

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

**30:10-14**

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

*The Word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

**1:15-20**

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.*

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*  
**10:25-37**

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



"Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Luke 10:25



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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

**9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

**Apostleship of the Sea**

**God of mercy and compassion,  
in Christ You draw near to us,  
lifting us out of death,  
binding up our wounds,  
and nursing our spirits back to health.  
Let Your tenderness compel us  
to go and do likewise.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



**FOCUS ON THE WORD** Today's gospel is such a familiar one and such an enduring image that the title for the hero has passed into everyday use to describe a stranger who does a good turn for another. Many countries even have what is known as a 'Good Samaritan Law' that protects those who may hurt another person when they act in good faith to provide aid. The parable is told in response to the question, 'And who is my neighbour?' Anyone hearing Jesus tell the story would have recognised the familiar story structure – things happening in three with the most important element occurring on the third repetition. As three people came upon the injured man on the road, the audience would have known that the hero of the story would be the third one along. But, as Jesus often did with his parables, the pattern is suddenly disrupted. Rather than the hero being an upright, faithful Jewish person, it is none other than a Samaritan who is the one who shows mercy. Samaritans and Jews had a deep-seated mistrust and suspicion towards one another that went back generations. So strong was the ill-feeling between the two peoples that when Jesus finishes his story and asks the lawyer which man proved himself a neighbour, the lawyer cannot even say 'the Samaritan' – he says 'the one who took pity'. The story concludes with the instruction, 'Go and do the same yourself'. © 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** *Mon 11<sup>th</sup> July – St Benedict, Tues 13<sup>th</sup> July St Henry Thur 14<sup>th</sup> July St Camillus de Lellis Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July St Bonaventure Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July Our Lady of Mt Carmel*

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

*(John 10:10)*

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**SCHOOLS:**  
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**Mater Christi College** 9754 6611  
Principal: Maria Haggett

**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** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 2pm  
**WILLOWBROOK MASS** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2pm

**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.

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**Apostleship of the Sea**

**PRAYING FOR...**

*All who have died recently:*

Fr Norman Ford SDB

*Those who we remember at this time:*

John (Jack) Caulfield, Maria Wirth, Terry Whelan, Frank Sainato, Porzia Mazzei, Margaret Hudson, Luigia Ferroni, Alba Sasso, Monica Youngson.

*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](#)



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**PIETY STALL**

as you come into the foyer of the church, please take a moment to browse our

Piety Stall, near the notice board. There are many



- **Baptism Gifts,** -  
- **Communion & Confirmation Gifts.**

- Beautiful coloured rosary beads, bracelet's and rings.

**Have you seen our Children's books?**

We look forward to seeing you!



**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](mailto:marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au) or ring the Parish Office on 9758 1029. *Thanking you in anticipation*



**CHILDREN'S**  
Liturgy of the Word

**AT THE SECOND ASSEMBLY OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL,** members voted in favour of endorsing the [Uluru Statement from the Heart](#). For over a century,

our nation has struggled with the question of how to justly recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sovereignty prior to European settlement. The most recent articulation of the problem came from the 2017 First Nations National Constitution Convention, the result of which was the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

This week, Plenary Council Members have been gathering in Sydney from across Australia to discern and vote on a series of motions addressing various issues facing the Church in Australia. Three of the motions being considered this week seek to address the Church's relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, acknowledging past injustices and moving forward with a commitment to justice, truth and reconciliation. In order for motions to pass, they must receive a two-thirds majority—a 'qualified majority'. All three of the motions on this topic passed with an overwhelming qualified majority, including a motion calling for the Plenary Council to endorse the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

**BAPTISMS** – We offer our congratulations to:  
**Vida Grahovac** daughter of Ivan & Carmel,  
**Aylah Radulski**, daughter of Mark & Lisa,  
**Patrick Furno** son of John & Lauren, &  
**Jack Savage**, son of Nicholas & Claire, who are to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.



**PETER'S PENCE ANNUAL COLLECTION: THANKYOU!** Thank you for your generous donations to the Peter's Pence collection. The amount raised was **\$516.35**. 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au) Ph 9758 1029

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL NSW FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL** Your donation enables us to be there for the long haul, helping families to move back home and replace damaged furniture.Go to the SVDP website [Flood relief appeal](#)

**ROSTERS: 11<sup>th</sup> July to Sun 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

Flowers	Marg H & Judy G
Linen	Laurel S
Welcomers	6pm Lia U, Kathryn C 9am:Rosa L & Florence J 11am: Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Rosina L 9am: Terry S 11am:Shami A
Counters	Peter G, Peter C, Florence J
Gardening	Carlos Escobar