

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

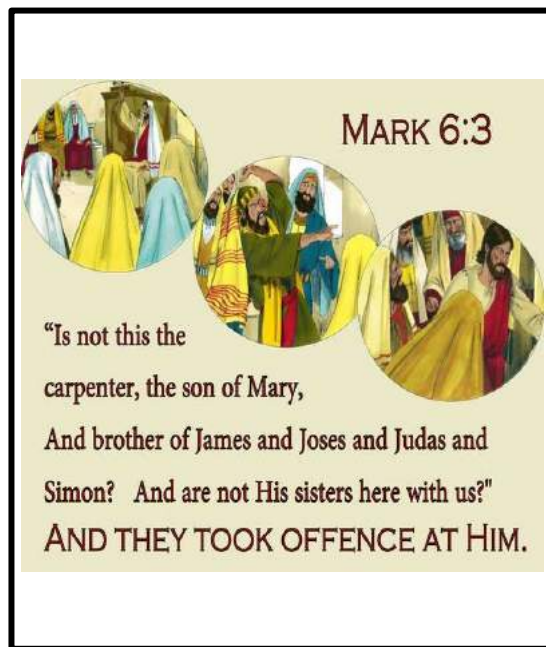
*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

3rd /4th July, 2021 - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

God of the Ages,

You send your wise ones,

to teach us,

and to warm our cold hearts.

Please, look beyond our rebellions

and show us how to

be prophets in our own time.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



FOCUS ON THE WORD: We tend to think that Jesus was able to do everything he set out to do, that his ministry was super successful but today's Gospel shows us that Jesus too had his 'bad days'. After much success around Galilee Jesus goes home, but his own village does not give him a 'ticker-tape' welcome. No sign up saying 'Local boy makes good'. Instead, the very fact that he is a local is an obstacle. Can't you hear them say, 'He can't be that special, I was better than him in Hebrew classes!' So this village missed out. No miracles there. The text doesn't say 'Jesus would not work any miracle there', but that 'he could not'. The lack of openness and scepticism of these villagers blocked God's power in Jesus' life. They didn't want God in the form of Jesus, the son of Mary and Joseph; they wanted something more special. Jesus was just too ordinary, too familiar to them to be taken seriously. This is not just a problem in Nazareth. Here in Australia, we are not good at offering appreciation for the skills or gifts of another. Some say we have 'a tall poppy' syndrome, where we cut everyone down to size. What would it be like if instead 'cutting down' we encouraged and built up one another, and also allowed our own particular strengths to flourish? What change might happen in our families or work places if we noticed and more readily complimented others? Just a few words could make a big difference to another person, and cost us nothing. © Mary Coloe

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 5th July St Anthony Zaccaria Tues 6th July St Maria Goretti
Fri 9th July St Augustine Zhao Rong

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

(John 10:10)

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Mater Christi College 9754 6611
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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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3rd / 4th July, 2021

Observance: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently

Mary van den Boogaard

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

David Waters, Margaret Irving, Caterina Fratino, Antonio Pallotta, Carmine Porcaro, the Reeves & O'Brien Families.

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 *Everyone is welcome on Thursdays between 10 am to 12 pm for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while.* New members are welcome.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets at 10.15am – 12.30pm in the Parish Hall, for Prayer and Praise. You can find out more about us at <https://www.ccr.org.au/> all welcome.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS will have a break over the school holidays. Enquiries: 9758 1029

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

POSITIONS VACANT ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE Multiple jobs available. More information regarding these positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>



ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY Falls on the first Sunday in July.

Whilst providing us with an opportunity to acknowledge our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters, the celebration also signifies that we are **united as one in God's love and care.** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics, number over 130,000 and are a

growing demographic in our Church today. We must continue to reach out and provide opportunities where we may be enriched and nourished by their deep spirituality, culture and love for Jesus Christ by opening the doors to our hearts and our homes.

'REFRAMING RETIREMENT', Saturday 24 July 2021, 10am-3pm. Does our sense of vocation or calling end with Retirement? Does the final 'third' of life signal a decline, or an opportunity to encounter an unexplored terrain of life...and of oneself? And what can our faith journey become at this time of transition? Whether voluntary or involuntary, Retirement can be a wake-up call, summoning us to reframe our vision and our purpose. This reflection day is led by Simon Jenkinson, qualified clinical psychologist and spiritual director. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$60 (morning tea provided, BYO lunch). Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

THE JOHN PIERCE CENTRE is celebrating 40 years of service to the Deaf and hard of hearing community. As the only Deaf Catholic Centre in Victoria, we provide pastoral support, community activities, events and opportunities to come together, celebrating the Deaf community: their language of Auslan & their rich history and culture. Whilst we were unable to celebrate in 2020, we are now excited to host a fabulous event and come together as a community! Join us for Mass and then a 3 course lunch. **On Sunday 15 August 2021 at 11am to 4:00pm** at St John's Catholic Church for Mass & Lunch at the Catholic Leadership Centre 594 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002. To book go to: [JPC 40 Year Anniversary Event | TryBooking Australia](https://www.trybooking.com/BRKNT)

DRAMA CLASSES FOR ADULTS develop your acting, singing, voice and presentation skills. Come and join RISE performing arts. Meet with our friendly trainers during the first free introductory class of the course. 10 week course starts 17th July, 2021. For more information : www.trybooking.com/BRKNT or contact Geraldine on 0413 398 528



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE would like to bring to your attention the Ethical Issues and Human Ageing online unit commencing 31 July that may be of interest to Parishioners.

Ethical Issues and Human Ageing
This is an Online unit via zoom on 6 Saturdays from 31 July, 2021. The Lecturer:

Rev. Dr Laurence McNamara CM
Audit, Undergraduate and Postgraduate Options available. Enquiries: Phone: 03 9412 333 or Email: registrar@ctc.edu.au



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Join us for our
INFORMATION EVENING
19 July | 7.00 – 8.30pm
Limited places available, so book now!
www.emmaus.vic.edu.au

COMMUNITY TV STATIONS C31 Melbourne and C44 Adelaide will continue to operate after receiving an extension this week from the Government. C31 has been an essential partner of the Archdiocese during the pandemic, enabling the weekly live broadcast of Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral, as well as other liturgies during Holy Week/Easter and Christmas. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli said it was welcome news that this partnership can continue while COVID restrictions remain.

ROSTERS: Mon 5th July to Sun 11th July, 2021	
Flowers	Marg H and Judy G
Linen	Alvi
Welcomers	6pm Rosina L & Myra N 9am Lia U & Marg & Adrian D 11am Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm Trish M 9am Terry S 11am Edwardo M
Counters	Peter & Dawn G, Peter C & Florence
Gardening	Carlos E