

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the book of Wisdom 9:13-18*

What man can know the intentions of God?  
Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

*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 Philemon 9-10, 12-17*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.  
Alleluia!*

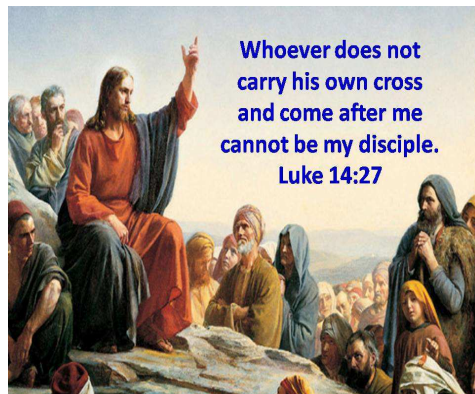
## GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 14:25-33*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



*The Cost of Discipleship.*



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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

**3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2022**

**Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal**

*Heavenly Father,*

*You entrusted Your Son Jesus,  
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.*

*Bless all fathers, as they care for their families.*

*Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience;*

*and support them in all they do,*

*to protect those who look to them. Amen.*

**Happy  
FATHERS  
Day**

**FOCUS ON THE WORD** Today's Gospel tells us, is to get our values straight. Jesus says he wants you to **1. hate** your father, mother, children, brothers, sisters, and your own life, **2. renounce** all your possessions **3. carry your own cross** just as he carries his. **Hang on, don't panic. These sound horrible, but examine them:** 1. The word "hate" is probably an oratorical way to say "love them in proportion." If you **let the love of God be first in your life**, your beloved family will come right along with it. If you do not, you will lose them. Hate means not having them be overboard in their importance to you. 2. "Renounce all your possessions." If you are tempted to love material things above all else, then renounce them. **It is God you need to love above all things**, and everything else only in proportion. 3. Why are we supposed to carry a cross? Because it is far too easy for us to pretend that the world is not really painful, that no one actually suffers. But they do and we do, in a big way. **Taking up our cross sends us out with Jesus to help others** carry theirs. - And that is the real and final answer to the problems presented in the First Reading. What is life about here on earth? It is about being humble, about loving others truly, and about loving God above all things. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. © 2022, John B. Foley, 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:** Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Sept *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Sept *St Peter Claver.*

*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 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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**Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal**

**PRAYING FOR...**

*All who have died recently:*  
Giovanni Maccagnini



*Those who we remember at this time:*

Lothar Tepass, Giovanni Brotto, Rodney White, Brian Stackpole, Angelo Rech, Lino Bimbi, Vincenzo DiBattista, Robyn Elliott, Gerry Franken.

*The sick:* Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Ray Loel, Kathryn Kircos, Ruby Samtoy, 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 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.**

**ROSARY TO THE SHORES** Let us all unite in prayer **this Saturday 3 September, 2pm** whether on the beach or in your local Parish, for Australia, the Church, and the world. Your support is needed now for these prayer gatherings on the beaches of **Port Melbourne or Edithvale**

**PRIEST RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL**

Some 50 years ago, Archbishop Knox introduced the practice of priests retiring at 75years. Until then, priests literally, “died with their boots on” because elderly diocesan priests had nowhere to live, apart from his presbytery. In 1990, Archbishop Little established the Priests Retirement Foundation with the motto “**caring for those who cared**”, With this in mind, **today we show our appreciation for our retired and sick priests with the Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal. 95 Melbourne priests are currently retired.** Most have served over 50 years in parish ministry before retiring **They are grateful for your support now and in the future.** There will be an average of 6 retirements per year for the next several years. Please donate generously. **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Thank you!** 😊

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

**FUNERAL MASS** for the late **Giovanni Maccagnini** will be celebrated here at St John's Church on Thursday, **8<sup>th</sup> September** with **Rosary 10.30am** prior to the **11.00am Mass.**

**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

**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 email: [office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au](mailto:office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au)

**MOVIE NEWS** All parishioners are invited to our next outing on Tuesday **30<sup>th</sup> August,** at Knox Village Cinemas to see “**Bosch and Rocket**” **Meet in the Foyer.** The movies starts at **12 noon,** trailer on Village site. Contact: Terry Stephens 9758 4249.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** to all dads this weekend. May your love and gentleness be a blessing upon each member of your family.



**Embrace the Call to Global Mission**  
American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these [Mission opportunities abroad](#) and mentor those with little other opportunity. You you will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. [Enquire online](#) or Ph: **0422 742 567** and [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already egaged in Mission with Palms on our [13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>.](#)

**MIGRANT & REFUGEE MASS** **Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees.** Join with migrant communities from all over Melbourne at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne, on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept:- **2pm Rosary** in various languages, **Mass at 3pm** celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli.

**THANK YOU FROM FAME PELGRIM** I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Fr Thomas, all my friends and everyone who prayed for me in my recent period of illness. I have fully recovered, thank you for your support.

**ROSTERS: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sept to Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022**

Flowers	Sue N & Lynne K
Linen	Sue N
Welcomers	6pm Rosina L, Myra N 9am Lia U, Marg & Adrian D 11am:Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Louise Di B 9am: Gordon V 11am: Priya F
Counters	Peter G, Peter C, Florence J
Gardening	Tom N & Help Needed