

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Daniel  
7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and  
languages became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire be destroyed.'

**The Word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. The Lord is king;  
he is robed in majesty.*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the  
Apocalypse Rev 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of  
David our father; blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



*My Kingdom is not  
of this world*



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## **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year B**

**20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup> November, 2021**

*Lord Jesus, our universal King,  
You wash the feet of the poor.  
Help us better serve all who are in need.  
Take away all that prevents us  
from loving one another,  
as you have loved us.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



**FOCUS ON THE WORD:** Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the Messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings. Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory. Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever. © Dianne Bergant CSA

**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](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention)

**FEAST DAYS** Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov St Cecilia

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov St Clement & St Columban

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Nov Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Nov St Catherine of Alexandria

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

***(John 10:10)***

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**SCHOOLS:**  
**St John the Baptist 9758 1013**  
Principal: Catherine Mason

**St. Joseph's College 9758 2000**  
Principal: Catherine Livingston

**Mater Christi College 9754 6611**  
Principal: Maria Haggett

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 2pm**

**WILLOWBROOK MASS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2pm**

**RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm**

**BAPTISMS:** Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – B**  
**20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2021**

**PRAYING FOR...**  
*All who have died recently*



**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**  
Luigia Cecchin, Clive Royle, Leonard Nash, Ilva Tassoni, Margaret O'Rourke, Damien Welch, Mary Stewart, Marco Porco.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> November to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021.



**GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE**  
Date: *first Saturday each month at 10.30am.*  
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**

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC DEAF APPEAL.** Thank-you for your generous donations to help support the work of the John Pierce Centre for the Deaf, **If you missed out, you can donate online** go to <http://www.jpc.org.au/donations/>

**PIETY STORE: 2022 Columban Calendars @ \$8.00** and **SVDP packet of Christmas Cards @ \$4.00** are currently available for sale at the Piety store. Thank you for your support, however, the Piety Store will only be opened 10 minutes before each mass. This is to help with the correct exit protocol to exit the church after mass."

**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.



**BELATED FATHERS DAY APPEAL** due to restrictions imposed by the Government due to COVID-19, Sunday Masses were not able to be celebrated on the first Sunday of September. As we are all aware, traditionally the "Father's Day" collection would have been taken up on that Sunday **to support the retired Priests** of the Archdiocese. Because of the **real need** for financial support, **we are asking for your help.** There will be a **special collection next weekend on 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> November, to show our care for those who have cared for us.** Please bring a little extra next weekend to support our retired priests. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

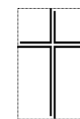
**BAPTISMS** – We offer our congratulations to **Samuel Anthony Velasco, son of Joel & Andrea Velasco** who is to be baptised this week: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.



**FIRST EUCHARIST** St John the Baptist Primary children in Year 3/4 will receive Eucharist for the first time on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Children attending Schools other than St Johns' will celebrate on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm. Please keep these children in your prayers as they take this next step in their faith journey.



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



**SVDP NEWS** 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 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 **Time:** 6:30pm  
**RSVP:** Connie **Mobile . 0413 747 685**  
**by 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021**  
**Email:** [c.silva2@bigpond.com](mailto:c.silva2@bigpond.com)  
Due to covid restrictions on numbers at venues it is important that you RSVP please, thanks.



**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?? Paper copies available on the trolleys.

**ROSTERS: Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov to Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 21**

<b>Flowers</b>	Marg H & Ange C
<b>Linen</b>	Sue O
<b>Welcomers</b>	6pm: Lia U & Kathryn C 9am: Rosa L & Florence J 11am: Shamindri A & Chamal A
<b>Lectors</b>	6pm: Jenny K 9am: Peter F 11am: Edwardo M
<b>Counters</b>	Bryon, Ruby & Guil
<b>Gardening</b>	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>

Please see below an update to current vacant roles listed on our Melbourne Catholic website.

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 Mark's Catholic Parish, Fawkner**
- **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**
- **Lay Ecclesiastical Leader, St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe**

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

<https://melboursecatholic.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.

COLLEGE TOURS  
see website

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**ADVENT 2021 WITH BRUCE DOWNES, The Catholic Guy You** are invited to 'Expect the Unexpected' this Advent. Join me each day for a short, free Advent Daily Devotional Video that will guide you on a life-changing journey. **Starting November 28th** you'll receive short inspirational videos each day from Bruce Downes, full of real-life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be! Register now or for more information: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent>  
Email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)



**'HEART OF LIFE: Advent Anticipation' (in-person reflection event), Saturday 27 November 2021, 10am-3.30pm.** We invite you to join us for a day of prayer, offering time to make space for anticipation and hope. This is an opportunity to pay attention to yourself in the midst of many demands. Led by Gail Crisp and Cathy Beaton. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$60. Book and pay via website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 9890 1101.

**Job Vacancies** - Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible part time work? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across the Archdiocese. For all details visit, [www.aidtochurch.org/work](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work) **Cecilia Figueroa** Outreach Coordinator Aid to the Church in Need | ACN Australia PO Box 335, Penrith NSW 2751 ph 1800 101 201 | 02 91679515 (direct)