

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
5:27-32, 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/ I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
He has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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3rd Sunday of Easter – Year C

30th April / 1st May, 2022

***God of life,
in Your risen Son
You summon those reborn in baptism
to lives of worship and service.
Fill us with reverence, courage & zeal
to bear witness to your Son, Jesus
the firstborn from the dead,
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.***



FOCUS ON THE WORD...Have you thought? – 153 fish

When the disciples drag ashore their miraculous haul of fish, the gospel writer tells us that there were 153 fish! This seems an odd number and an odd fact to specifically mention. Mathematically, 153 is a number with several interesting attributes, and historically, it has been suggested that the ancients believed that there were 153 species of fish or 153 nations in the world. Like nearly every number used in the Bible, its meaning is symbolic, not literal. It is intended to convey that the catch of fish was huge and is indicative of the vast numbers of people who will be caught up in the disciples' new ministry. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and Peter repeatedly assures Jesus that he does, Jesus instructs Peter to 'Feed my sheep'. This image of feeding sheep is used to describe the caring leadership Peter is to take over the other disciples and the other followers of Jesus. The image of a shepherd has carried through the years and finds expression in the stylised shepherd's crook (crosier) that is carried as a symbol of office by bishops. The people of the church are often referred to as the bishop's flock – further carrying on the image of a shepherd and his sheep. Q. What hope for us lies in Jesus' selection of flawed Peter as the one to carry on his work? © 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

FEAST DAYS: Mon 2nd May St Athanasius Tues 3rd May Sts Philip & James

***I have come that you may have life and have it to the full
(John 10:10)***

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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

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

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:



Those who we remember at this time:

Ortensia Murarotto, Omar Foda, Geertruda Bal, Orlando Luciano, Rosaria Ranaudo, John Nash, Mary Rosenbrock, Lidia Segato.

The sick: Michael Jones, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Ray Loel, Kathryn Kircoos, 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

SICK LIST – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE

When: First Saturday of the Month at 10.30 am.
Where: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING: There will be no **Friendship Group on Thursday 21st of April**, we will resume on Thursday 28th April.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Come and join us for Praise, Prayer and fellowship. We in the Parish Hall 10.15am on Tuesday Mornings. Enquiries: Judy on 9752 2986.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP. Come and join with other mothers of any age to pray together. 9am–10am each Tuesday (during school term) in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

PONDERING GRIEF (IN-PERSON REFLECTION EVENT) (Linda Espie, BA, Grad Dip Soc Sc, Grad Dip Hum Serv Admin, Grad Dip Experiential Creative Art Therapy, Assoc Dip Arts Welfare Studies, Adv Dip Gestalt Therapy) **Saturday, 30th April 2022, 10am-3.30pm**, \$80 including materials (BYO lunch; morning and afternoon tea provided) This day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop offers a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. At **Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation** Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC 3144 Australia Tel: (+61 3) 9890 1101 Email: info@heartoflife.melbourne

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE MASS this weekend at the 11am Mass, we welcome Fr Jim Acreman, the students from St Joseph's College and their families

HONOURING MARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Chosen by God above all other women. Her example teaches us humility & obedience.

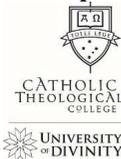
PROJECT COMPASSION Thank you Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2022. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger, and lift them out of poverty. If you haven't already returned your boxes or envelopes, please drop them in to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Or donate online at <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate/>

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, or download one from our website at: <https://stjohnthebaptist.net.au/> to register your Child/ren. **If you know of family or friends who might be interested, please pass on the details. Enquiries: - the Parish Office 9758 1029.**

THANK YOU... Fr Thomas, and all the staff of the Parish Office, wish to thank all those who helped behind the scenes with the myriad of tasks that need to take place for our Easter Services to run smoothly. To the Readers, Singers/Musicians, Sacristan - Sue (who does a power of work), Computer Operators, Cleaners, Floral Arrangers and Gardeners who made the environment look so wonderful, Welcomers, Caterers, and anyone else who was involved we thank you. Your assistance is tremendously appreciated. May God bless you all!



Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College
Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal
Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians. Donate via:
<https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>



BAPTISMS – We offer our congratulations to **Tanvee Deorani Grimshaw & Ishanvee Noelle Grimshaw; Caterina Escobar, Beau Graham, and Hudson Fry** who were baptised last weekend, and **Mila Githome** daughter of John Nganga & Emily O'Bryan who is to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.



FIRST EUCHARIST we offer congratulations to **Menalthe Wickramasinghe, and Austin Talbot** who will receive Eucharist for the First time. We pray that as you take part in receiving the bread of life today, you will truly know that you will carry the Lord's blessing and love with you forever.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS– Friday 6th May at 11am. Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 10 am. Please stay for a cup of tea/coffee after Mass.

EASTER RAFFLE RESULTS A big thankyou to all Parishioners who bought tickets in the school P&F Easter Raffle, which raised \$2,076 - what an amazing effort! Congratulations to Carter R in 1/2BR who was the winner of the raffle.

MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION TRAINING Join Knox City Council and Prevention United on May 3rd and/or May 10th 2022, to build your knowledge, confidence and skills in mental health promotion practice. These workshops are **completely FREE!** For more information please contact Sara Barnes at Knox Council on 9298 8368 or at Sara.Barnes@knox.vic.gov.au

ROSTERS: Mon 2nd May to Sun 8th May

Flowers	Ann P, Connie B
Linen	Alvi M
Welcomers	6pm Kathryn C, Myra N 9am: Terry S, Johanna C, Thelma B 11am: Patrick S, Anna M
Lectors	6pm: Help needed 9am: Help needed 11am: Help needed
Counters	Byron M, Ruby S & Guil W
Gardening	Tom Noonan

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY /WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS is coming up on **8th May**. If you would like more information about vocations to priesthood, religious life or the permanent diaconate, please do not hesitate to contact the Vocations Office. Fr Jerome Santamaria, the Vocations Director, is always happy to meet. Phone: 9926 5733
Email: vocations@cam.org.au

