

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.’

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 11:23-26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 9:11-17

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord.



*Give them something
to eat Yourselves*



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18th / 19th June, 2022

*Merciful God,
as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist,
may we grow in our appreciation
of Your Son's Body and Blood
broken and poured out for us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Living Bread come down from heaven.
Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD In 1st Century Palestine, who you shared a meal with was a very political act. Your status in society was judged by who you kept company with and particularly with whom you shared food. At times, Jesus broke these rules and practised open table fellowship – sharing meals with people of all stations in life and often being criticised for his actions by the Scribes and Pharisees. In the gospel, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away to find food for themselves. Jesus tells the disciples, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ This is a challenge and a test of the disciples – a chance for them to be like Jesus. He calls them to act with compassion and do what he would do to feed the people. But the disciples fail to grasp either his meaning or the opportunity and the miracle is left to Jesus. Jesus believed that they could feed the people if they tried but the disciples didn't have that same faith in themselves. © Greg Sunter

Here's a date for your diaries: **the weekend of 25-26 June marks the 175th anniversary of the Diocese of Melbourne!** Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will celebrate a special 11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, with specially-commissioned music by local Indigenous artists and the various migrant communities that now call Melbourne home.

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 : Tues 21st June – St Aloysius Gonzaga,
Wed 22nd June Sts John Fisher & Thomas More Fri 24th June – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat 25th June The Nativity of St John the Baptist - Solemnity

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 No Mass
Wed & Thurs - Communion Service 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

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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:
Jacqueline Daniel



Those who we remember at this time:
Amparo Judit, Federico, Angelo, Giuseppina, Andy and Silvia ZARRO, Luigi Brotto, Salvatore LoGiudice, Noreen Royle, William Rodgers, Eileen Strong.

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](#)

A WARM WELCOME BACK FR THOMAS we hope that you have had an enjoyable break, and return to us feeling renewed and energised.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL “WINTER APPEAL”
COMING UP ON 18th/ 19th JUNE** Our Ferntree Gully



Conference has worked throughout the year, each day responding selflessly to the many instances of disadvantaged in our area. We have supported many clients who have suffered **Unemployment, Homelessness, Drug Abuse, Mental/Physical/Emotional Abuse.** We invite you, to support our Winter Appeal by:

1. Donating a wonderful variety of **Non-Perishable Food** for our weekly hampers
2. **Volunteering your time** in our Op Shop located at 1821 Ferntree Gully Road, FTG.
3. Making generous **Financial Donations** through our appeal to support our food store.
4. **Contributing to the Knox Vincentian Scholarship Scheme.**

You can donate non-perishable food in your own bag/SVDP bags in the Church foyer, or, if you are not able to attend the Mass, **you can still be a part of this wonderful work by dropping off food bags or your donation to the Parish Office.** You can donate via the **Special Collection on the 18th/19th June** or via the website. Please go to: VINNIES.ORG.AU or PH: 131812. Thank you for your generosity.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL: 26th JUNE. Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day. **NEXT WEEK** Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need. We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need. <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/>

REFUGEE WEEK PRAYER SERVICE You are invited to join the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace for an online prayer service on World Refugee Day. Registration to attend the prayer service which will be broadcast live at **6 pm AEST on 20th June** is now open. The two Offices have also combined to produce resources to encourage the celebration of Refugee Week 19-25 June. **Register for the online prayer service** here <https://bit.ly/RefugeeWeek2022Prayers>

PARISH NEW DIRECTIONS NEWS: please see below all the many ways we are moving forward in our Parish, with activities that you the Parishioners expressed an interest in:



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.



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

THE FEAST DAY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, our Patron Saint ,is on **Friday the 24th June.** A Reflection with word search entitled “St John the Baptist” by Carolyn Sombekke, is on the trollies for you to take home.

ROSTERS: 20th June to Sun 26th June	
Flowers	Marg H & Ange C
Linen	Jean B
Welcomers	6pm Lia U & Kathryn C, Matt V 9am: Rosa L & Florence J 11am: Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Gab V 9am: Caroline Q 11am: Peter J
Counters	Tony B, Steph H, Connie B & Peter F
Gardening	Roger K