

FIRST READING

A reading from the Second book of the Kings 2Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

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 John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B

24th /25th July 2021

*Heavenly Father,
You open wide Your hand,
giving us food in due season.
Satisfy the hungers of body and soul,
and lead all peoples of the earth
to the feast of the world to come.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



The miracle
of the loaves
& fish.

FOCUS ON THE WORD Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times. Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community. As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love.

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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 26th July St Joachim & St Anne Thurs 29th July Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus
Fri 30th July St Peter Chrysologus Sat 31st July St Ignatius Loyola

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:

Primo Scapin, Ronald Herbert, Giuseppe Daraio, John Addicott, Theresa Campion, Thomas Barrons and Shaun Chapman.

The sick: Lyle Hoefler, 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.

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.cdfpay.com.au) Many thanks to all our contributors for your generous support.

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE? The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. **COME & SEE! An Information Session** about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **14 August, Saturday 10:00-11.45am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne. For more information: **Watch:** Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0> **Watch:** Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY> **Read More: [Brochure]** <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate> Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 335 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au



FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES unfortunately, remain postponed due to coronavirus restrictions, A new date will be published in due course when a covid-safe environment allows. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those impacted by this postponement.



FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY – 25 July 2021 Even though we cannot meet face to face we would like to express our appreciation, on this day, of all our parish members who are Grandparents and Elderly.



Pope Francis emphasises the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another, because “as the prophet Joel says, grandparents seeing their grandchildren dream,” while “young people, drawing strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy.”

Speaking as an elder himself, he asked grandparents and seniors, “What is our vocation today, at our age?” It is “to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones.” He called grandparents and seniors to be a living memory. “Keeping memory alive and sharing it with others,” he stated, “is a true mission for every elderly person.”

Memory, he added, is “the foundation of life,” and grandparents have a key role in establishing their grandkids securely, not only in firm familial roots and stories, but also in the history of the faith. The young normally look toward the present and the future and are prone to neglect the past; grandparents are prophets who bring the wisdom and experience of the past to guide the now and not yet.

In knowing this may you all realise how important and loved you are.



I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

THE JOURNEY by Sr Hilda. Worth a listen, [week-416wisdom-from-the-abbeymother-hildathe-foot-massage/](https://www.catholic.com/magazine/416wisdom-from-the-abbeymother-hildathe-foot-massage/)

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL 2021 – 25TH/26TH JULY This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and babies home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok. When her partner left, she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant. **Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai, will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most. Please give generously today, to help continue this life-giving program, by using the envelope, or going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting GIVE to 0488 854 436** Your gift will also help many similar church run programmes around the world.

SNAP COVID LOCKDOWN As I am sure you are aware by now, The Premier has extended the lockdown. **As of 11.59pm, Thursday 15 July 2021,** the following ‘circuit-breaker lockdown’ measures will apply across Victoria and will be in place **until 11.59pm, Tuesday 27 July, 2021 unless otherwise notified.**

Face masks must be worn inside and outdoors: everywhere except your own home.

There will be five (5) reasons to leave home: shopping for necessary goods and services (one person per household, once per day, a support person can accompany if required; within 5km); caregiving or compassionate reasons; authorised work or permitted education, or work interstate (if you can work from home, you must work from home); exercise (up to two hour two hours, with one other person or members of your household; within 5km); receive a vaccination.

Private and public gatherings will not be permitted: Single person bubbles will be allowed.

Prayer and Religious Ceremonies: **No in-person gatherings permitted.** Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted with a total of five (5) people present including technicians. **It means that our Archdiocesan and Parish Offices will remained closed for the duration of the lockdown, and there will be no Masses here at St John's,** until the lockdown is lifted. **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>

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.catholic.com/magazine/416wisdom-from-the-abbeymother-hildathe-foot-massage/)