

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and

has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Happy are they who have kept the word
with a generous heart
and yield a harvest through perseverance.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Mary has chosen the better part.



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

16th / 17th July, 2022

**Eternal God,
You draw near to us in Christ
and make Yourself our guest.
Amid the cares of our daily lives,
make us attentive to Your voice
and alert to Your presence,
that we may treasure Your word above all else.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



FOCUS ON THE WORD this week's passage is, at its heart, all about hospitality. This theme has featured in the gospel readings for the last couple of weeks to reinforce not only the importance of welcoming the message of Jesus, but also the extravagantly generous hospitality and welcome that God extends to all people. Taken at a literal level, this week's gospel passage can be a problematic one. Jesus is dining at the house of Martha and she busies herself trying to be a good host and serving her guest, while her sister, Mary, simply sits and enjoys the company of Jesus. Martha complains about her sister's apparent laziness and finds herself chastised by Jesus. On the surface, Martha is doing the right thing: providing hospitality for her guest. Yet Mary is the one whose actions are affirmed. Like in the parable of the Good Samaritan last week, the gospel writer reminds us that being preoccupied with one's duty – even in service of God – is not what God desires. Martha has forgotten that the guest is also a gift! Having welcomed and shown appropriate hospitality to her guest, Martha should have then accepted the gift of the guest, that is, the company and presence of the welcome guest. Instead she continues to busy herself with serving while her sister shows true welcome: accepting the gift of the guest's company. When we welcome a guest into our house, we can be too worried about impressing the guest with lavish hospitality and our best serving ware, rather than relaxing and enjoying the company of the guest. Like Martha, we can overlook the fact that God is present when we welcome a guest. © 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 *Wed 20th July – St Apollinaris* *Thur 21st July St Lawrence of Brindisi*
Fri 22nd July St Mary Magdalene *Sat 23rd July St Bridget*

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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PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:

Those who we remember at this time:



Amy Judit, Margherita Capozzi, Palma Kaali-Nagy, Margaret Haines, John Bekkers, Jim Feeney, Adriana Bekkers, Robert Whittle, Elena Sgarbossa, Thomas Barrons, Jack Turner

The sick: Jennifer Silva, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Ray Loel, Kathryn Kircos, 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. 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL OP SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The SVDP shop, located at: Unit 7/1821 Ferntree Gully Rd, FTG, is in desperate need of more helpers. **Please contact Diane on 9758 8501** if you could help out.



PARISH DINNER IN JULY LAST CHANCE!! so far **WE HAVE 54 PEOPLE BOOKED** for the Parish

Dinner, to be held at: FEAST, 1130 Burwood Highway Ferntree Gully. From 7pm, Sat 23rd July. a great choice of food. **TIME IS RUNNING OUT!! Bookings essential.** Limited seating. Please, come and join us. **RSVP by 18th July. To the Parish Office office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au or Ph 9758 1029.** **BYO Christmas Hat !! COST:** \$35 Adults, \$22 Seniors, \$15 for Children 4yrs – 12yrs : Children U4 FREE



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!

CONFIRMATIONS We congratulate all those who were confirmed on Thursday 14th July, at 6pm. A huge thanks to all those involved in the formation of these young people, and thanks to all our Parishioners who have been praying for you all.

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*

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING a BIG THANK YOU, to those kind people who knit and crochet items for those in need – **blessed shawls, knee rugs, holding crosses are always available from the Parish Office**, and can be given to a loved one in hospital. **Also available from the Parish Office is a supply of donated wool and easy patterns** for small children's knits, adult scarves, beanies, gloves, if you would like to knit something – so please, make use of these goods.

INNER HEALING THROUGH MEDITATION ON JESUS Prayer & Meditation through gentle postures and breathing in the Holy Spirit, heals body, mind and soul. **Retreat begins at 6pm on Friday 5th of August and concludes at 4.00pm on Sunday 7th of August.** Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD **Contact:** Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Victoria 3155. **RSVP Tel: 03 9762 6625 or Email: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com**



EMMAUS INFORMATION EVENING for **COLLEGE** Parents of Children in Year 3-5, on Mon 25th July, at 7pm, in the Tony Frizza Stadium, 503 Springvale Rd, Vermont South. Limited places, so **book now** enrol.emmaus.vic.edu.au/college-tour

PARISH MOVIE CLUB -Our first outing is to see a comedy, Phantom of the Open at the Cameo Theatre next **Tuesday 19th July - Session time is 1:30pm.** Please come along, bring your friends. **Join for coffee afterwards.** Terry Stephens 9758-4249.

BOOK CLUB update: SJB Bookclub met on Sunday at Hahndorf's, Upper Ferntree Gully. Lively discussion took place regarding the book by Eddie Jaku - The Happiest Man on Earth. Mainly admiring his continued kindness, friendliness and hope which is threaded throughout the book. We discussed about the circumstances and challenges he had to endure in his life before and during WWII. This brought on sharing of our own backgrounds and discussion about the Ukraine and other contemporary events.
Our book for this month is: Changing Lara by **Anna Jacobs.** If you would like to join the bookclub please contact Mary marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au or 97581029

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

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!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NSW FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL Your donation enables us to be there for the long haul Go to the SVDP website [Flood relief appeal](#) or call: 13 18 12

ROSTERS: 18th July to Sun 24th July, 2022	
Flowers	Ann P & Connie B
Linen	Sue N
Welcomers	6pm Kathryn C, Lia U 9am: Rosa L & Florence J 11am: Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Gab V 9am: Caroline Q 11am: Bonnie H
Counters	Peter G, Peter C, Florence J
Gardening	Carlos Escobar