

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Job 38:1, 8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. Give thanks to the Lord,
his love is everlasting.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2Cor 5:14-17

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!*



GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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.



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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year B

19th/20th June, 2021

Lord of Wind and Sea,

You have power over all the storms of our life,

no matter the storm, no matter the loss,

teach us that You are still in charge.

Fasten us securely to You, and

Give us faith to know, that

You never leave our boat.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



FOCUS ON THE WORD: The First Reading comes from Job. Here, we need eyes of faith to recognise the power of God at work in the events of our lives. Like Job, faith moves us from viewing God as a deity who is so distant from us that the circumstances of our lives appear to be irrelevant, to realising that everything is ultimately in God's hands and everything follows the course on which God has set it. For our part, all we can or need do is entrust ourselves to this loving God who cares if even a sparrow falls to the ground. ©Dianne Bergant. **In the Gospel:** The experience of the disciples as their boat was tossed about the sea by the powerful storm may sound like a familiar situation. At times in life, we may feel that we have lost control of our situation and we are being blown from one 'disaster' to the next. At such times, we may find ourselves asking the question that the disciples asked of Jesus, 'Master, do you not care?' Jesus' reply to the disciples suggests that had they been calm and trusted in the slow work of God then they would have made it through the storm unharmed. © Greg Sunter

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: The Parish of St John the Baptist, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

FEAST DAYS Mon 21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga
Tue 22nd June Sts John Fisher & Thomas More. 23rd June St Paulinus of Nola
Thurs 24th June The Nativity of St John the Baptist - Mass at 9.15am

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

(John 10:10)

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

GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS 1st Friday 2pm

WILLOWBROOK MASS: 3rd Thursday 2pm

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

BAPTISMS: Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website.

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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YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Luigi Brotto, Salvatore Lo Guidice; Noreen Royle, William Rodgers, Eileen Strong, Tom Clymnes.

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

WEEKDAY ROSARY on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Rosary will be recited 25 minutes prior to the Weekday Mass. All are welcome to join in the recitation.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE

Date: *first Saturday each month at 10.30a.m.*

Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.

Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING is currently postponed in line with the Covid Restrictions. We hope to be running again soon.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP is postponed during lockdown. You can find out more about us at <https://www.ccr.org.au/>

MOTHERS' PRAYERS temporarily postponed due to the Covid Lockdown restrictions.

CDFPAY FOR PARISHES – ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL For those who would like to keep contributing during lockdown, this site enables you to make quick and easy online thanks-giving payments [CDFpay for St John the Baptist Parish, Ferntree Gully](https://www.cdfpayforstjohnthebaptistparish.com.au/) Many thanks to all our contributors for your generous support.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children preparing to come forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. Amen.



THE NEW COVID-19 GUIDELINES allows us to once again open the church for Masses, starting as of 11:59pm Thursday 17th June 2021, the following measures will apply across Metropolitan Melbourne: **The Limit is 75 persons per Mass.** To be fair to all, we have resumed the online ticketing system for **all weekend Masses**, through the Eventbrite website. Go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holy-mass-weekend-tickets-159563523795> **this link will go-live from 2pm Thursday 17th June. We continue with:**

- Mandatory QRcode Registration, using the Services Victoria App
- Face masks to be worn
- Maximum of 75 worshippers
- Please sanitise hands on arrival.

THE FEAST DAY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, our Patron Saint, is on **Thursday the 24th June**. This feast was established by the undivided Christian Church in the 4th century A.D., in honour of the birth of the Saint John the Baptist, which the Christian Bible records as being sixth months before Jesus. St. John the Baptist is a famous Bible character who is also the patron saint of many different subjects, including builders, tailors, printers, baptism, conversion to faith, people dealing with storms and their effects (like hail), and people who need healing from spasms or seizures. John's outspokenness about the importance of living with faith and integrity cost him his life. He died as a martyr in 31 AD.

Matthew chapter 6 of the Bible says that Herodias, the wife of King Herod, "had a grudge" (verse 19) against John because he told Herod that she shouldn't have divorced her first husband to marry him. Herodias convinced Herod's daughter to ask Herod to give her John's head on a platter at a royal banquet -- after Herod had promised publicly to give his daughter anything she wanted, because of her beautiful dancing.

FIRST EUCHARIST Unfortunately First Eucharist has been postponed due to the current restrictions on numbers in the church. We are hoping to reschedule the First Eucharist Masses for early Term 3. We will communicate these dates as soon as possible once we have permission to proceed with a greater number capacity..

You can view Mass on the TV from St Patrick's Cathedral, Sundays at 11am, **live on C31 (channel 44 on digital TV)** as well as live-streamed on the Archdiocese website and YouTube Channel. [Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne - YouTube](https://www.catholicarchdioceseofmelbourne.org.au/) - Daily Mass live streamed from: [St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.](https://www.stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos) **Or try participating in a MASS ONLINE - go to:** <https://stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos> or <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

FUNERAL MASS – The Funeral Mass for the late Adele Paterson will be celebrated here at St John's Church on Tuesday, 22nd June at 10am.

20th JUNE IS WORLD REFUGEE DAY World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives. World Refugee Day shines a light on the rights, needs and dreams of refugees, helping to mobilize political will and resources so refugees can not only survive but also thrive. Join us this year on World Refugee Day and support refugees across the globe to be protected and included in health care, education and sport. Find out more at: [UNHCR - World Refugee Day](https://www.unhcr.org/world-refugee-day)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- Parish Secretary, St Leonard's Parish, Glen Waverley
- Pastoral Care Worker, Sacred Heart Mission, St Kilda
- Domestic Support, Catholic Parish of Mansfield
- Pastoral Worker, Bayside Catholic Mission, Brighton
- Member and Community Relations Coordinator, Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV), East Melbourne
- Parish Secretary, Parish of St Vincent de Paul, Strathmore
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visit the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

ROSTERS: Mon 21st June to Sun 27th June '21

Flowers	Carole D'S, and Lia U
Linen	Laurel S
Welcomers	Help Needed
Lectors	6pm Gab V 9am Terry S 11am Carolyn S
Counters	Bryon, Ruby & Guil
Gardening	Barry B