

### First Reading 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

### Second Reading Eph 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

### Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



St. John the Baptist

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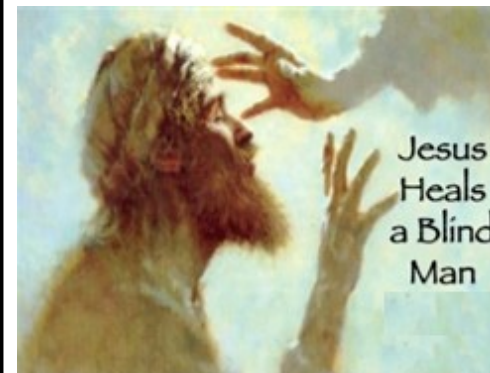
St. Monica

### 18-19 March 2023, 4th Sunday of Lent - Year A

#### Dear Friends,

The Gospel today is about the divinity of Jesus. Jesus healed the man born blind. The man born blind believed that Jesus was Lord and Saviour, "and worshipped Him". But, the Jewish religious leaders, refused to believe that Jesus was divine. This was because He worked the miracle on the Sabbath when works were strictly prohibited by the Law of Moses.

Christians and non - Christians must decide: either to believe in Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord of all, or only to accept Him as a healer. If we decide to follow Jesus and believe that He is equal to God the Father and to God the Holy Spirit, and worship Him, then our lives must change. We must become Christ-like in thought, word and deed and be people of prayer, fasting and good works.



Faith in Jesus will help us to be joyful and to find meaning in life. Only Jesus can fill the emptiness deep within our hearts. Only He can dispel the chaos, confusion, and darkness.

In today's Second Reading, St Paul reminds us that once we too were blind, but now, through faith in Jesus we live in the light of Christ in "complete goodness and right - living and truth" (Eph 5:8-9).

May we pray to the Holy Spirit this coming week and ask Him to enlighten, console and guide us so that we may be more Christ-like. Our prayer may be as follows: "Come Holy Spirit, come by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well-beloved Spouse."

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

#### Coming up:

- 20 March - Solemnity of St Joseph, 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 25 March - Annunciation of the Lord, 9.00am Mass at St John's
- Legion of Mary, Acies, 2.00pm Mass at St John's. Archbishop Porteous will celebrate the Mass.
- 29 March - Parents Information Meeting for Confirmation, 7.00pm, St John's meeting room
- 31 March - Day of Mercy, 6.00pm-8.00pm at St Therese's church in Moonah.

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PARISH DIARY <u>March 2023</u>	
<b>18 Saturday</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
● 6.00pm Mass-St John's	
<b>19 Sunday, 4th Sunday of Lent - Year A</b>	
● 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
● 10.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>20 Monday, St Joseph, spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>21 Tuesday</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>22 Wednesday</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
<b>23 Thursday</b>	
● 12noon at St John's	
<b>24 Friday</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
● 7.00pm Stations of the Cross at St John's	
<b>25 Saturday, The Annunciation of the Lord</b>	
● 9.00am Mass-St John's	
● 6.00pm Mass-St John's	
<b>26 Sunday, 5th Sunday of Lent - Year A</b>	
● 8.30am Mass-St Monica's	
● 10.00am Mass-St John's	

**Parish Reconciliation Night**  
We are holding our Lenten Parish Reconciliation service this Tuesday, 21 March at 7.00pm. All Welcome.

**Salesians in Australia - 100 years**  
As the Salesians of Don Bosco celebrate 100 years of our presence in Australia and the Pacific please pray that we may be humble servants of the Church and of the young especially those most in need. May the Lord bless us with religious vocations (Fr Guy)

**DAY OF MERCY RECONCILIATION EVENING**  
The Day of Mercy Reconciliation Evening will be held on Friday the 31st March, 6.00pm-8.00pm at St Therese's church in Moonah. 5 priest will be available for individual confession. They will be Archbishop Julian, Fr Leonard, Fr Bartha, Fr Pascal and Fr Guy. The Reconciliation Service will include a short prayer, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and quiet time. You are all encouraged to come. You may stay for as little or as long as you like.

**134 Days to World Youth Day**  
There are about 9 young people who have registered and it is hoped that about 15 young people will attend together with another 15 Religious Education Teachers from our Catholic Schools. The two groups will join up in Rome to form one pilgrimage group to Lisbon for WYD23 and Fatima for a WYD post-retreat (27 July-11 August 2023).  
Any young person 18-35 years of age, from the parish, who would like to go is asked to contact Fr Guy 6272 6363 before 21 March 2023.

**Project Compassion - Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg. Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.  
Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD). For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available on the table at the foyer.

**Individual Palms**  
You are invited to bring a spray or branch of your own palm, eucalyptus or other evergreen to be blessed on Palm Sunday. Palms will be available for people who may need them.

Talk by Dr Drasko Dizdar on  
Easter and Pentecost  
Saturday 20 May, 11am-12pm at St John's church.

**Ministers of the Word**  
Ministers of the Word are invited to indicate their availability to read at the Easter ceremonies between the Vigil of Palm Sunday (1 April) and Easter Sunday (9 April) on the sheet in the foyer. The resulting rosters will be available Saturday 25 March. Thank you. Jo 0419 510 014

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

**Parish Easter Raffle**  
Please support our Parish Easter Raffle. \$2 a ticket.  
Raffle will be drawn on Easter Sunday, 9 April 2023

**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 19 person who have joined. We need 31 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**  
This is filling up fast but there are still a few left so why not sign up for a chance to win \$100? Tickets on sale now before Mass. First game Geelong v. Collingwood 17 March. Only \$2 a week and you don't need to know anything about footy! Contact Jo 0419 510 014

**Please remember in your prayers our sick**  
Fr Bob Curmi, Vince Mele, Elizabeth Drake, Marian Whyman, Marj Direen, Zofia Dzierbicki, David Smith, Mary Hinds, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Vickie Mackay, Alan Hinds, Peter Reynolds, Alan Brock, Philip White, Arnold Markham

**Prayers for the Deceased**  
Sr Josepha RSJ, Kaye Brock, Angelo Pasutto, Don Fogg, Barbara Campbell, Darrel Patmore, Paul Westcott, Peggy Smith, Don Ambler  
*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 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>	20 March
Roberta Puckett's Team	
<b>Next Week :</b>	27 March
Chris Foale	

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Envelopes:	\$809.80
Quest Tap & Go:	\$160.00
Loose Plate	\$804.40
Direct Deposit:	\$410.00
TOTAL:	\$2,184.20
<b>Weekly Budget: \$2500.00</b>	
Difference:	-\$315.80