

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

1:2, 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

3:1-5, 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!*

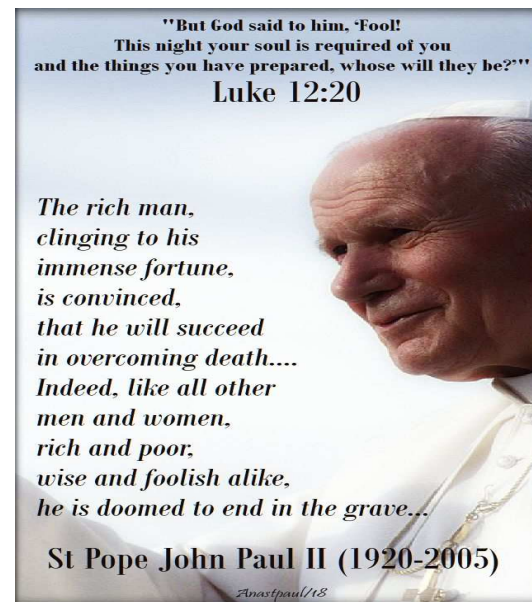
GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

30th / 31st July, 2022

Almighty God,

Grant that we may always conform our will to Yours and serve Your majesty in sincerity of heart.

Teach us to lay up riches in heaven, and assist us in our daily struggles against the idols of the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



FOCUS ON THE WORD: We see here that the rich man's focus was completely on himself. With an abundance of goods there doesn't seem to be any thoughts on how he can help anyone else. His thoughts were purely on himself and having an easy life. His self-focus is expressed nicely in the following little ditty:

'I had a little tea party, This afternoon at three. 'Twas very small - Three guests in all, Just I, Myself, and Me. Myself ate all the sandwiches, While I drank up the tea.

'Twas also I who ate the pie, And passed the cake to Me.... Why was the rich man a fool?

- He was a foolish man because he lived only for himself and not for others.
- He was a foolish man because he thought he had a foolproof plan to get all that he needed for an easy life but he left God out of that plan.
- And he was a foolish man because he thought and planned only for this life and not for the next. And that is foolish.

The solution is found in Jesus' last words of this parable. Jesus said to be rich towards God. How can we be rich towards God? He's not just talking about money though it can involve money. You can be rich towards God in your thoughts. Do you think about Him? Do you like to meditate on His truth? You can be rich towards God with your time. Do you have much time for God? You can be rich towards God with your gifting and abilities. You can be rich towards God in your faith and how you express that in helping others. © by I Gordon

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 1st Aug – St Alphonsus Liguori. Tue 2nd Aug St Eusebius of Vercelli, St Peter Julian Eymard Wed 3rd Aug St Dominic Thur 4th Aug St John Vianney Sat 6th The Transfiguration

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:
Concetta Porcano, Una Donegan.



Those who we remember at this time:

Patricia Dillon, Francis Cassar, Shaun Chapman, Theresa Campion, Maria Teofilo.

The sick: Jennifer Silva, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Ray Loel, Kathryn Kircoos, Ruby Samtoy, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hatley, 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.

TREASURING OUR LATER YEARS, Saturday 20 Aug 2022, 10am-4pm, an in-person event, *Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC.* Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily To register or find out more, Email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101.

PARISH DINNER the Parish Dinner proved to be a great success with over 50 parishioners attending. Thanks to everyone working behind the scenes to make this happen, and to all those who took the time to get to know one another more!

FUNERAL MASS for the late *Concetta Porcano* will be celebrated on **Tues 9th August** 10am Viewing 10.30am Rosary, followed by **Mass at 11am.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL OP SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The SVPD 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 are able to help out.

LECTOR'S ROSTER We are about to update the Lector's roster for September, October, November, and December. Please contact the administration if there are any dates that you will not be available to Lector during this time. office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au or 9758 1029. Thank you for your participation in this ministry.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST TENNIS CLUB The Saint John the Baptist Tennis Club was established in 1986 by the parishioners of the Ferntree Gully Catholic Parish. We have 4 en tout cas Courts available for Social and Competition Tennis. Day & Night Tennis. Coaching Available.

Enquiries / New Members Welcome:



Types of Memberships
Junior - Under 17 - \$105.00
Student - Over 17 - \$115.00
Full Member - Over 21 - \$160.00
Family Membership - \$180.00
Senior (Over 65) - \$105.00

Annual membership is due Before 31st July
\$20.00 early payment discount applies if paid before 31st July
i.e; Full Member - Over 21= \$140 with discount
Fee may be adjusted pro rata
Club Contact: John 0437 637 780

PARISH MOVIE CLUB only a small turn out at our first event, but we hope greater things to come! New titles start week after next, so we will have a session then. Stay tuned!

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**

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE If you would like to [enrol your daughter](#), we encourage you to begin the process as soon as possible. We recommend that families apply before September of Grade 5 for a place in Year 7. **Limited places still available for 2023**

NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS WEEK 2022 In Australia there are over 116,000 people experiencing homelessness on any given night. Homelessness Week will be taking place from **1st – 7th August** and aims to raise awareness of the impact of homelessness on Australia via national and local community events. The theme is: **“To end homelessness we need a plan.”** **The Launch begins with a free online event 12pm – 1.30pm AEST. Join to hear from the new Minister for Housing and Homelessness, The Hon Julie Collins MP.** To register, or to learn more go to: [Homelessness Australia](#)

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK: 7 - 14 AUGUST 2022. At some point in our lives, we may wonder — am I where I am supposed to be? Are my plans or hopes for the future the right ones, the ones that will help me find true happiness? We all have a calling — something specific that God calls us to. In the Church we commonly refer to this as our ‘vocation’. Each of us are invited by God to live a particular vocation or state of life. By living out our baptismal call to follow and imitate Jesus, we are able to discover what this specific call is. Learn more, either at the Vocations Website: <https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/> or call 99265733

NATIONAL TREE DAY 31st July, 2022 Get back into nature by joining our annual Knox Council National Tree Day **community planting event.** Join this free, family-friendly event. We have 3,000 native trees, shrubs and ground cover to plant! **Join a guided nature walk** with one of our Bushland officers. **Enjoy a BBQ** hosted by Wantirna Lions Club Come and plant a tree, **10am to 12noon Collier Reserve, Wantirna,** Corner Stud Road & Burwood Highway, Wantirna. Register at: <https://treeday.planetark.org/site/10026532> or on the day.

ROSTERS: Mon 1st Aug to Sun 7th Aug, 2022	
Flowers	Sue N & Lynne K
Linen	Alvi M
Welcomers	6pm Peter G, Wilma H 9am: Joanna C , Thelma B 11am: Anna M , Priya H
Lectors	6pm: Louise D 9am: Pamela E 11am: Vincent M
Counters	George & Genevieve W, Bindu M
Gardening	Patrick S & Harry R