

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as

God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B **10th /11th July, 2021**

*Lord Jesus,
You call us to Mission,
give us the strength to live our lives,
as witnesses to Your love.
Give to us this day,
complete and total trust in You.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD: This is the first time in Mark's Gospels where disciples are sent out on their own mission. These missionaries are told to take nothing, except a staff. They must seek hospitality among those whom they minister to. What a risk, and how vulnerable these missionaries are. Where they receive hospitality, they are to remain there, but if there is no welcome they must move on. Shaking the dust from the feet is a strong symbol of wanting nothing more to do with that place. Jesus' advice is perfect. 'Shake the dust from your feet.' Leave this village behind you. Don't carry it with you in your guilt, or sense of failure, or anger. Let it go. The whole focus of Jesus' instructions to his disciples having their first practice is to 'travel lightly' – don't burden yourself with excess baggage either physical or emotional. No haversacks, no bread, and no unwelcoming dust! Good advice for disciples of all time.

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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 Tue 13th July St Henry Wed 14th July St Camillus de Lellis
Thurs 15th July St Bonaventure Fri 16th July Our Lady of Mt Carmel

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:

Rosa Chiramattel, Mary Smith, Trevor Wishart, John Caulfield, Maria Wirth, Frank Sainato, Porzia Mazzei.

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 resume at 9am on 13th July, 2021. 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](#) 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>

PARISH STEWARDSHIP Should you require an **Annual Statement** for your contributions to the Thanksgiving/Stewardship please send an email to FerntreeGully@cam.org.au to make a request. Or, you may come to the Parish Office on Monday / Tuesday between the hours of 12.00pm and 3.00pm to collect a copy. A heartfelt thank you for your generous support of the Parish through Stewardship.

'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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS Jenny Keating's tenure of 4 years as President has concluded. Peter Finn was elected as the next President so we congratulate Peter on his appointment and wish him all the very best.

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

PASTORAL CARE VACANCY Mercy Health is currently seeking a Pastoral Carer to work at its aged care home Mercy Place Boronia. In this role you will enjoy sharing the lives of older people by helping to nurture their emotional and spiritual wellbeing. This is a permanent part time position. For a copy of the Position Description and to apply online go to via the Mercy Health Careers website: <https://mercyhealth.mercury.com.au/> Applications close on the 21st July 2021.



THE JOHN PIERCE CENTRE is celebrating 40 years of service to the Deaf and hard of hearing 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 at the Catholic Leadership Centre 594 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002. To book go to: [JPC 40 Year Anniversary Event | TryBooking Australia](#)

BAPTISMS – We offer our congratulations to **Elina Grace Fernando** daughter of Chamil & Dilini; **Sadie Mae Allen**, daughter of Shane & Ashlea; **Piper Nicole Wilmann**, daughter of Thomas & Leanne, who are to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy



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. Enquiries: Phone: 03 9412 333 or Email: registrar@ctc.edu.au**

'MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION via Zoom, 1hr x 4 Tuesday nights, 7.30pm-8.30pm, 6-27 July 2021'. This is an evening series on the practice of contemplative mindfulness and meditation. It provides input and guidance, encouraging regular practice within a supportive group. The series is led by Paola Cheng, a qualified meditation teacher, spiritual director and social worker, who brings an inclusive and gentle approach to her sessions. Cost \$50. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

NATIONAL TREE DAY PUBLIC EVENT The City of Knox will be hosting National Tree day along the Ferny Creek Trail.  on Sunday 1st of August 2021, between 10am - 12:00 pm. **Suitable for Children and Accessible for Disabled** Where: Crn Henderson Road and Ferny Creek Trail, Rowville. The cost is Free!. If you would like to be a part of it, Bookings are Essential: Please **RSVP Contact** Biodiversity Team - Knox City Council Phone: **9298 8590** or visit <https://treeday.planetark.org/site/10024476>

ROSTERS: Mon 12th July to Sun 18th July, 21

Flowers	Ann P, Connie B
Linen	Jean B
Welcomers	6pm Myra N, Wilma H 9am Terry S, Neil & Lorraine, Peter C 11am Priya F & Patrick S
Lectors	6pm Louise D 9am Pamela E 11am Peggy S
Counters	Peter & Dawn G, Peter C & Florence
Gardening	Carlos E