

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Daniel 12:1-3

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the
Son of Man.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

The Gospel of the Lord



**AND THEN THEY WILL SEE THE SON
OF MAN COMING IN THE CLOUDS
WITH GREAT POWER AND GLORY**



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

13th/14th November, 2021

Observance – Catholic Deaf

*Father God, Creator of all,
You gather us Your people unto Yourself.
May we bear witness to Jesus, Your Son,
and persevere in faith and love,
so that all the earth may come to praise You,
as God, the author and perfecter of life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD: We envisage Mark’s portrayal of the end times to be about the end of the world, the trials, the omens, the shaking of the heavens, the Son of Man coming in clouds with power and glory upon the winds. And yet, if we take it all so literally, the text has lost its meaning. Jesus said, “I assure you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.” How many generations have now passed? The trick is not reducing the word to a historical period. We must let it speak to every historical generation, including our own. After all, the end times happen to us all, not only to each of us in facing our own sundering death, but to all of us together as a generation that will pass into the mist of disappearing ages. Conceivably, the text is not so much a warning about the end of the world as it is a commentary on living in it. **This day, this moment, this life, is the time to bear the fruit.** Another year hurtles by. Seize the day. As our projects and pretences mount, as our labour’s and tasks surround us, we may forget the upshot of our lives. **It is to love and evoke love, no matter where we may be,** from nursing home to classroom. It is to receive with full heart the gift of Christ’s once-and-for-all redemptive act. **Since we do not know the hour or the day, let this be the hour, let this be the day,** let this be the time that we live and die. © 1996 by John F. Kavanaugh.

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 15th Nov St Albert the Great Tues 16th Nov St Margaret of Scotland, & St Gertrude
Wed 17th Nov St Elizabeth of Hungary Thurs 18th Nov The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul

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

(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES: Resume, with Covid Limits
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.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr B
13th / 14th November, 2021
Observance – Catholic Deaf

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently

Charles Foster

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Natale Franchi, Niall Hargreaves, Frances Middlebrook, Victor Etienne, Patricia Danaher, Noel Clark.

The sick: Alan Bailey, Jack Spencer, 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

Please note that the link has been changed. Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 796 0389 1036

Passcode: Rosary

This is a reoccurring meeting on Mondays at 7:30 on Zoom from 8th November to 20th December 2021.



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 who is Fully Vaccinated is welcome on **Thursdays between 10am to 1pm** for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while. Please bring your Vaccine Certificate.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet every **Tuesday at 10.15am** in the Parish Hall. Join us for a cuppa prior to the meeting. Praise and worship begins at 10.30am, followed by inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. Please bring your Vaccine Certificate.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP meet at 9am in the Parish Office, for those Fully Vaccinated.

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.

MASS IS NOW CELEBRATED IN THE CHURCH. Fr Thomas is offering Mass for Fully Vaccinated, and Vaccination Status Unknown, so that everyone can have the opportunity to come to Mass. Please choose your time as per below:

FULLY VACCINATED MASSES:

6pm Saturday, and 9am & 11am Sunday indoors
Density Quotient of 1 per 4 per sqm, our cap-110people

UNKNOWN VACCINATION STATUS MASS

1pm Sunday Indoors with a cap of 30 people and a **Density Quotient of 1 per 4 per sqm.- Bookings essential for this Mass, via Eventbrite:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sunday-100-pm-mass-st-john-the-baptist-ftg-unknown-vaccination-status-tickets-198782683357>

For all Masses, QR-code check-in and Face Coverings must be worn indoors by Victorians aged 12 years or over unless an exception applies

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting a COVID-19 test verification, including Clergy (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC DEAF APPEAL. This weekend is the annual collection for the Catholic Deaf Appeal. Each year, **The John Pierce Centre for the Deaf** makes their **Ephpheta Appeal** where donations go a long way to helping us improve our service to the community. We do not receive any government funding so your gift will be a lifeline that ensures JPC's Pastoral Care and Family Support Service can instantly reach even the most isolated Deaf people. **Please give generously to help support this collection** which will be taken up to help support the work of the John Pierce Centre for the Deaf, **or to donate online** go to <http://www.jpc.org.au/donations/>

ADVENT IS FAST APPROACHING have you

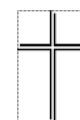
considered joining or starting an **Advent Discussion Group?** There's time for prayer, the reading of Scripture, as well as discussion. Please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet beneath the poster entitled **Saviour: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections**, situated on the glass wall. Books: \$5.00.

HAVE YOU COMPLETED OUR PARISH SURVEY? Fr Thomas and our parish pastoral group have been putting our heads together to come up with some great things for our parish to do next year. We have some fabulous ideas, but what we would really like is your input. What do you think??

BAPTISMS – We offer our congratulations to **Daniel Burns son of Cameron & Janice; Abigail Johnston, daughter of Paul & Emily, and Joshua & Chelsea Barrand, children of Glenn & Melissa** who are to be baptised this week: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.

FUNERAL MASS for the late **Michael Johnson** will be celebrated here at St John's Church on Saturday **13th Nov, at 10.30am – Rosary will be recited prior to Mass at 10.00am.**

FUNERAL MASS for the late **Charles Foster** will be celebrated at St John's at **11am on Fri 19th Nov.**



NOVEMBER CROSS As is our custom at St John's, from 1st November you'll have the opportunity to write the names of those you would like remembered on our Memorial Cross.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASS All families who have experienced a bereavement in the last twelve months are invited to attend a special Memorial Mass to be held on the 30th November, 2021, at 7.00pm, wherein we'll remember all our departed loved ones. To indicate your attendance please contact the Parish Office.



“Thank you to all volunteers and friends to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for your continued support to our works all throughout the years. We are pleased to announce that we are able to have a get together to share a meal and farewell 2021. Kindly please let Connie know if you are able to join us for dinner at: **The Royal Hotel, Upper FTG**
Date: Monday 6th December 2021 **Time:** 6:30pm
RSVP: Connie **Mobile** 0413 747 684
by 24th November 2021
Email: c.silva2@bigpond.com

Due to covid restrictions on numbers at venues it is important that you RSVP please, thanks.

ROSTERS: Mon 15th Nov to Sun 21st Nov

Flowers	Ann P & Connie B
Linen	Jean B
Welcomers	6pm: Myra N & Wilma H 9am: Terry S, Neil, Loraine & Peter C 11am: Priya F & Patrick S
Lectors	6pm: Trish M 9am: Pamela E 11am: Phuong B
Counters	Bryon, Ruby & Guil
Gardening	Carlos E

MASS BOOKINGS VIA EVENTBRITE: Please click on the below link for mass bookings:



1pm Sunday- For Unknown Vaccination status:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sunday-100-pm-mass-st-john-the-baptist-ftg-unknown-vaccination-status-tickets-198782683357>

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

- **Service Delivery Manager, Emerging Futures Collaborative Limited, Melbourne**
- **Parish Secretary, Westernport Parish, Hastings**
- **Parish Secretary, St Mary's Parish & St Colman's Parish, St Kilda East & Balaclava**
- **Office Administrator, Mary Mother of the Church Catholic Parish, Ivanhoe**
- **Parish Secretary, St Brendan's & Holy Rosary Parishes, Flemington**
- **Discipleship Intern (Campus), East Melbourne & On Campus**
- **Discipleship Intern (Parish), East Melbourne & Assigned Parish Placements (various)**
- **Jo Care Digital Coordinator, Stonnington Area**

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://melbourncatholic.org/job-vacancies>

EUCCHARIST TO THE SICK any Parishioners who are sick in the home, and would like to receive Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office and let us know. You must be double covid- vaccinated to receive this service.



2021 Synod 2023
For a synodal Church

Vatican launches prayer website 'to accompany' Synod on Synodality At prayforthesynod.va, Catholics can find information in English, Spanish, and other languages about how to support the synod through prayer.

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*. For the Synod 2021-2023, we propose to use this simplified version, so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray more easily.

PRAYER:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

*Title revised from Latin, to have a proper incipit, different from the *Adsumus Dominus Sancte Spiritus*. The *Caeremoniale Episcoporum* 1984ss., n. 1173, only proposes the use of the *Adsumus* but does not give the text. The German version *Das Zeremoniale für die Bischöfe*, n. 1188, gives a German translation based on the Latin text of the *Acta Synodalia of the Council*, vol. I/1, p. 159.*