

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy  
26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

'My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.' You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

**The Word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble.*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help,

for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**The Word of the Lord**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory!*

*No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the  
mouth of God.*

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## GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you  
to guard you,  
and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case  
you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

**The Gospel of the Lord**



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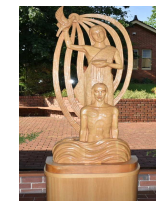
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**First Sunday of Lent– Year C**

**5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2022**

*Lord God,  
Renew us in these Lenten days:  
washed clean of sin,  
sealed with the Spirit,  
and sustained by Your living bread,  
may we remain true to our calling  
and, with the elect, serve You alone.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



**FOCUS ON THE WORD:** The 40 days that Jesus spent praying and preparing in the wilderness is reflected in the season of Lent that lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday until the day before Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays in the season). It has been traditional that during the time of Lent Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All three of these practices are actions of preparation. Just as Jesus prepared for his ministry in the wilderness, so too is Lent an opportunity for us to be deliberate about our reflection on what we are called to do in this world. - The three temptations Jesus faces all focus upon the nature of his mission and ministry. The first temptation is to miraculously feed himself - is his ministry to be about himself or others? The second is to take power and authority over all the world - to fulfil the human expectations of what a Messiah ought to be or fulfil God's plan of service, rather than domination? The third temptation is about grandstanding - to make a spectacular declaration of his arrival or to minister to the lowly and reveal himself in that way? © 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. 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** *Lent Week 1 Fast & Abstinence – no other feast days.*

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Mar:** *Rite of Election – RCIA – Please pray for our candidate- Kathryn.*

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

*(John 10:10)*

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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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – Yr C**  
**5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2022**

**PRAYING FOR...**

*All who have died recently*

Fr Kevin Melville Mogg AM PE, Helmut Zeder



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

Therese Edmunds, Lorraine Moore, Raymond Studach, Tom Donegan, Daniel Cahill, Anna Ashton, Jack Winters, Mary Hilder, Barbara Smith, Esmae Davidson, Mary Maguire.

**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.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** The Stations of the Cross will be recited at 10.30am in the Church every Friday during Lent. All welcome.

**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 at 10.15am for prayer, praise and worship, followed by the **Lenten Discussion Group** 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 Ferntree Gully](#) Many thanks to all our contributors for your generous support.

**PROJECT COMPASSION Week 1: Anatercia 12,**



was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia- supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports.

Now, Anatercia can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia feels better supported by her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413

**FRIENDSHIP GATHERING 10<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY** on



**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March** (St Patrick's Day) our Friendship Gathering will be celebrating their **10<sup>th</sup> Birthday!** Friends – old and new- are invited to celebrate in the Parish Hall. **Mass 9.15am, Morning Tea 10.30am.** Be sure to save the date!

**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is an opportunity



to explore the Catholic faith in a non-confronting environment. **This year, we have one candidate travelling the RCIA faith journey. Her name is: KATHRYN CAMILLE.** Please Kathryn in your prayers.

**LECTOR FORMATION REMINDER:**

Just a reminder that the Lector Formation program is running this **Wednesday - 9 March at 7:30pm.** For all current, new (even those who have indicated on the expression of interest form) to attend.

**Welcome to St John the Baptist School Open Day**

Date: **Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
Venue: St John the Baptist Parish Primary School  
17 Forest Road Ferntree Gully  
For more information, contact: Ursula, Email: [udecorrado@sjferntreegully.catholic.edu.au](mailto:udecorrado@sjferntreegully.catholic.edu.au)

**PARISH LENTEN RETREAT** The Retreat is focused on Prayer, Meditation, Contemplation, Eucharist & the Word of God, which deepens our relationship with God & one another. **April 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>.** More info to follow.

**LENT DISCUSSION GROUPs have begun,** we still have a few books available in the parish office. Books cost only \$5 each. If you haven't ordered a book already, **but would like to read along at home or participate, please contact the parish office.**

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY** (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

**ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS**

The Social Justice Group would like to **thank all of the Parishioners who so generously donated goods** to the Asylum Seeker Centre in Dandenong. Sadly, the centre has had to relocate, & as a result, can now accept **FOOD ITEMS ONLY.** The basket in the foyer of the church is for food items only from now on. Many thanks for your outstanding generosity.

- Julie Ring, on behalf of the Social Justice Group.

**WEDDING THANK YOU** a huge thank you to Fr Thomas for an absolutely beautiful wedding he performed for Shannyn and Xavier. Also thank you to Margaret for doing the flowers and Sue for helping with the set up. They are all so wonderful. Thank you so much. -Xavier and Shannyn Csuka-Knight

**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.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> Mar to Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 2022**

<b>Flowers</b>	Lent – no flowers
<b>Linen</b>	Sue N
<b>Welcomers</b>	6pm: Rosina L, Myra N 9am: Lia U, Marg & Adrian D 11am Shamindri & Chamal A
<b>Lectors</b>	6pm: Trish M 9am: Terry S 11am: Peter J
<b>Counters</b>	Bryon M & Gill W
<b>Gardening</b>	Carlos E & Help needed.