

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah 5:1-7*

Let me sing to my friend  
the song of his love for his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.  
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,  
and planted choice vines in it.  
In the middle he built a tower,  
he dug a press there too.  
He expected it to yield grapes,  
but sour grapes were all that it gave.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
I ask you to judge  
between my vineyard and me.  
What could I have done for my vineyard  
that I have not done?  
I expected it to yield grapes.  
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?  
Very well, I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed  
on, and knock down its wall for it to be  
trampled on.  
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;  
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.  
I will command the clouds  
to rain no rain on it.  
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the House of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
that chosen plant.  
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,  
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/ The vineyard of the Lord is the House  
of Israel.*

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the the letter of St Paul to  
the Philippians 4:6-9*

There is no need to worry; but if there is  
anything you need, pray for it, asking God  
for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and  
that peace of God, which is so much greater  
than we can understand, will guard your

hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.  
Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything  
that is true, everything that is noble, everything  
that is good and pure, everything that we love  
and honour, and everything that can be thought  
virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the  
things that you learnt from me and have been  
taught by me and have heard or seen that I do.  
Then the God of peace will be with you.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father  
Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew 21:33-43*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the  
people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a  
man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he  
fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a  
tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad.  
When vintage time drew near he sent his servants  
to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants  
seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and  
stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants,  
this time a larger number, and they dealt with them  
in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them.  
"They will respect my son," he said. But when the  
tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is  
the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his  
inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out  
of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the  
owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to  
those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those  
wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard  
to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him  
when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have  
you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders  
that became the keystone. This was the Lord's  
doing and it is wonderful to see?' I tell you, then,  
that the kingdom of God will be taken from you  
and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*



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*27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A*

*3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> October, 2020*

*Loving God,  
You sent Your only Son into the vineyard  
to produce a rich harvest.  
Hear our prayers,  
that we may remain faithful to Your word,  
and bear fruit that will last.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



## FOCUS ON THE READINGS

As soon as Jesus began to describe the vineyard – fenced around, a winepress dug and tower built – his audience would have immediately known that he was reflecting the Isaiah description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. Isaiah's condemnation of Israel in that passage is so strong that one can almost imagine Jesus' audience cringing in anticipation of where this story was leading. The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel, beat and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers – **hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right.** After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants.

Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them. © Greg Sunter

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Oct St Bruno Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Oct Our Lady of the Rosary  
Fri 9th Oct St Denis & St John Leonardi

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

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**St. Joseph's College 9758 2000**  
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**MASS TIMES POSTPONED 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.

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A  
3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL OBSERVANCE**

**PRAYING FOR...**

**All who have died recently:**

Antonietta 'Anne' Rech .&  
Maureen Knowles



**Those who we remember at this time:**

Vincenzo Sasso, Jim Healey, Pamela Bentham, Nicola Mazzei, Angelina Furno, Rosario Tudisca

**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.

**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!

**YOU ARE DISPENSED FROM YOUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION AT THIS TIME.** At present, live Mass is not available but -**TRY PARTICIPATING IN A MASS ONLINE:**


<https://stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos> or <https://melbournecatholic.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 Ch10 Sunday at 6am.

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WISDOM FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

During his life, St Vincent was very faithful to meditation, which would help people in today's busy world.. St Vincent de Paul presents his thoughts in a way that can help us to spend some quiet time meditating. Go to : <https://majellan.media/product/advert-and-christmas-wisdom-from-st-vincent-de-paul/> if you would like know more or to purchase this book. Cost: \$23.95

**ST JOHN'S PARISH ZOOM MASSES STARTED ON THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER.**

Dear Fellow Parishioners, Great News!  
Fr Thomas is inviting us all to join him for a Zoom Mass **Wednesdays to Sundays** from our very own parish here at St John's in Ferntree Gully. This will take place **at 10am** and you are invited to join us from the comfort of your own home via Zoom. The link that I have pasted below is recurring so you can use it each time you want to join in. If you would like to be involved by reading (from home) or singing at the Sunday Mass (from your own home) then please contact Fr Thomas via email: [thomas@stjohnthebaptist.net.au](mailto:thomas@stjohnthebaptist.net.au)  
Looking forward to seeing you at our Zoom Mass, Cheers & Blessings Carolyn

**Topic: St John's Mass**   
**Time:** 10am This is a recurring event.  
**Join Zoom Meeting.**  
<https://zoom.us/j/95544717317?pwd=RzZjNlVGdnZHVUhxZWR2TE1qaHNOZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 955 4471 7317

**Passcode:** SJBMass



**DON'T MISS PARISH ZOOM EVENTS THIS WEEK. We have many wonderful activities available for you to join this week at St John's. Scroll through the list below to take your pick!**

**SATURDAY 3rd Oct** Afternoon 3pm Wonder Full World Retreat begins: Join us via Zoom to explore the wonders of the world and the wonders of our hearts. Please email Carolyn to register and receive a link. [csombekkesjb@gmail.com](mailto:csombekkesjb@gmail.com)

**SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 10am Morning Mass**  
**Join** Zoom Meeting.  
<https://zoom.us/j/95544717317?pwd=RzZjNlVGdnZHVUhxZWR2TE1qaHNOZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 955 4471 7317

**Passcode:** SJBMass

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**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> October** afternoon sessions of **Wonder Full World Retreat begins:** Join us via Zoom to explore the wonders of the world and the wonders of our hearts. Please email Carolyn on [csombekkesjb@gmail.com](mailto:csombekkesjb@gmail.com) to register and receive a link.

**CANCELLATION of 2020 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SENIORS' LUNCH** Due to the current uncertainty caused by COVID-19, the Society of St Vincent de Paul and the Parish, regrettably have had to cancel our Annual Seniors' Christmas lunch scheduled for 5th December 2020. We thank all our volunteers who have been a great part of this community celebration. We continue to pray for a better tomorrow and wish you all a very safe and healthy life. Hope to see you all soon. - SVDP Ferntree Gully Conference.

**MONDAY MOVIE CLUB**

We are planning to start a movie club which is a bit like a book club but you watch a movie instead of reading a book. The Movie will be on TV via SBS on demand. We will then discuss the movie via Zoom or messenger chat. The movie for this week is **Midnight in Paris**. Choose to watch it in your own time this week; then, the discussion will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. If you are interested in joining this Monday evening parish activity, please give Trish a call on PH 0400 960 138.



**SING-ALONG THANK-YOU** A huge thank-you to all involved in last Saturday Night's Choir Sing-along! Raul for your fantastic organisational skills, Johanna, Kevin and Damian for your excellent musical talent, Phuong for the tech and for keeping things moving along, Louise for reading and all the wonderful Parishioners (about 40 in number) who joined in making this a joyful evening of Praise & Worship.

**FUNERAL MASS** for the late **Antonietta (Anne) Rech** will be on **6<sup>th</sup> Oct ,at 11am** at St John's..  
**FUNERAL PRAYERS** for the late **. Maureen Knowles** will be held on Tuesday **13<sup>th</sup>Oct, at 10.30am** at St John's.

**PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH SURVEY** Fr Thomas and our Parish Pastoral Group are busy planning exciting events for next year but we would love to have your ideas about what you would like to see in our parish. On Monday we will be emailing everyone on our parish database inviting you to participate in a short two question survey which you can answer online. Or you can click this link and it will take you to the survey for you to complete now. Please respond prior to 12<sup>th</sup> Oct.  
<https://us4.list-manage.com/survey?u=23a9b806586ccc13bdf472709&id=f69bc78708>

Thankyou for your support and interest in our parish. ☺

**PONDERING GRIEF - REFLECTION EVENT VIA ZOOM**, Saturday 17 Oct 2020, 10am-1pm (AEST). Facilitated by Counsellor/Supervisor/Educator Linda Espie, this event provides the opportunity to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creative, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration.

Limited to 10 participants.

Cost \$30. Bookings and payment via Trybooking

at <https://www.trybooking.com/BLUEA>

For more information, contact Heart of Life

[holse@bigpond.com](mailto:holse@bigpond.com)

or Phone: 9890 1101.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME 2020** in Victoria will begin at 2:00 am **this weekend**, on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October**.



Don't forget to change your clocks.

**POSITIONS VACANT ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE** Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- **Business Analyst** – Client Services, Catholic Development Fund.
- **Financial Controller** (12-month contract), Catholic Development Fund
- **Dean, St Mary's College**, Melbourne University

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese **website** at: <https://cam.org.au/human-resources/vacancies/>

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS** the Piety store has stock of 2021 Columban Calendars for sale at **\$8.00 each**. If you require one kindly please call Connie on: 9753 5000. A copy can be organised to be sent out.

**FREE LAUNDRY SERVICE FOR THOSE IN NEED.** via partnership with Knox Council,



**Knox Infolink** are delighted to announce that after considerable negotiation pre-COVID and putting the program on hold during lockdown, Orange Sky will now be commencing

a 'free' laundry service for those in need. This service is not limited to those who are homeless, but rather any Knox resident who is struggling due to lack of laundry facilities or financial disadvantage.

Orange Sky will commence the laundry service at Knox Infolink on Mondays between 11 – 1 pm starting on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October!** They have the capacity to do 6 loads of washing and drying during this time frame and if the demand dictates we have a greater need, we may be in a position to negotiate a longer session or a second weekly session. The laundry service coincides with our shower program in partnership with Knox Council. If you have any questions about this new service in Knox, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Anne or Glenn at Knox Infolink on 9761 1325 for more details.

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**RESULTS OF THE COMBINED PARISHES RAFFLE 2020**

Prize No	Prizes	Ticket No	Parish
1	Suzuki Baleno	032770	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
2	Suzuki Baleno	095457	St Patrick's, Lilydale
3	Suzuki Baleno	049753	Our Lady of the Pines, Donvale
4	\$1000 Coles/Myer Gift Card	083496	Our Holy Redeemer, Surrey Hills
5	\$1000 Coles/Myer Gift Card	011368	Clairvaux Primary School, Belmont
6	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	024215	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Dromana
7	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	069241	St Damian's, Bundoora
8	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	077953	Resurrection Parish, Keysborough
9	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	109047	St Simon's, Rowville
10	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	077525	Resurrection Parish, Keysborough
11	\$500 Coles Myer gift Card	092015	St Michael's, Ashburton
12	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	056036	St Scholastica, Bennettswood
13	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	015841	St Agatha's, Cranbourne
14	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	069696	St Damian's, Bundoora

**To make a payment for the church, or to the presbytery as a direct debit, pay to:**

**ACCOUNT NAME: St John the Baptist Church Account**

**BSB 083 347 ACCT NO. 67384 1066**

Please include identifying information or your Stewardship number & please let us know if you would like to split the payment, ie: some to the church, some to the presbytery. A huge thank-you, for your generosity and support.

