

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
38:4-6, 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king, 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please see below an update to current vacant roles listed on our Melbourne Catholic website. **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**
<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>
Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- **Bookshop Manager - Permanent Full Time**
- **World Youth Day (WYD) Coordinator**
- **Account Executive, Client Services, Catholic Development Fund**
- **Parish Animation Consultant**



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Catholic Care Appeal

*To set the earth ablaze, O God,
Your Son endured a baptism unto death,
and from His cup of suffering
You call the Church to drink.
Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus
and give us strength in time of trial
to run the race that lies before us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD Today's gospel reminds us that the message of Christianity is not always a popular one. Sometimes we are called upon to speak a hard message; a challenging message; a confronting message. The message of the gospel frequently confronts our popular culture and accepted social practice. It often contradicts the expedient decisions of our political leaders. There is a responsibility on us to speak the hard message of the gospel even at the risk of unpopularity and even in the face of threat. The Christian heroes of our time are those who call leaders to measure up to the demands of the gospel. Jesus reminds us that if we take on his message of compassion, hospitality and table fellowship then it can set us apart from those who have not accepted the message – even family members. It's a challenging message that even love and loyalty within a family can be disrupted by seeking to authentically live the model of Jesus. If we authentically place the needs of the lowly and the outcast ahead of our own and ahead of our family, then this can be very confronting and very disrupting. What are the consequences for family gatherings? What might the gathering at Christmas dinner look like if we take this message seriously? Jesus says that the normal obligations to family have to take second place to acting on his message and bringing about the kingdom of God. © 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 Mon 8th Aug – St Mary of the Cross Tue 9th Aug St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Wed 10th Aug St Lawrence Thur 11th Aug St Clare Fri 12th St Jane Frances de Chantal
Sat 13th Sts Pontian and Hippolytus

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

(John 10:10)

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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 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:

Sylvester Solonga, Florence Silva, Wanda Fumo, Waldemar Leos, Adriana Warmerdam, Mary Ryan, Veronica Fox, Nicola Petracca, Mark Grant, Ludmila Jancar

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 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. **There is still wool available in the Parish Office, and easy patterns So please, if you would like to offer some knitting for donation, come in and collect some FREE WOOL.**

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP. We meet in the Parish Hall 10.15am on Tuesday Mornings. This week we are expecting a very special guest all the way from Western Australia. - **Dan Hewitt (Deputy Chairman) CCR WA.** 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.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
MONDAY 15th AUGUST
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses will be celebrated at 9.15am

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA APPEAL This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible

WHAT IS A FAMILY GROUP? The Passionist Family Group Movement aims to build the Christian community through the development of extended families. With loneliness and isolation so prevalent in our society, there is a genuine need for people to know and support each other. Family Groups create an extended family atmosphere within the community and are open to everyone. Our focus is on people caring for, loving and accepting each other. 'Love one another as I have loved you'. **Family Groups provide an extended family for all who wish to belong** – married, single or divorced, young, old or in-between. All members of the group give to, and receive from, one another. Everyone is welcome to join. The Passionist Family Group Movement was established in our Parish 34years ago. **If you are new to the Parish and would like to join up with an existing Family Group** in your street or area please contact John and Sue on 9758 2902. Please join us at the **11am Mass on Sunday 28th August** to celebrate our Anniversary. Learn more at: <https://www.pfgm.org/>

RCIA 2022—THE RITE OF CHRISITAN INITIATION OF ADULTS St John the Baptist RCIA program will begin on **Thursday 1st September 2022.** It is a formation program open to those considering becoming a Catholic, those just interested, as well as Catholics who want to learn more about their faith. The program will take place every Thursday evening at 7pm. Please call the Parish office to register your interest Ph: 9758 1029 or office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

BAPTISMS – We offer our congratulations to **Quinn & Mia McNamara** daughters of Kane & Stephanie, **Lacey & Isla Hughes** daughters of Mark & Taryn, **Lexi Avah Genio**, daughter of Phillip & Emily, **Zoe Psaila** daughter of Cain & Natalie, **Lucy Bonner**, daughter of Byron & Elizabeth, who are to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK: 7 - 14 AUGUST 2022. Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community. To find out more information, either call 99265733 or via the Vocations Website: <https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/>

MOVIE CLUB NEWS Our next movie is **The Forgiven**, starring Ralph Fiennes and Jessica Chastain. Screen time 11am., Tuesday 16 August, Village Cinema, Knox. Come along and see some great acting, and enjoy a coffee afterwards. All Welcome – Contact: Terry Stephens 9758 4249.

PYSCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID AND PERSONAL SUPPORT TRAINING: If you are interested in this training, please go to <https://vccem.org.au/training/> and click on the link to the right of the preferred course, to register your interest. Poster on the notice board rear of church for more information.

KNOWING JESUS DAILY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS You cannot become what you do not know. Join us as we seek to dive deep into the life of Jesus **This FREE Daily Devotional series** is presented by Bruce Downes, known as The Catholic Guy, and starts on **Monday 15th August, 2022.** Sign up today: go to our website BruceDownes.org

BILLINGS LIFE Billings Life are presenting a **free webinar** entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps" on **Mon 22nd August at 7.30pm** AEST Website: <https://www.billings.life/en/>

ROSTERS: Mon 15th Aug to Sun 21st Aug, 2022	
Flowers	Marg H & Judy G
Linen	Sue O'H
Welcomers	6pm Myra N, Wilma Hovens 9am Terry S, Neil & Loraine, Peter C 11am: Priya F, Patrick S
Lectors	6pm: Rosina L 9am: Terry S 11am: Peggy S
Counters	Steph H, Connie B & Peter F
Gardening	Patrick S & Harry R