

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah 66:18-21*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News*

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the way, the truth, and the life,  
says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father,  
except through me  
Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 13:22-30*

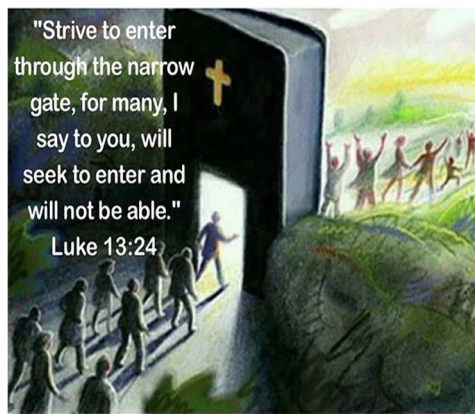
Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



*Strive, while there is still time.*



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**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year C**

**20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2022**

*Oh, God,  
You gather every kind of people,  
to the banquet of Your kingdom.  
May all who are called to a place at Your table  
come by the narrow way,  
to the unending feast of life, using the key of Love  
Pry open our hearts, and Unlock our doors.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



**FOCUS ON THE WORD** Jesus and Satan have an argument as to who is the better computer programmer. This goes on for a few hours until they agree to hold a contest with God as the judge. They set themselves before their computers and begin. They type furiously for several hours, lines of code streaming up and down the screen. Seconds before the end of the competition, a bolt of lightning strikes, taking out the electricity. Moments later, the power is restored, and God announces that the contest is over. He asks Satan to show what he has come up with. Satan is visibly upset, and cries, 'I have nothing! I lost it all when the power went out.' 'Very well, then,' says God, 'let us see if Jesus fared any better.' Jesus enters a command, and the screen comes to life in vivid display, the voices of an angelic choir pour forth from the speakers. Satan is astonished. He stutters, 'But how? I lost everything, yet Jesus' program is intact! How did he do it?' God looks up over his glasses and chuckles, 'Ah you see, Jesus saves.' Salvation has, rightly, always been the big issue. Who was going to make it, how it was going to happen and when would Christ return in glory have captured the imagination of each generation of believers. The roots of this thinking can be found in today's Gospel. The earliest Christians, especially the Gentiles, saw that the Jews had been given every opportunity for salvation. They were the Chosen people. They had the Law and the Prophets. They were looking for the Messiah. Jesus, however, did not come as they expected or act as they hoped, so they rejected him and his followers. Salvation gives our lives meaning, direction and purpose. The way we live out this salvation should be irresistible to others. As the folk hymn sings, 'They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.' ©Richard Leonard SJ

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary* Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug *St Rose of Lima*  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Aug *St Bartholomew* Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Aug *St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz* Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Aug *St Monica*

*I have come that you may have life and have it to the full  
(John 10:10)*

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**SCHOOLS:**  
**St John the Baptist** 9758 1013  
Acting Principal: Ursula DeCorrado  
**St. Joseph's College** 9758 2000  
Principal: Catherine Livingston  
**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](mailto: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:*  
Jennifer Silva



*Those who we remember at this time:*

Sylvester Solonga, Winifreda Souis, Chris Smolders, Rosemary Cameron, Graeme Milburn, Rachael Neale, Audrey Uber, Yvonne Petrova, Conrad Mc Keverne, Bartolomina Marotti, Margarete Felicetti, Mary Gannan, Caterina Mazzone, Pellegrina Rossi, Sebastiana Orlando, Celeste Lizza. & Mary Gottwald

**The sick:** 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. 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.

**RCIA 2022—THE RITE OF CHRISITAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** St John the Baptist RCIA program will begin on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au)

**CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA APPEAL Raised: \$1174.80.** Thank you CatholicCare Victoria is **deeply grateful** for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Appeal. Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full. **Thank you for helping those in need!** Please visit: [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)

**LECTOR'S ROSTER** Dear Lector's, thank you for your participation in this ministry. The new roster for September through to the end of December 2022 has been completed and has been emailed out. If for any reason you have not received your updated roster, please contact the Parish Office.



**FAMILY GROUP ANNIVERSARY MASS** The Passionist Family Group Movement aims to build the Christian community through the development of extended families.. **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 34 years 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 28<sup>th</sup> August** to celebrate our Anniversary. Learn more at: <https://www.pfgm.org/>

**SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT DAY** (in-person or via Zoom) (*Carole Carmody rsm*) **Thursday 25 Aug 2022, 1pm-4pm, \$30** 'Rest and self-care are so important. When you take time to replenish your spirit, it allows you to serve from the overflow. You cannot serve from an empty vessel.' (*Eleanor Brown*) Those in caring roles live with profound beauty amidst the challenges of daily life. We offer this reflection/retreat day to you, someone who frequently serves others who may need support, a place of welcome and some nurturing. Book at: [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or call **Heart of Life, Malvern at 9890 1101**

**INNER HEALING & FORGIVENESS** through Meditation on Jesus, Retreat is planned at the **Janssen Spirituality Centre**, from 5.30pm on **September 16 - 4.30pm on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2022**. Located at: 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia. Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD. To book, contact PH 0424202191 or Email: [gilbertcarlo@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertcarlo@gmail.com)

**NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?** Disposal of



**Lifeboat Geelong**  
FOUNDATION

a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process - getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even garaging it until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!). If you need to dispose of a vehicle either from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, please consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Geelong Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status which for nine years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors of church-related sexual abuse. Many of these suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and have limited or no employment. A donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life. If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon on (0421 777 360, or [frkdillon@outlook.com.au](mailto:frkdillon@outlook.com.au)) or Adam Kaali (0411486605 or Email: [adam-kaali@hotmail.com](mailto:adam-kaali@hotmail.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**



**LOOKING FOR A JOB?** Check the vacancies at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

**ROSTERS: Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug to Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2022**

Flowers	Ann P & Connie B
Linen	Carole D
Welcomers	6pm Lia U, Kathryn C, Matt V 9am Rosa L, Florence J 11am: Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Gab V 9am: Caroline Q 11am: Peter J
Counters	Byron, Ruby, Guil
Gardening	Patrick S & Harry R