

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

‘I hear so many disparaging me,
“Terror from every side! Denounce him!
Let us denounce him!” All those who used
to be my friends watched for my downfall,
“Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him and take our
revenge!” But the Lord is at my side, a mighty
hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure; everlasting,
unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you,
Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who
scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the
vengeance you will take on them, for I have
committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of
the needy from the hands of evil men.’

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the
Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and
through sin death, and thus death has spread
through the whole human race because
everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world
long before the Law was given. There was no
law and so no one could be accused of the sin
of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all
from Adam to Moses, even though their sin,
unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of
breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift
itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is
certain that through one man’s fall so many
died, it is even more certain that divine grace,
coming through the one man, Jesus Christ,
came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me,
says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be
afraid. For everything that is now covered will be
uncovered, and everything now hidden will be
made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the
daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from
the house-tops. ‘Do not be afraid of those who kill
the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather
who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can
you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not
one falls to the ground without your Father
knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been
counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are
worth more than hundreds of sparrows. ‘So if
anyone declares himself for me in the presence of
men, I will declare myself for him in the presence
of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns
me in the presence of men, I will disown in the
presence of my Father in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.



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*God our Father
we are not afraid,
for You care for us and watch over us.
Keep us close to you when the way
is not clear;
for You are our guide and our help.
Grant this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

‘Do not be afraid’ is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to ‘be not afraid’ or ‘fear not’ appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today’s gospel passage is part of the ‘sending out of the Twelve,’ that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week’s reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then, the teaching comes to the section of today’s passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, ‘Do not be afraid’. The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being ‘squeezed out’ and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus. It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself. © Greg Sunter

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

22nd June Sts John Fisher and Thomas More
24th June The NATIVITY OF St JOHN THE BAPTIST

23rd June St Paulinus of Nola
27th June St Cyril of Alexandria

*I have come that you may have life and have it to the full
(John 10:10)*

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MASS TIMES: LIMITED NUMBERS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
 Tuesday 7.00 pm
 Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am
 Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: People who identify within themselves the need for Confession should contact Fr Thomas directly 9758 1029

BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are to be postponed unless there is an urgent and pastoral need. Contact the Parish Office on: 9758 1029 or via email at: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS:

By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: on 9758 1029.

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PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:

Those who we remember at this time:

Salvatore Lo Giudice, Luigi Brotto, Noreen Royle, William Rodgers, Eileen Strong.

The sick: Wilma Neville, Ruby Samtoy, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hartley, Cosimo Petracca, Giuseppina Zarro, Catherine Turner, Patricia Quinn, David Merton, Michael Byrne, Mary Edmunds, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Clive Geach.

SICK LIST GUIDELINES – names will remain on the sick list for 6 weeks, then removed, unless notification to continue is received. If you are aware that any names on the sick list that need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

KEEP IN TOUCH: We love to be able to keep in contact with you, especially during these unprecedented times of isolation. Please let us know your current email address or/ and phone number. We are happy to email the bulletin to you! Or check it on our new website!

You are dispensed from your Sunday obligation at this time. At present, Mass is available but in limited places

Try participating in a Mass online:

<https://stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos> or
<https://melbourneatholic.org.au/Mass> or
<https://holyfamilydoveton.org.au/>

or **if you don't have a computer:** Mass can also be heard on **The Light FM radio station (89.9 FM) at 7am** each Sunday morning. Or **MASS ON T.V. C31 / 44 shows the 11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral** and will continue to be televised free to air. Or Mass for You at Home on Channel 10 Sunday at 6am.

CDFPAY FOR PARISHES – ONLINE PAYMENT

PORTAL AVAILABLE NOW: This site enables you to make quick and easy online thanksgiving The Ferntree Gully Parish site is now live and can be found via this link

[CDFpay for St John the Baptist Parish, Ferntree Gully](https://www.cdf.org.au/) We thank all of you who have already used this wonderful tool, and hope many more will try it!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL This weekend 20th /21st June 2020 is the date set aside for the annual St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal.



Our Ferntree Gully Conference has worked throughout the year, each day responding selflessly to the many instances of disadvantaged in our area. "We have supported many clients who have suffered Unemployment, Homelessness, Drug Abuse, Mental/Physical/Emotional Abuse. We invite you, to support our Winter Appeal by:

1. Donating a wonderful variety of **Non-Perishable Food** for our weekly hampers
2. Making generous **Financial Donations** through our appeal to support our food store.
3. **Contributing to the Knox Vincentian Scholarship Scheme."**

If you are registered to attend a Mass, you can bring your gift to the Mass, there will be baskets in the foyer, or, if you are not able to attend the Mass, **you can still be a part of this wonderful work by dropping off food bags or your donation to the Parish Office.** You can also donate via the website. Please go to: VINNIES.ORG.AU or PH: 131812

LATEST COVID 19 DIRECTIVES announced by Government (Sunday 14 June 2020, directly affect churches, places of worship and liturgical celebrations and ceremonies held within. From 22 June 2020. Restrictions on gatherings at places of worship and ceremonies will be further eased: and **50 PEOPLE MAY NOW ATTEND MASS. THERE WILL BE A CHANGE TO OUR MASS REGISTRATION PROCESS.** Owing to the onerous task involved in receiving phone bookings. PLEASE DO NOT RING the Parish Office to BOOK for the MASS. From now on ATTENDANCE WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. YOU WILL NEED TO ARRIVE at the Church 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO MASS, AND THE FIRST 50 PEOPLE WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE MASS, AFTER THIS NUMBER IS REACHED, THE DOORS WILL BE LOCKED to ensure that we abide by the Government regulations. We still need to record attendee details and keep these for 28 days. Thank you for your understanding.

To see a list of the new regulations, please go to the Archdiocese Website at :https://cam.org.au/wp-content/uploads/8-17June20-UPDATE-COVID_19-GENERAL-GUIDELINES.pdf

DON BOSCO Virtual Winter Camps 2020 Given the present situation with COVID-19 and the uncertainty around what the future holds, the camp has made the prudent decision to keep its grounds closed for the July Winter camps. However, this does not mean that our campers will be left without a camp experience during these school holidays! Our leaders have always prided themselves on being adaptable, running the best possible camp whether it be in scorching heat, freezing hail, or slippery mud – and we know the current global situation will be no exception. That is why we are introducing the first ever Don Bosco Virtual Camp!

AGES 9 – 13YEARS Mon 29th June 10am to Thurs 2nd July 3pm, cost \$20 Cut off date for bookings 26th June. **AGES 13-16YEARS** Monday 6th July 10am to Thurs 9th July 3pm, Cost \$20. Cut off date for bookings is the 3rd July. See the Website at: <https://www.donboscocamp.org.au/holiday/winter-camp-bookings> or Email: dbc@donboscocamp.org.au PH: 03 5987 2692

A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER will be held next week. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE is currently offering a range of fully online units of study in theology, scripture, liturgy and sacraments, history, pastoral and spiritual studies. To view a Virtual Open Tour of Catholic Theological College, located in East Melbourne. Go to our website, Facebook page (@catholictheologicalcollege) and YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Q2ituSlrtg>. This video will introduce you to many features of the College's life and study. CTC studies invite all participants to grow as critical, creative and caring thinkers, at the service of their faith community and society. Those who are not ready to undertake assessed study can participate as audit students. For more information call (03) 9412 3366.

ROSTERS: Mon 22nd June to Sun 28th June

Flowers	Sue N & Lynne K
Linen	Sue O'H
Welcomers 6pm	Myra & Lia
9am	Marg, Adrian, Anastasia
11am	Patrick Sawyer
Lectors 6pm:	Help Needed
9am:	Pamela Edmunds
11am	Peggy Spencer
Counters	Tony B & Steph H
Gardening	Barry B