

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
25:6-10

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/ I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.*

SECOND READING

*A reading from the the letter of St Paul to
the Philippians*
4:12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to
be rich too. I have been through my
initiation and now I am ready for anything
anywhere: full stomach or empty
stomach, poverty or plenty. There is
nothing I cannot master with the help of
the One who gives me strength. All the
same, it was good of you to share with me
in my hardships. In return my God will
fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God,
our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*
22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the
people: "The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who gave a feast for his
son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those
who had been invited, but they would not come.
Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those
who have been invited" he said "that I have my
banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle
have been slaughtered, everything is ready.
Come to the wedding." But they were not
interested: one went off to his farm, another to
his business, and the rest seized his servants,
maltreated them and killed them. The king was
furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed
those murderers and burnt their town. Then he
said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but
as those who were invited proved to be
unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and
invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So
these servants went out onto the roads and
collected together everyone they could find, bad
and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled
with guests. When the king came in to look at
the guests he noticed one man who was not
wearing a wedding garment, and said to him,
"How did you get in here, my friend, without a
wedding garment?" And the man was silent.
Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him
hand and foot and throw him out into the dark,
where there will be weeping and grinding of
teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Come to the Wedding Banquet



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
10th /11th October, 2020

*Generous God,
You lavish us with kindness
and invite all to the wedding feast.
Hear the prayers of Your people
and help us to prepare
for the coming of Your kingdom,
here we will dwell in your house forever
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE READINGS The parable of the Wedding Banquet that makes up the
Gospel, Matthew 22:1-14, is the Matthean version of a parable that appears in rather different
forms in the early tradition (cf. Luke 14:15-24). Matthew has made the parable a kind of
allegory of salvation history. The wedding feast represents the fullness of salvation, the
bridegroom the Son of God (Jesus). The servants sent one after the other to issue invitations
represent, first, the prophets sent to Israel in the Old Testament era, then Christian
missionaries. These go out first to Israel once more. When again Israel fails to respond, they
are told to invite those 'on the crossroads' – the Gentiles. The final scene where the king
notices a guest not wearing a wedding garment and orders him to be cast out, brings the
allegory to a close. It evokes the last judgment, when the mixture of good and bad in the
Christian community will be sorted out. Hearers of the Gospel will also wonder why a poor
unfortunate brought in without warning 'from the crossroads' is treated so harshly for not
wearing a wedding garment. How could he have had time to get one – even if it was
something he could afford! Once again, allegory has rather spoilt the realism of the story. As
noted already, this final episode has to do with the problem of good and bad in the Christian
community. You don't have to be good to get into the community of the Kingdom: God's
invitation is a great net of grace that envelops all. But, once within, people have to allow
themselves to be transformed by the grace they have received; their subsequent good works
will constitute the 'wedding garment' required for the banquet. The man without a wedding
garment represents people inside the community who have not responded to grace.. © Brendan
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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wed 14th Oct St Callistus

Thurs 15th Oct St Teresa of Jesus

Fri 16th Oct St Hedwig & St Margaret Mary

Sat 17th Oct St Ignatius of Antioch

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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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.

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
10th / 11th October, 2020
LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUNDAY**

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:



Those who we remember at this time:

Denis Buckley, Martin O'Toole, Rosemary Power; Brian Walker.

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://stsimonparish.com.au/mass-videos> or <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> or <https://hollyfamilydoveton.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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS Pack of 5 Christmas cards for \$4 are now available. Please contact Gordon 0412 225 355, Connie 0413 747 685 or Jenny 0400 210 727 if you are interested in buying some. **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.

CONGRATULATIONS FR THOMAS' 1ST YEAR AT ST JOHN'S on the 2nd Oct 2019, Fr Thomas came to join our community. It has certainly been an extraordinary year, but throughout it all he has continued to pray for and support us. May the next year be truly blessed. Thank you, Fr Thomas!

ST JOHN'S PARISH ZOOM MASSES 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** join us from the comfort of your own home via Zoom. The link 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 Looking forward to seeing you at our Zoom Mass, **Time: 10am This is a recurring event.** <https://zoom.us/j/95544717317?pwd=RzZjNlVGdnZHVUhxZWR2TE1qaHNOZz09>



Meeting ID: 955 4471 7317

Passcode: SJBMass

CONTINUING THIS WEEK IS THE WONDERFULL WORLD RETREAT! Join us via Zoom to explore the wonders of the world and the wonders of our hearts. **TUESDAYs 13th, 20th & 27th Oct at 2pm.** Please remember to logon at 1.55pm, so that the meeting can begin on time. Please contact Carolyn to obtain a unique link. csombekkesjb@gmail.com



THURSDAYs 8th, 15th, 22nd Oct at 8pm Please remember to logon at 7.55pm, so that the meeting can begin on time. Please email Carolyn to receive a unique link. csombekkesjb@gmail.com

COMMUNITY ZOOM CATCH-UP Will be this Wed 14th October 2020 at 2pm. <https://zoom.us/j/94607350318?pwd=R2l1LVDA2NWlKMGFZK2JDY3o2RHkzUT09> **Meeting ID: 946 0735 0318** **Passcode: SJBChat**

SING-ALONG AGAIN! The Saturday Night's Choir Sing-along, was such a success, we are planning to run it again on 17th October. please **save the date** so that we can once again make a joyful evening of Praise & Worship.

FUNERAL PRAYERS for the late **Maureen Knowles** will be held on Tuesday **13th Oct, at 1.30am** at St John's.

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 12th October. If you are interested in joining this Monday evening parish activity, please give Trish a call on PH 0400 960 138.



THE ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER Some parishioners have indicated some interest in sharing the rosary, to pray for our community and the world especially in these very critical times of illness and loss of lives. I have scheduled every Wednesday evening in October effective from 7th October at 7:30 pm a Zoom session, which goes for approx. 35 – 40 mins. I hope many are able to join in. Looking forward to praying together. God bless you all. Connie Ph: 9753 5000



Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74178684972?pwd=WUg0TWdBRkYrUm pocVR0SDdnU1BDZz09> **Meeting ID:** 741 7868 4972 **Passcode:** ROSARY

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. We invite you to participate in a short two question survey which you can answer by clicking on this link and it will take you to the survey for you to complete now. **Please respond prior to 12th Oct.**

<https://us4.list-manage.com/survey?u=23a9b806586ccc13bdf472709&id=f69bc78708>

Thankyou for your support and interest in our parish. ☺

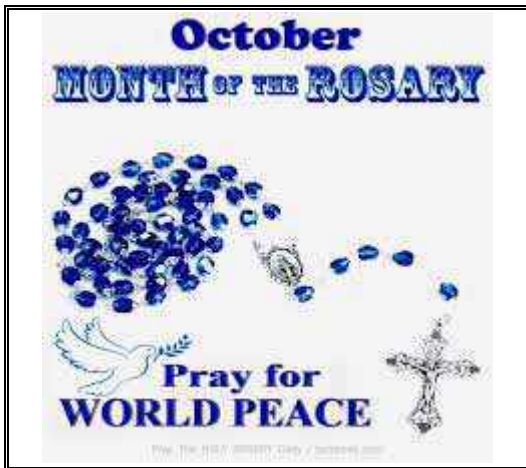
PONDERING GRIEF - REFLECTION EVENT VIA ZOOM, Saturday 17 Oct 2020, 10am-1pm (AEST). Limited to 10 participants. Cost \$30. Bookings and payment via Trybooking *at*

<https://www.trybooking.com/BLUEA>
For more information, contact Heart of Life holsc@bigpond.com or Phone: 9890 1101.

ENCOUNTERING ST MARY MACKILLOP Using the free prayer booklet titled 'Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer' **you're invited to join in ten days of prayer in preparation for the anniversary of St Mary of the Cross's canonisation.** This prayer booklet also includes instructions and script for Courage Hour. Visit the website sosj.org.au to download the free booklet.

SAVE THE DATE - Courage Hour 16th October 2020, 8pm your local time. Join us for a **global Vigil to celebrate the tenth Anniversary of St Mary's canonisation.** This special event will be an hour of deep peace, prayer and reflection on Mary's courage. You can host your own celebration or participate online via the Sisters of Saint Joseph website. Together, we can all follow Mary's lead and #TakeFreshCourage.

for more details visit sosj.org.au



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 5th 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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Pope releases new encyclical, 'Fratelli tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship'
Sunday 4 October 2020 Communications Office

Pope Francis has written his third encyclical entitled *Fratelli tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship)*, which he addresses to all people of goodwill and offers as a proposal for a way of life 'marked by the flavour of the Gospel'.

While the pope's second encyclical, *Laudato Si'* (On care for our common home), focused on our relationship with the natural world, *Fratelli tutti* focuses on our relationships with each other. The document's release coincides with the conclusion of this year's Season of Creation, and during this time of pandemic is offered as a contribution to 'the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity by acknowledging the dignity of each and every human person'. (FT 8).

Following the release of the new encyclical, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli encouraged the faithful to read the pope's words: 'Situated as we are in the latter stages of this Pandemic, *Fratelli tutti* offers much that we might embrace as we determine who we are as people of God in Melbourne, and how we might emerge from this time of exile to go on mission into the world with the beating heart of Jesus.

I urge everyone to read it, and to then return to it with time and space to draw more deeply into the riches within.'

Click on this link to open the hyperlink and read: [full text of Fratelli tutti](#)

or go to : http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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
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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.

