

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!
That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.
For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.
At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.
At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his
hand.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 6:14-18

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.*

Alleluia!

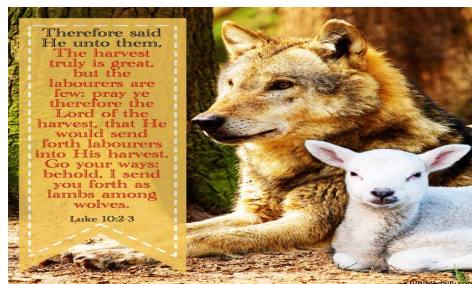
GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 10:1-12,17-20

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Therefore said
He unto them,
The harvest
truly is great,
but the
labourers are
few: pray ye
therefore the
Lord of the
harvest, that He
would send
forth labourers
into His harvest.
Go your ways:
behold, I send
you forth as
lambs among
wolves.
Luke 10:2-3



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

2nd / 3rd July, 2022

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Observance

God of all creation,

As we journey together,

Be at our side as we see,

what is needed in our time.

Give us the courage to change

what needs to be changed.

We ask this, through Christ our Lord, Amen.



FOCUS ON THE WORD Today's gospel passage immediately follows the passage used last week that spelt out the difficulties of discipleship. Having explained how hard it is to be a disciple, Jesus sends his followers out to 'have a go' at being a disciple. When they come back successful, he tells them not to be boastful or proud at their achievements but rather to be happy that their 'names are written in heaven'. In other words, anything they accomplished was because they were 'known' by God and that God was working through them. Disciples make themselves 'known' to God and God works through them to accomplish great things! **HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT:** This gospel is often used to make a point about the need for vocations to priestly and religious life. Jesus makes the comment that 'the harvest is rich but the labourers are few'. This image of labourers in the harvest is often applied to the work of priests and other religious vocations. However apt the image may be, when we read it in the context of the whole passage we can see that this sending out of the 72 was a general challenge to live out the call to discipleship – to go out into the world and bring about the kingdom.

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 4th July – St Elizabeth of Portugal Tues 5th July St Anthony Zaccaria
Wed 6th July St Maria Goretti Thur 7th July BI Peter To Rot.

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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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Observance
PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:



Those who we remember at this time:
Trevor Wishart, Margaret Smith, Lola Payne, David Waters, Margaret Hudson, Caterina Fratino, Antonio Pallotta, Carmine Porcaro, Margaret Irving.

The sick: Jennifer Silva, 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](#)

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY The Harvest is **Plentiful, but the labourers are few**
Get up! Stand up! Show up!
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Luke 10:1-9 The Harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Today we celebrate the fact that God has always been present with, and loved, our First Peoples in Australia, a love that God extends to all First Peoples across the world.. For 2022 NATSICC is asking for everyone to come together, but also consider practical ways in which they can support Australia's First Peoples - not just for this special day, but every day.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL THANK YOU so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia. The **amount raised** was: **\$1,194.45**. Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Centre, supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems like malnutrition in babies and children. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need. To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work,

CHILDREN'S LITURGY We would like to resume to have children's liturgy during 11:00am mass on Sundays. The Children's Liturgy helps the children experience Mass in an enjoyable and suitable way, whilst giving the parents a chance to be reflectively involved in the readings and homily of the Mass. For us to precede we need to have volunteers to assist with the sessions. The sessions will run on Sunday's during the school term. Ideally, we need at least 8 volunteers, this will give us a rotation of once every four weeks, with two adults attending each session. We must adhere to our Safeguarding policies and measures which have been placed in by the Victorian government and Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. If you are able to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Mary at marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au or ring the Parish Office on 9758 1029. *Thanking you in anticipation*

THE 10th WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES CONCLUDED in Rome with the celebration of Mass in the presence of Pope Francis. During the homily, the Pope expressed that "the family is the first place where we learn to love." When he praised the beauty of the family and said, *"today more than ever we feel compelled to defend it."* See more on the Archdiocese Website [here](#).

PETER'S PENCE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER THIS WEEKEND
Pope Francis uses the collection proceeds to provide emergency assistance and aid to the most disadvantaged around the world. Thank you for your generous support of this worthy cause.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH 4th July, 1982 marks the date of the dedication of our existing church here at St John's. Prior to this there were two other church buildings. The First was in 1890, a weatherboard church was built on Main Rd (Burwood Hwy) Ferntree Gully. The next church building was of brick construction, erected in Forest Rd, in 1925. We remember all the priests, pioneers and parishioners who have worked together over the years to create the Parish we enjoy today.

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 1130 Burwood Highway Ferntree Gully. **From 7pm, Sat 23rd July**, a great choice of food. **Bookings essential.** Limited seating. Please **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 -Our first film will be a comedy, "Phantom of the Open", **Tuesday 19 July, 10am.** Cameo Theatre, Belgrave. All welcome, more details to follow. Contact: **Terry Stephens Ph: 9758 4249.**

SINGLES CLUB via the **Parish Office office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au Ph 9758 1029**

MEDITATION SESSIONS **Wednesday Morning at 10am and Wednesday Evening at 7:30pm**, lasting approx. 1hr, **(subject to numbers)** in the Parish Office. Please Contact Mary Ph 9578 1029 or email: marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

ROSTERS: 4th July to Sun 10th July, 2022	
Flowers	Genevieve W & Gina P
Linen	Carole D'Souza
Welcomers	6pm Rosina L, Myra N 9am: Lia U, Marg & Adrian D 11am: Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Louise D 9am: Peter F 11am: Priya F
Counters	Byron M, Ruby S, Guil Walter
Gardening	Carlos Escobar