

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus  
Sir 3:17-20, 28-29*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.*

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
12:18-19, 22-24*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

*The Word of the Lord.*

### Diary dates:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – Father's Day  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept- [Mission opportunities abroad](#)  
11.30am Webinar Palms Australia.  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept:- Migrant & Refugee Mass

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me  
For I am gentle and lowly in heart.  
Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
14:1, 7-14*

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



*Sit at the lowest place.*



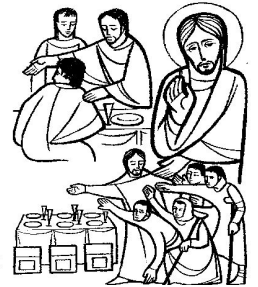
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**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year C**  
**27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2022**  
**Social Justice Sunday**

*Oh, Jesus,  
you became poor that we might become rich.  
Teach us to rejoice in the  
good fortunes of others,  
and help us to put their needs before our own.  
May we be among the guests at your banquet  
in heaven. Amen.*



**FOCUS ON THE WORD** In the gospel of Luke, Jesus is accused of eating with sinners and tax collectors (Lk 15) and we have an image of Jesus as always eating with the marginalised. However, today's gospel account is a more common occurrence: Jesus eating with a leading Pharisee and people of social importance. Although Jesus is depicted as frequently dining in the houses of these well-to-do people, he was probably never invited a second time! As in today's account, Jesus made a habit of accepting the hospitality of such people and then giving them a lecture about how they should behave and reminding them who was not gathered around the table with them. Certainly, the sort of actions that don't see too many follow-up invitations! Jesus' comments about taking the place of honour at a table are introduced as being a parable. Because it is identified as a parable, we know that there is a richer meaning below the surface. In talking about places at a feast, Jesus is referring to the kingdom of God. We know that Jesus has already identified that the lowly in this world will be in a place of honour in the kingdom. His message is that those who humble themselves in this world and give hospitality to the lowly will be lifted up – exalted – in the kingdom. Q. When have you had the experience of being humbled or being 'put in your place'? Q. In what ways do you humble or raise up – exalt – others? © 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 29<sup>th</sup> Aug *The Passion of St John the Baptist*  
Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Sept *World Day of Prayer for Creation (Holy See)*  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept *Spring Ember day (of Penance).* Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept *St Gregory the Great.*

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

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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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**27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2022**  
**Observance: Social Justice Sunday**

**PRAYING FOR...**

*All who have died recently:*  
Jennifer Silva



*Those who we remember at this time:*

Ken Collins, Stan McGough, Luigia Colella, Dennis James, Sabina Parrella, Chris Smolders, John Kolmus, Lucy Leatham, Concetta Porcaro (1 month).

**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.**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY** The Church in Australia marks Social Justice Sunday on August 28. In their Social Justice Statement, **Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse**, the Australian bishops speak out about the scourge of domestic and family violence. They call for relationships to be marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control. Access the Statement and related resources at [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESUMES** We are very happy to announce that Children's Liturgy will be recommencing on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September, at the 11am Mass. All welcome.

**FAMILY GROUP ANNIVERSARY MASS** The Passionist Family Group Movement was established in our Parish 34years ago. **The Family Group aims are simple:**



to allow people to get to know each other, to support each other in joy and sorrow,  
•to accept and love each other, and  
•to seek and find Christ in others.  
•Each family group tries, in its own way, to realise the basic ideals of Christian living, to be *A Family for All*.

**Activities are simple, low cost or no cost.** Members of a group are invited to **meet once a month** to share a social activity, whether in a member's home or a park or a parish venue, bringing along food and drink to share.

**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 & 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/>

**BOOK CLUB NEWS** You are most welcome to join St John the Baptist Book Club. The book we are reading for this month is: - George Orwell's- 1984. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mary marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au or ring the Parish Office 9758 1029



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**FIRST FRIDAY – 2<sup>nd</sup> September , 2022.**  
Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 10am. Mass at 11am. Stay for a cuppa.

**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)

**MOVIE CLUB NEWS** Our next outing on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August, is to Knox Village Cinemas to see **“Bosch and Rocket”** The movies starts at **12 noon**, trailer on Village site. Terry Stephens. All welcome

**PRIEST RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND** Please look out for envelopes around the Church. Your donation supports our priests who have served actively in the Archdiocese of Melbourne but who are now retired or sick.. Caring for those who cared.

**POSITION VACANT Don Bosco Retreat Centre, Lysterfield** Office Assistant needed, three days per week from 8.30am – 2.30pm The person needs to be familiar with Microsoft Office and coordinating retreat bookings. Please submit simple expressions of interest via “Contact Us” section of our website: <https://donboscoretreats.org.au/contact>

**MISSIONARIES OF GOD'S LOVE (MGL's) CONSECRATED LIFE WEEKEND** Sat 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 from 9:00am – 5:00pm. Where and how is God calling you to respond to his love? Have you taken the time to listen? Join the Missionaries of God's Love in a Consecrated Life Weekend to explore these questions further. The retreat will be an opportunity to spend time with Jesus in prayer, ask questions. Enquiries: Call 0423 612 066 or email: [mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com)

**ROSTERS: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Aug to Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022**

Flowers	Marg H & Judy G
Linen	Laurel S
Welcomers	6pm Peter G, Wilma Hovens 9am Joanna C, Thelma B 11am: Anna M, Priya F
Lectors	6pm: Jan R 9am: Caroline Q 11am: Phuong B
Counters	Byron, Ruby, Guil
Gardening	Tom N & Help Needed