

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Numbers
11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
9:38-43,45,47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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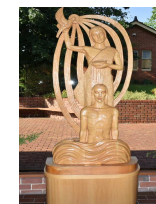
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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

25th /26th September, 2021

Migrant and Refugee Sunday

*Father,
You show us your almighty power,
in your mercy and forgiveness.
Continue to fill us with your gifts of love
and eternal life and share with us the
joys of your kingdom.*

*We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD The first part of today's gospel deals with the disciples' jealousy at someone else 'cashing in' on Jesus' name and authority. It is a continuation of their limited understanding about the message and ministry of Jesus. They still cling to an idea that Jesus is going to rise up in power against the forces of Rome and, in the aftermath, they are going to be sitting pretty as associates of this powerful figure. The disciples have been blinded by their dreams of glory and forgotten that the real story is that people are being cured and having demons cast out. Rather than celebrating the healing that is occurring in Jesus' name, the disciples are jealous that it's someone else who is getting the credit. Jesus assures them, and us, that any good work being undertaken genuinely in his name is to be welcomed. It is a reminder to us that sometimes we look down on the work of others because 'they're not one of us', or 'they're not doing it our way'... © 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: 27th Sept - St. Vincent de Paul Wed 29th Sept Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels
Thurs 30th Sept: St. Jerome 1st Oct: St. Therese of the Child Jesus Sat 2nd Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels

*I have come that you may have life and have it to the full
(John 10:10)*

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MASS TIMES: **SUSPENDED FOR LOCKDOWN**

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.

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently

Maryse Fernandez, Philomena Windebank, Emy Bulos.



Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Genowefa Haeyen, Leonila Parrella, Concetta Rodolico, Raymond Marshall, James McDonald, Maureen Knowles, Sebastiana Orlando, Bill Kelly, Peter Turko, Dorothy Healey.

The sick: Ray Loel, 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.

MONDAY ROSARY St John's Parish

Monday Rosary will be held on Zoom.

Time: 7:30 pm Every Monday

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98360074118?pwd=eHZCb0VDeEZLOFJyYUVMXGdmb3J2UT09>

Meeting ID: 983 6007 4118

Passcode: Rosary



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.

We await the next Covid-19 update.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP some of us are meeting on Zoom. Contact: Maree 9758 1029

MOTHERS' PRAYERS postponed due to covid.

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.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND OUR OWN ZOOM 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](#) Stay Safe everyone!

Fr Thomas will be offering ZOOM MASS DAILY

(Except Mondays) AT 10AM. So you can be a part of our own congregation's Mass Celebration, from the comfort of your own home, using the link below. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95544717317?pwd=RzZjNlVGdnZHVUhxZWR2TE1qaHNOZz09>



Meeting ID: 955 4471 7317 Passcode: SJBMass

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST COFFEE AND CHAT ZOOM MEET You are invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Parish Chat at 11am.

Time: Thursday 30th September 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94607350318?pwd=R21LVDA2NWIKMGFZK2JDY3o2RHkzUT09>

Meeting ID: 946 0735 0318

Passcode: SJBChat

Mary Makarucha – Faith Development Co-ordinator.



SEASON OF CREATION - WEEK 4

Pope Francis is calling for action. It's time to respond.

Caring for God's Creation: The message, invites all of us, regardless of belief or worldview, to "endeavor to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behaviour and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us." Read more in the attachment below.

VOLUNTEER IN AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS

- The Cagliari Project: The Cagliari Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with disadvantaged young people. We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliari.org.au

PARISH PASTORAL GROUP Meeting – 16th Sept, 2021

Thanks to our wonderful hardworking PPG who continue to meet via Zoom, to keep the wheels of our Parish turning around during lockdown. Some of the items covered: **Mission Communities initiative** from the Archdiocese; The ongoing progress of the **Safeguarding committee** with all standards and **St Joseph College building development** on parish owned property. The minutes will be displayed on the notice board in the church.

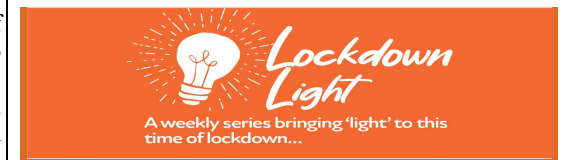
MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY is celebrated in

Australia on the last Sunday in September. This brings the practice of the Church in Australia into line with the practice of the Church around the world. [The Migrant and Refugee Section](#) of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development also offers resources for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The 2021 theme is 'Towards an Ever Wider We.' You can read Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021 [here](#).

VATICAN COVID-19 COMMISSION A COMMISSION CREATED BY THE POPE .

In 2020, Pope Francis asked the [Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development \(DPIHD\)](#) to create a Commission, in collaboration with other Dicasteries of the Roman Curia and other organisations, to express the Church's solicitude and care for the whole human family facing the COVID-19 pandemic. In announcing the commission, the Pope said: *"I am thinking of what comes after; of the future and of the social and economic consequences. The future has a memory. I ask you to prepare the future in two ways; with science and imagination to rise above the challenge in front of us."* To find out more about this go to:

<https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/vatican-covid-19.html>



LOCKDOWN LIGHT - WEEK 4 A weekly series

bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations at www.bit.ly/LockdownLight Podcasts for Christian living: **Parents of the Saints-How Did They Do It?** In this podcast, Jason Evert speaks with Patrick O'Hearn about his new book 'Parents of the Saints: The Hidden Heroes Behind Our Favourite Saints', offering key insights into the families of popular saints. Listen at www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving4

Getting to know your Bible: Praying with Scripture Getting Started: In this short video, Fr James Martin SJ introduces us *Lectio Divina*—a way of praying with the Bible that helps us listen to God. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted4

Going Deeper: Pray as You Go is an online prayer tool that provides a guided contemplation of each day's Gospel passage. Set aside 10-15 minutes, find a comfy space and visit www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper4

PRAYING FOR ALL VCE STUDENTS

End of year exams are coming up for many secondary school students. Please remember them in your prayers over the coming weeks.