

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of the Kings

1Kg 19:16, 19-21

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back, for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

5:1-2, 5, 7-11

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
9:51-62

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

"Once the hand is laid
on the plough, no one who
looks back is fit for the
kingdom of God."

Luke 9:62



"Follow Me."



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25th / 26th June, 2022

***Loving God,
You call us daily, in our normal lives,
help us leave whatever we are doing
and come follow You.
So that we may live,
In the freedom of Your love
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.***



FOCUS ON THE WORD Today's gospel can be seen as falling into a category of gospel passages that are often referred to as the 'hard sayings' of Jesus. These hard sayings are often confronting and even offensive to the audience – particularly a modern one. The harshness of the language and sentiment seems to jar with our image of the compassionate Jesus. Yet, these challenging teachings remind us of the hard edge that is contained within Christian beliefs and teachings. They call for strength in the face of overwhelming odds and commitment even in the face of custom and family loyalties. © Greg Sunter Today we consider some of the personal difficulties we might have to face as disciples. First, there is no part-time discipleship. Our commitment must be wholehearted and complete. We must have a willing attitude that frees us interiorly from all other concerns so that we might be able to follow Christ regardless of our state in life or our occupation. This attitude of commitment comes not merely from our own generosity of heart but from our having been transformed into Christ through faith and baptism. We may face conflicts when our various allegiances seem to clash. We may have family responsibilities. There are children to raise, elderly parents or infirm relatives to care for. What does discipleship require of us? We all must earn a living. Are we expected to leave our employment to follow Jesus? And if so, what then will we do? All disciples must face the interior struggle caused by the conflict of legitimate responsibilities. The freedom of which Paul speaks comes with genuine love. © Dianne Bergant CSA

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 27th June – St Cyril of Alexandria* *Tues 28th June – St Irenaeus*
Wed 29th June – Sts Peter and Paul *Thur 30th June – The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

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 7.00pm
Wed & Thurs 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS 1st Friday 2pm
WILLOWBROOK MASS 3rd Thursday 2pm

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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Catholic Mission Appeal

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:



Those who we remember at this time:

Mary van den Boogard, Peter Wallace, Anne Daelmans, John Greene, Peter Halliday, Innocenzo Abbatangelo.

The sick: Michael Jones, Maureen Wilson, 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.

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.



ROSARY is recited prior to Morning Weekday Mass on Wed, Thurs, Friday, in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation. **Pope Francis has invited everyone to pray the Rosary with him for peace around the world.**

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

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP. Come and join with other mothers of any age to pray together. 9am-10am each Tuesday in the Parish Centre.

CDFPAY FOR PARISHES – ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL for those who would like to contribute to our Parish electronically, please click on: [CDFpay](#)
Many thanks to all contributors for your support.

POSITIONS VACANT ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE
Go to : [Job vacancies | Melbourne Catholic](#)



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones. The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong. Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world. <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/> *Name altered to protect identity

ST VINCENT DE PAUL "WINTER APPEAL" A



Very special thank you to all parishioners for your generous response to our Winter appeal last weekend. **The collection raised \$1,613.** and generous donations of non-perishable foods for our store as well as one generous donation to the Vincentian Scholarship Scheme. Your generous donations will enable us to continue our assistance to people in our community who are most in need. **If you missed out, it's not too late, you can leave non-perishable food in the church foyer after any Mass.** A big thank you to Fr Thomas for his ongoing support and encouragement, and thank you all, for your generosity. With thanks from the members of the Ferntree Gully SVDP Conference.

THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

This weekend we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the establishment of the Catholic Diocese of Melbourne! It truly is a momentous occasion in the life of our local Church; a profound opportunity to reflect upon the extraordinary graces God has blessed us with. It's a little known fact that the Catholic Diocese of Melbourne shares its birthday with the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, and so to mark this 175th year, a specially-commissioned "Melbourne Mass setting" will be launched at both cathedrals this Sunday, 26 June. The Mass setting features new music composed by members of the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Irish, Croatian, Tongan, Vietnamese and Filipino communities of Melbourne, who will be on hand to perform at the **11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.** All are welcome to attend and **stay on for the special family festival afterward**, coinciding with the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS is on Friday 1st July at 11am. Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 10 am. Please stay for a cup of tea/coffee after Mass.



BOOK CLUB You are most welcome to join St John the Baptist Book Club. The book we are reading for this month is: - **Eddie Jaku - Happiest Man on Earth.** If you are interested in joining, please contact

Mary marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au or ring the Parish Office 9758 1029.

ENTERTAINMENT GROUP PARISH DINNER IN

JULY @ FEAST, Join us at Feast, at the Ferntree Gully Hotel, located at 1130 Burwood Highway Ferntree Gully. **From 7pm, Sat 23rd July.** Enjoy an evening with friends and a great choice of food. **Bookings essential.** Limited seating. **RSVP by 14th July. Email the Parish Office office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au or Ph 9758 1029**
BYO Christmas Hat!! \$ Feast Prices.: Children U4 FREE



PARISH MOVIE CLUB -will be meeting in our Parish Hall 10:15am Sun 26th June to arrange our first outing. All welcome. Contact: **Terry Stephens Ph: 9758 4249.**

SINGLES CLUB will have it's first get-together soon. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please **RSVP prior to the 23rd June**, via the **Parish Office office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au Ph 9758 1029**

MEDITATION SESSIONS St John the Baptist will hold two meditation sessions a week, lasting approx. 1hr, one in the morning and one in the evening: **Wednesday Morning at 10am and Wednesday Evening at 7:30pm, (subject to numbers)** in the Parish Office. Please Contact Mary Ph 9578 1029 or email: marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday From 3 July 2022, we celebrate two events: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Sunday on 3 July and National Aborigines, and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week from **Sunday 3 July until Sunday 10 July.**

ROSTERS: 27th June to Sun 3rd July	
Flowers	Sue N & Lynne K
Linen	Sue O'H
Welcomers	6pm Peter G & Wilma H 9am: Joanna C & Thelma B 11am: Anna M & Priya H
Lectors	6pm: Alvie M 9am: Pamela E 11am:Phuong B
Counters	Tony B, Steph H, Connie B & Peter F
Gardening	Roger K