

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,

for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,

your sin is taken away,

your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. In the sight of the angels I will sing
your praises, Lord.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1Cor 15:3-8, 11

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come follow me, says the Lord,
And I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord



**FROM NOW ON IT IS PEOPLE YOU WILL
CATCH**



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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year C

5th / 6th February, 2022

***Almighty God,
The earth is filled with Your glory.
Enlarge our vision,
that we may recognise Your power
at work in Your Son
and join the apostles and prophets
as heralds of Your saving Word.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***



FOCUS ON THE WORD: When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, 'Do not be afraid'. This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible – depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: **Do not be afraid!**

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse! **Q. Do you have a sense of what you may be called to do with your life?** © 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. 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 7th Feb St Paul Miki & Companions

Tue 8th Feb St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita Thurs 10th Feb St Scholastica

Fri 11th Feb Our Lady of Lourdes – World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr C
5th / 6th Febuary, 2022
Word of God Sunday.

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently

John Van Der Staak

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Kathleen Joyce, Keith Scutt, Jim Dale, Jennifer Trevena, Pellegrino Migliore, John Dunlop, Maureen Hawley, Michael Hanrahan, Joan Rashleigh.

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 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 is meeting each Tues Morning (covid restrictions permitting) at 10.15am for prayer, praise and worship in the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP meet at 9am in the Parish Office, on Tuesday Morning. Mothers Prayers continues to grow, and operates in 127 countries throughout the world, and has been operating for over 26 years. God has used this group for healing in families and the Church across the world. Come and join us!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – SAVE THE DATE
Friday 4th March, 2022.

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 [CDF Pay Ferntree Gully](#) Many thanks to all our contributors for your generous support.

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Word of God Sunday when issuing [the apostolic letter Aperuit Illis..](#) The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.



2022 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM – REGISTER NOW, AND SAVE THE DATE. Confirmation Information Family Night on Thursday 2nd June, at 7pm – Please save the date. The program will run every Wednesday night from the 8th June, except school holidays, until the Sacrament, planned to be at 6pm on Thursday 14th July, 2022. Please contact the Parish Office to obtain a registration form, to register your Child/ren. If you know of family or friends who might be interested, please pass on the details. Enquiries: - Mary Makarucha 9758 1029.

LECTORS TRAINING MEETING. We are planning to run a lector's Training Meeting on **Wednesday 9th March at 7 pm.** This meeting will help both current readers, and new readers alike! If you have thought about reading at Mass, but lack the confidence, or perhaps you are not sure what it is all about, **please contact the Parish Office to register.**

LENT DISCUSSION GROUP: WE HAVE HAD A GREAT RESPONSE TO THIS INITIATIVE, AND 50 BOOKS HAVE BEEN ORDERED. There are several discussion groups running, Mary is running one on **Wednesday Mornings, at 10am,** after the morning Mass., one is at the Charismatic Prayer Group on **Tuesday Mornings,** and a couple of smaller neighbourhood groups too. All will be using the Book called **THE SPIRIT AND THE CROSS,** a resource from Evangelisation Brisbane. Written for busy individuals but easily adapted for groups, each day includes a scripture reading and a reflection upon it, some questions to aid prayer and discussion, and relevant quotes from Pope Francis. **Books cost only \$5 each plus postage.** If you haven't ordered a book already, but would like to please contact the Parish Office.

EUCARIST 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.



PARISH SURVEY OUTCOMES

Following on from the survey and feedback we received last year we have condensed the suggestions made, into two categories - **Liturgical activities and Social activities.** To assist with planning, **it's not too late to complete the expressions of interest form** indicating your preferences and whether you would like to take a leadership role in any of the activities.

FUNERAL MASS for the late **John Van der Staak** will be celebrated here at St John's Church on **Wednesday 9th February, 2022 - Rosary at 11am,** followed by Mass at 11.30pm .

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2022 Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need. **Please give generously.** You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN OUR LOCAL VINNIES SHOP Volunteers are invited to share their time in supporting the work of the Society. The Shop offers a number of household items, wide variety of clothes, children's toys and electrical goods for purchase. As a volunteer, you will be part of a retail team that provides the necessary funds for outreach to the disadvantaged by the conference with food hampers and vouchers. If you can offer any time, please contact the Manager: **Sandra 9758 8501 VINNIES: Unit 7/1821 Ferntree Gully Road, Ferntree Gully.**

ROSTERS: Mon 7th Feb to Sun 13th Feb 2022

Flowers	Ann P & Connie B
Linen	Jean B
Welcomers	6pm: Rosina L & Myra N 9am: Lia U, & Marg & Adrian D 11am: Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Trish M 9am: Gordon V 11am: Peter J
Counters	George & Genevieve W & Bindu M
Gardening	Barry Blake and Help Needed please.