

First Reading Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus
The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 120. R. v.2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.
Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."
And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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NEWSLETTER

19 – 20 October 2019

29th Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C



St. John the Baptist

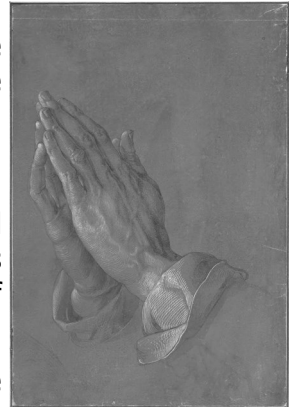
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St. Monica

Dear Friends,

The readings today are about prayer and the need to pray always. In all our needs and difficulties, we should pray constantly and trust in God's love and mercy. Both persistent prayer and trust in God are important. Prayer is not magic. It is not like making a wish and after clicking our fingers, blinking our eyes or twitching our noses our wish comes true. Prayer is not asking and receiving what we want. It is laying ourselves open to God and His gifts, whatever they may be. Prayer is opening our hearts to God and allowing His gift of Love to fill them.



In the Gospel, Jesus tells the story of the unjust judge who eventually gives in to the widow's request for justice. He does not do this because he cares for her but to stop her from coming back to him to ask for 'her just rights'. He says to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worrying me to death." The widow is successful because she is persistent, and does not give up until she has obtained her rights.

Jesus uses this story to make the point that turning to God in prayer is turning to a Judge who will always answer the prayers of those who ask. Unlike the unjust judge He will not delay. But, we should place our needs continually and persistently before our loving God and not be discouraged, even if it takes a long time for our prayer to be answered. He will, without a doubt, give freely to those who approach Him. Sometimes God's answer to our prayers may not be as we might expect. God knows what is best for us and always answers our prayers in His own mysterious way. May the Virgin Mary Mother of God pray to Jesus for all.

Fr. Guy Riolo

PARISH DIARY
October 2019

19 Saturday, Mass of the 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

20 Sunday, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

21 Monday,

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

22 Tuesday, St John Paul II, pope

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

23 Wednesday, St John of Capistrano, Priest

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

24 Thursday, St Anthony Claret, bishop

- 12.00pm Mass at St John's

25 Friday,

- 9.00am Mass at St John's

26 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

27 Sunday, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
7 OCTOBER 2019

- Noted completion of installation of cross on gable end of church. Many thanks to Joe Nahas.
- Received a report on options for improving surveillance at St John's Church and Parish House. This information was passed on to the Finance Committee for consideration.
- Received positive feedback on the celebration for the 60th Anniversary of the Dominican Sisters in Glenorchy. The Sisters were delighted to have been reunited with many old friends and supporters. Many people in the parish contributed to the successful day.
- Discussed pages 26—30 of the Safe Communities Manual and noted the process of Towards Healing—the Church's official guide for management of complaints of Sexual Abuse in the Church.
- Tabled the 6 'Umbrella' topics cited by the Bishops of Australia to be expanded into the agenda for the plenary 2020. They are available on the Plenary 2020 Website.

Candidates' Corner

Two groups of candidates are meeting this week. Those preparing for First Holy Communion continue their preparation after the holiday break. Others are meeting for the first time to prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation. The Holy Communion candidates are learning to listen to Jesus as he teaches us today just as he taught the people two thousand years ago. The candidates preparing to make their First Reconciliation will reflect on who has taught them the difference between right and wrong and what 'God's rules' mean to each one of us. Please continue to welcome and pray for these candidates and their families.

MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis has designated October as an Extraordinary Missionary Month. This is an opportunity for reflection, prayer and support for the missionary efforts of individuals, communities and the whole church. Further information is located on website: www.catholicmission.org.au/emm

Ministers of the Word and Communion

The rosters for *30 November to 23 February* will be drawn up shortly. If you know you will be unavailable during this time please let Threesa know before 27 October.

BIBLE STUDY ON VIRGIN MARY

"Holy Queen, The Mother of God in the Word of God": this exciting bible study introduces you to the Old Testament background to the role of Mary in Jesus' work of salvation. Discover how Mary is depicted as the new Eve, the new Ark of the Covenant, and the new Queen Mother of the Kingdom of God. The biblical based for the central Catholic doctrines of Mary will also be discussed. When: Thursdays 31st Oct., 14th and 28th Nov., 6.30-8.30pm. Where: Murphy Room, Diocesan Centre, New Town. Cost: \$20 for study guide. Register: Dr Christine Wood on 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au

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*

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

We are looking for 2-3 members to join our team. If anyone is interested, please contact Fr Guy.

Footy Points Margin

Who has the unclaimed tickets? Round 7 (39 points), round 13 (19 points), the 1st Week of the Finals (10 points), the Preliminary Final (19 points) and the Grand Final runner up (88points) have not been claimed. Any tickets not claimed by 29 October - the winnings will go to the parish.

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, 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, Rodolfo Gonzales and Ken Young.

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, Stan Brach, John O'Brien, Kevin Walsh, Anna Zito and Lena Trzeciak. 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 AND ROSARY

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 9.30am

COUNTERS' ROSTERS

This Week: 21 Oct

Roberta Puckett's Team

Next Week : 28 Oct

Bob Mochrie's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 770.00
Loose Plate:	\$ 1,083.10
Direct Deposit:	\$ 590.00
TOTAL:	\$ 2,443.10
<u>Week's Budget:</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
Deficit	\$ 56.90