

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the
hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12: 4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them.

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!*

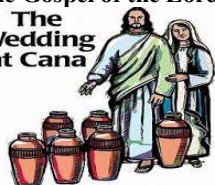
GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

**The Gospel of the Lord
The Wedding
at Cana**



DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU.



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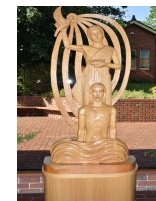
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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year C

15th / 16th January, 2022

*Loving God,
You have given us many gifts and talents.
Help us to use those gifts,
to pass on the Good News,
and to build up Your Kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD: Today's first reading from Isaiah is one of several references in the Old Testament that use wedding imagery – bride and groom – to describe the relationship between God and the people of Israel. The imagery is never that of an 'old married couple' but rather young lovers entering into a new life together full of hope; full of romance; and full of passion. This image of God and the people as bride and groom would not have been lost on the first audiences of today's gospel passage. Immediately, they would have recognised the significance of Jesus' first outing in public ministry being at a wedding feast – at the coming together of God and God's people, Jesus is present! It is a very neat and quite deliberate follow on from the prologue of the Gospel of John where the gospel writer uses the image of 'the Word made flesh who lives among us' to describe Jesus. The Word has come into the world and the first public appearance is at an event that symbolises the relationship between God and God's people. The interplay between Jesus and his mother is very interesting in this gospel event. In this particular gospel it is one of only two occasions that Mary is mentioned: this event at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and then at the foot of the cross as he is crucified. Mary does not ask Jesus to do anything. She simply states, 'They have no wine', but one can almost hear the motherly tone with which it was said. I'm sure Jesus was left in no doubt that he was expected to do something about it. When he tries to avoid the issue, Mary apparently ignores his objections and instructs the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them. No fuss; no argument. How do mothers do it?

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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	Mon 17 th Jan	St Anthony	Thurs 20 th Jan	St Fabian & St Sebastian
	Fri 21 st Jan	St Agnes	Sat 22 nd Jan	St Vincent

***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.

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PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently
Joseph Semenow, Delia Worth,
Juanita Morillo (1 month)

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Elaine Brain, Moya McDonald, Riccardo Garbuio, Margherita Crivellaro, Irene Barron, Elizabeth McNeil, Margherita Lizza, Anthony Gannan.

The sick: Gabby Sundstrom, Ray Loel, Kathryn Kircos, Peter Thomas, Wilma Neville, Ruby Samtoy, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hartley, 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



ROSARY is recited **prior to Morning Weekday Mass on Wed, Thurs, Friday, in the Church.**
All 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 has resumed for 2022. Meet in the Parish Hall on Thursdays between 10am to 1pm for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while. New members welcomed.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP are currently on a break, we plan to resume on Tues 1st February 2022. Every Tuesday at 10.15am in the Parish Hall.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP meet at 9am in the Parish Office, for those Fully Vaccinated. We are hoping to recommence on Tuesday 1st Feb, covid regulations permitting.

FAITH, FUN, FELLOWSHIP ON PILGRIMAGE Harvest Journeys offer a selection of iconic touring experiences as we combine faith, fun and fellowship together, while celebrating memorable daily masses along the way. [Click here](#) for more information, or call Harvest direct on: 1800 819 156

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.

NEW LECTORS ROSTER a new lectors' roster is currently being prepared. If you would like to read, or change your availability please contact Maree at the Parish Office on 9758 1029, as soon as possible. New readers are most welcome.



WEDDING we extend our congratulations and best wishes to **Niyomi Aponso & Tivanka Mendis** who are to be married here at St John's on Saturday, 15th January. 2022.



A NEW YEAR, NEW RESOLUTIONS are you looking for a new way to be involved this year? St Johns has many ministries, with opportunities for you to become involved, meet new people and really connect with fellow parishioners. We are looking for Lectors, Computer Operators, Singers & Musicians, Gardeners, Cleaners, Welcomers, just to name a few. Help and Training is available, so don't be shy. Contact the Parish Office to let us know your availability and preference!

FAREWELL TO FR KEVIN DILLON AT ST SIMONS ROWVILLE: With the retirement of Fr. Kevin as Parish Priest of St. Simon's now being just weeks way, the parishes of St. Simon's, Rowville and St. Jude's, Scoresby will soon both be under the leadership of Fr. Mark Reynolds, (currently Parish Priest of St. Jude's) who will have as Assistant Priest newly-ordained Fr. Samuel Pearson. It is anticipated that the day-to-day spiritual, pastoral, social and administrative activities of each parish will proceed without major change. On the weekend of January 29/ 30, Fr. Mark and Fr. Kevin will con-celebrate all three week-end Masses at St. Simon's, and each Mass will include a brief, symbolic "handover" component.

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK OR QUARANTINING.

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or quarantining. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.—Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

BAPTISM – We offer our congratulations to **Ammanuel Wickramasinghe son of Anthony & Christina** who was baptised last weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.

FUNERAL MASS for the late **Delia Worth** will be celebrated here at St John's Church on **Wednesday 19th January, 2022** at 11am.

ALPHA Training Workshop Are you interested in joining some parishioners attending an ALPHA training workshop? **We ask for your expression of interest.**

Alpha is an easy-to-use tool for evangelisation which has been used by thousands of Catholic Parishes around the world. This workshop will look at where Alpha fits in the faith formation process in a Parish and how Alpha can become an integral part of a pastoral plan to evangelise and grow missionary disciples. The training workshop will be held on.

Saturday, 29 January 2022

If you are interested to attend the workshop, please contact the parish office asap: email: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au or phone the Parish office on 9758 1029

LENT is only 7 weeks away! It would be great to have an Expression of Interest, for those who might be interested in joining a Lenten Group. Books are already being advertised. **So we need to know how many books to order. The books will** contain short reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) These will be — perfect for Lenten groups and/or individual devotional reading. So, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 if you are interested in in being involved in a group or if you would like to order a book for personal reflection.

ROSTERS: Mon 17th Jan to Sun 23rd Jan 2022

Flowers	Marg H & Ange C
Linen	Carole D'S
Welcomers	6pm: Lia U & Kathryn C 9am: Rosa L & Florence J 11am: Shamindi & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Help Needed 9am: Help Needed 11am: Help Needed
Counters	Bryon, Ruby & Guil
Gardening	Tom Noonan and Help Needed