should they become ill. Retirement expenses are currently met by the Sick and Aged Priest Fund via donations and bequests, and by priests themselves. There are no federal or state government grants to support clergy in retirement. Please give generously next weekend.

### **THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to the large group of Glenorchy parishioners which attended the 2018 Seminarians Dinner held on 16th August. The dinner was a well-received evening of joy and celebration successful in raising funds for the direct support of our Archdiocese seminarians.

### **Go Now You are Sent Forth**

Go now you are sent forth to live what you proclaim;  
To show the world you follow Christ in fact, not just in name.

Go now you are sent forth To walk this troubled earth,  
To share your faith with ev'ryone And prove your real worth.

Go now you are sent forth As God's ambassador;  
By serving him in those we meet, We love him more and more.

Go now you are sent forth And Christ goes with you too.  
Today you help his Kingdom come In ev'rything you do.

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### **Human rights groups give Government a deadline**

A coalition of some of Australia's biggest humanitarian and human rights organisations has given the federal Government a deadline to get all asylum-seeker and refugee children off Nauru.

World Vision, alongside more than 30 other organisations and advocacy groups, including the St Vincent de Paul Society National Council and Sydney's House of Welcome, has called for Parliament to bring the more than 120 children and their families to Australia have them or settled in a safe third country by Universal Children's Day on 20 November.

It follows a unanimous motion passed by the Australian Medical Association's federal council on Saturday, calling for the government to "act urgently to guarantee the health and wellbeing" of the children and their families.

"We are calling for common sense, for courage, for compassion and for leadership from our political leaders to resolve this situation," World Vision Australia's chief executive Claire Rogers said in Canberra yesterday.

"This harmful, secretive, and dysfunctional system of detention must end.

### **John Wallis Memorial Lecture at GYC**

The annual John Wallis Memorial Lecture will be delivered by family man, theologian and author, Mr Michael McGirr, an entertaining and anecdotal speaker. In God, Family and Other Home Truths, he will share, what it is like to ride the bumpy journey to faith and meaning with three teenagers in the internet age. Auslan interpreter. Books for sale. Supper. Donation: \$10/\$5. Guilford Young College, Hobart Campus (access from Patrick and Brisbane Streets); 7pm Wednesday 19 September: RSVP (catering) Eva Dunn 0417 734 503 or eva.dunn@gmail.com



### **Ministers of the Word and Communion.**

New rosters are available for collection from the table in the foyer. Will all ministers please make sure they take one. And a reminder - to avoid last minute confusion, please be at Mass 10 minutes early when you are minister.

### **Spring High Tea**

The International Outreach committee is holding a Spring High Tea on Saturday 15 September from 2.00 - 4.30pm. in the Guilford Young College Glenorchy catering suite, cost \$15. (Entry via Mill Lane). Come and be tempted with delicious cakes, scones and pastries and hear Dr. Bridgette Watts share some of her experiences in Nepal. Silent auction, lucky door etc. All proceeds go to supporting students at Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal. Tickets available after Mass or RSVP to philipsfelecia@hotmail.com or mob. 0447 887 512 by 8 September.

