

### **First Reading Sir 3:17-20, 28-29**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 67:4-7, 10-11, R. v.11**

**(R.)** God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

### **Second Reading Heb 12:18-19, 22-24**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

### **Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:29**

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

### **Gospel Lk 14:1, 7-14**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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St. John the Baptist

### **NEWSLETTER**

**31 August - 1 September 2019**

**22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C**

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



St. Monica

### **Dear Friends,**

Our Gospel Reading this week warns us to be humble before God and before others. Jesus says, "Those who exult themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exulted." Jesus reminds us that we should treat others as our equals. We should not take advantage of anyone and try to be of service to those who may need our help. This attitude should be a rule of life for us because Jesus says it is God the Father who gives each person their place. Those who humble themselves before God will be exulted whereas those who presume to be better than others exclude themselves from the first places in God's kingdom. Jesus Himself is our first example of this humility we are called to live.

### **THE PROUD TURTLE**

The fable is told of a turtle who overheard two large birds making plans to fly south. The turtle wanted to go too but the birds reminded him that turtles cannot fly. However, the turtle insisted, "I have a plan. If you will co-operate, I can fly with you." The birds listened as the turtle explained his cunning scheme. "If each of you will hold one end of a stick in your bill," he said, "I can hang on by the mouth, and together you can carry me as you fly." The birds agreed and away they flew. People looking up at this strange sight remarked, "How ingenious! What a smart idea!" The turtle could keep silent no longer when he heard one say "Who could ever think of an idea like that?"

The turtle answered, "I did..." as he plummeted to the earth. This story strikingly points up Solomon's wisdom when he wrote, "Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall."

**Thank you** to all involved with the Confirmation preparations. Thank you to Jo Elliott and Angela Derrick for the teaching, to the parents for their support of the programme, and to all who assisted in any way in the celebration of the Sacrament last Sunday with Archbishop Julian Porteous. May this sacrament bear much fruit in the lives of the newly confirmed.

### **Happy Father's Day**

Lord Jesus, our Brother, we praise you for saving us. Teach us to love you and your Father by keeping your commandments. Bless our fathers, and deepen their love for their wives and families. By their work and example and prayer, may they lead their children to follow you. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer as we offer you glory for ever and ever. Amen

### **Sick and Retired Priests Special Collection this weekend.**

The annual collection ensures our sick and aged priests receive adequate care and are provided for in their retirement. Thank you for your support.

**Fr. Guy Riolo**

**PARISH DIARY**  
**August-September 2019**

**31 Saturday, Mass of Virgin Mary**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's
- 6.00pm Mass at St. John's

**1 Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**2 Monday,**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

**3 Tuesday, St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

**4 Wednesday,**

- 8.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9.00am Mass at St. John's

**5 Thursday,**

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

**6 Friday,**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

**7 Saturday, Mass of Virgin Mary**

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's
- 6.00pm Mass at St. John's

**8 Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Church Foyer & Kitchen Floor Repairs**

We will be doing some repair work to the flooring of the church foyer and kitchen in **Sept- Oct** due to the MAY18 flooding event. There may be a need to have the weekday Masses in the Parish Meeting Room for two consecutive weeks. The Weekend Masses will still be held in the church during the work. **Fr. Guy Riolo**

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL PERTH 8-10 December 2019**

To register and for more information please visit : <https://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/>

**Spring High Tea**

Bookings essential so get your tickets now for an enjoyable afternoon - lively company, delicious cakes and pastries - and a young Nepalese girl talking about Nepal. You will be supporting students at Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar. Nepal. When? Saturday 21 September. Time? 2.00 - 4.30pm. Where? GYC Catering Suite. Cost? \$20. Enquiries 0419 577 692 or 0419 510 014. And if you can't get to the High Tea you can still support these students by buying tickets in the raffle for a basket of party goodies. Tickets on sale now - \$1 a ticket or 3 for \$2.

**Food for the Highways and Byways**

As part of the *John Wallis Memorial Lecture* for 2019, a commemorative cookbook that celebrates 75 years of the Missionary Sisters of Service, will be launched. As well as its 35 recipes and each recipe's own story, the book also contains prayers that can be shared at the dinner table, MSS milestones, the sisters' evolving ministry throughout Australia and beyond and many photos. Also hear experienced educational leader, Deborah Kent, the CEO and Principal of Jesuit College of Spirituality, Melbourne, speak on *CONTINUING THE JOURNEY - charitable engagement with new frontiers*, at Guilford Young College (Hobart) on **Thursday 12 September**, at 7 pm. All interested people are invited. For more information: Eva Dunn 0417 734 503 or [eva.dunn@gmail.com](mailto:eva.dunn@gmail.com)

**Coming Events for the Diary**

2nd September- Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
7-11 September- Salesian Provincial Visitation  
11 September- Parish Finance Meeting  
15 September- 60th Anniversary of arrival of the Dominican Sisters at 10am Mass  
21 September- Spring High Tea 2-4.30pm at GYC  
26 September- Talk on the Mass, Fr Brian Nichols 7pm

**Salesian Youth Group Meeting**

All young people 16-25yrs of age welcome to TASYC the Salesian Youth Group Meeting 4pm-6pm in the parish meeting room. Contact (Br Barry Parker) on 62726363

**New Evangelization Summit: Global Summit Day**

Event will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 8am-4.30pm, in the Murphy Room, Diocesan Centre, Tower Road. It's an international event that will inspire thousands of Catholics to be engaged in the New Evangelization. Hear great ideas about evangelisation, and discuss them with locals. **Speakers:** Cardinal Gerald Lacroix, Fr James Mallon, Michelle Moran, Michele Thompson, Fr Jon Bielawski, and Michael Dopp. **Register by October 1st:** Christine Wood on 6208-6236 or [christine.wood@aohtas.org.au](mailto:christine.wood@aohtas.org.au). **Cost:** free. **Information:** <https://www.newevangelization.ca/>

**Parish Volunteers,**

To meet legal requirements as a result of the Royal Commission on sexual abuse, all parishes must ensure all staff and applicable volunteers have required compliance checks in place, namely a **current Police Check** as well as **Working with Vulnerable People Registration**. We are compiling a list of 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 Sr. Pamela Davis at the parish office as soon as possible. Fr. Guy Riolo

**JOHN WALLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE 2019**

7-9pm Thursday 12 September @ Guilford Young College  
PRESENTED BY DEBORAH KENT (CEO and principal of Jesuit College of Spirituality, Melbourne.

**Footy Points Margin**

We have winners for round 20 (22 points) - Denise Horder and for round 21 (56 points) - Jan Bullen. No-one has claimed round 7 (39 points), round 13 (19 points) or round 23 (11 points) yet. The nominated game for the first week of the finals is the Friday night game as usual - Geelong v Collingwood.

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

Leonie Hills, Monique Matzner, Carol-ann Jones, Zayden Direen, Mary Nichols, Charlie White, Patricia Mc Donah, Sarah Gill, Nance Bennette, Kate Hayes-Newington, Patricia Leamey, Delma Walsh, Maila Beekmeijer, Ted Grainger, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Nell Smith, Peter Drake, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Frances Direen, Anne Hansch, Lynn Priest, Tom Carty and Rodolfo Gonzales.

**Prayers for the Deceased**

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially Augusto Di Tommaso, Marie Knight, Esther Underwood, Gwen Foster, Graziano Ceron, Peter Crane, Stephen Cooper, Steven Stivicic and Stan Brach. Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

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 Mon, Tues, Wed, 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

- 8.00am Wednesday

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:** 2 September

Mary Parsissons' Team

**Next Week :** 9 September

Anne Hansch's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$1,081.00

Loose Plate: \$ 1,037.90

Direct Deposit: \$ 125.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,243.90

Week's Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Deficit \$ 256.10