

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus  
Sirach 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1Cor 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

**The Word of the Lord**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.*

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**



**SUBMISSIONS FOR THE GLOBAL SYNOD OF BISHOPS** the period for local submissions for the global Synod of Bishops process has been extended by two weeks, with responses now being received until **13 March**. Go to : [XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops - Catholic Church in Australia](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention) to make a submission.



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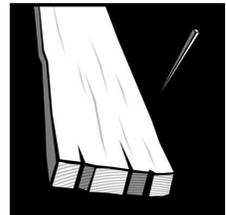
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**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year C**

**26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**

***God our Father,  
You look into our hearts,  
and You offer us  
understanding and compassion.  
Help us to be more like Jesus, Your Son,  
who did not judge others.  
May we bear witness to Your truth and Your love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***



**FOCUS ON THE WORD:** Today's gospel is made up of three separate teachings of Jesus that have been put together by the gospel writer to convey a particular message. When taken together, the three teachings all shed light on the way believers influence one another in community. It is a call to witness to one another through actions as well as words. Before we seek to teach another we must ensure we have adequately learned the lesson ourselves. We must be self-appraising before we critique another. Finally, our actions towards one another are a reflection of our intentions; good actions come from goodness of the heart. What does it mean to 'take the log out of your own eye'?

- What strategies do you use to 'filter' or evaluate critical comments before you make them?
- How do you recognise a person who produces good 'out of the good treasure of the heart'?
- How do you seek to nurture the good treasure of your heart?

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

**FEAST DAYS** Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Mar Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar **ASH WEDNESDAY, Lent begins** – Mass at 9.15am and 7pm – Fast & Abstinence

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

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

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**SCHOOLS:**  
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**Mater Christi College 9754 6611**  
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**MASS TIMES:**  
**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.

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Yr C**  
**26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> Febuary, 2022**

**PRAYING FOR...**

*All who have died recently*

Mark Barbin, Michael Savage.



**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Ronald Neville, Henry Wise, Maureen Darcy, Judy Pek, Robert Winspear, Antonius Weerden, Terry McCluskey, Eileen Haire, & Stan Hilder.

**The sick.,** Lucy Denzin, 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 friends 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, for 1 hour on Tuesday Morning. God has used this group for healing in families and the Church across the world. Come and join us!

**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 Femtree Gully](#) Many thanks to all our contributors for your generous support.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all who have completed their **Expression of Interest Forms**, your feedback will reviewed and be used in the Up-coming Parish Pastoral Group (PPG) Meeting, on the **8<sup>th</sup> March**, to plan our Parish activities for the year ahead.

**LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH WITH ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Masses at 9.15 am and 7 pm**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

are days of fast and abstinence.



The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> year until the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and of helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. **A description of the Lenten guidelines from the Vicar General Fr Joe Caddy AM is now available** A few paper copies can be found on the trolleys in the Church along with the Lenten Regulations for those who want a copy. [WATCH: Lent in Three Minutes - Busted Halo](#)

**PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 26 & 27 February** Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *For All Future Generations.* Thank you for your support!

**FUNERAL MASS** for Mark Barbin will be here at St John the Baptist Parish on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, at 11am.

**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an opportunity to explore the Catholic faith in a non-confronting environment. RCIA is for those who may be searching for God, for those not baptised, for those baptised in another Christian tradition, for those baptised but who have not received other Sacraments of Initiation. **This year, we have one candidate travelling the RCIA faith journey. Her name is: KATHRYN CAMILLE.** Please Kathryn in your prayers.

**LENT DISCUSSION GROUP BEGIN:** Join us **Three Groups are running: Monday Evening 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start – 7.45pm; Tuesday Mornings from 10.30am** with the Charismatic Prayer Group, and **Wednesday Mornings, at 10am, with Mary in the Parish Office.** 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 participate, please contact the parish office.**



**PREP FAMILY MASS** we warmly welcome our Prep Families on **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb**, at the 11am Mass. We are so happy to have you join your Parish Family, you are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you often, and getting to know you all.



**WEDDING** we extend our congratulations and best wishes to **Shannyn Ramsay & Xavier Csuka-Knight** who are to be married here at St John's at 1pm on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS– 4th March, 2022**

10am-10.30am – Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.  
**10.30am-11.00am Stations of the Cross (during lent)**  
11 am – Holy Mass All welcome.

**ACCOMMODATION WANTED** ex-parishioner returning to the Parish to be closer to family. Middle-aged professional woman. Please contact Karen on 0403640514 if you can assist.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022**  
**WRITTEN BY THE WOMEN OF WDP**  
**England, Wales and Northern Ireland**  
**"I Know the Plans I Have for You", Jeremiah 29:1-14**

An Ecumenical Christian initiative celebrated on the first Friday of March.

The focus this year is on England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Join fellow parishioners, attend this ceremony, taking the opportunity to meet our Neighboring Christian groups.

**Friday, 4 March 2022**  
Our Saviors Lutheran Church  
646 Burwood Hwy, Knoxfield  
at 6:30pm  
*Refreshments after the ceremony*

**ROSTERS: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb to Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 2022**

<b>Flowers</b>	Lent – no flowers
<b>Linen</b>	Laurel S
<b>Welcomers</b>	6pm: Peter G, Wilma H, Matt V 9am: Johanna C Thelma B 11am: Anna M, Priya H
<b>Lectors</b>	6pm: Gab V 9am: Gordon G 11am: Eduardo M
<b>Counters</b>	Tony B, Steph H, Connie B & Peter F
<b>Gardening</b>	Carlos E & Help needed.