

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried, “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!” I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.’

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. I will rise and go to my father.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if

mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the
world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 15:1-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” he would say “I have found my sheep that was lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

‘Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” she would say “I have found the drachma I lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.’

The Gospel of the Lord.



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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

10th / 11th September, 2022

Child Protection Sunday

*Gracious God,
You love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.
We entrust to you the lives of children and
adults at risk who have been sexually abused,
and whose trust and innocence have been
destroyed. We pray that with the help of your
grace, communities and families will find
understanding and support, now and in the future
We ask through Jesus Christ, your Son, Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD. The readings of this Sunday are about the attitudes needed in our Church if we are to keep children safe. The Gospel reading from Luke 15:1-32 also looks at the way we see God and at the attitudes that should animate us as Christ's community. These attitudes are set against those of Jesus' critics who complain against his eating with sinners. On Safeguarding Sunday, the Gospel reminds us how attentive we should be to people in need, including those who have separated themselves from the community. **It indicates, too, the level of care we ought to have for children in the Church and the seriousness with which we should observe the safeguards.** The Parable of the Prodigal Son also points to our special responsibility to seek out and welcome people who have been abused as children in the Church. Any financial cost we might bear as a Church in compensating them for the abuse they have suffered in our care is insignificant compared to the gain if they again find a home in Christ's church. The Gospel is about big heartedness. *Prepared by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ © 2022*

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 12th Sept *The Most Holy Name of Mary.* Tues 13th Sep *St John Crisostom*
Wed 14th Sept *Exaltation of the Holy Cross* Thurs 15 Sep *Our Lady of Sorrows*
Fri 16th Sept *Sts Cornelius & Cyprian* Sat 17th Sept *St Robert Bellamine*

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:
John Zerella.



Those who we remember at this time:
Lucy Rainsford, Valentina Parente, Marie Thomas, Philomena Windebank, Carmine Mazzone, Maureen Addicott, Emmanuel Deidun, Rosa Lotrionte, Peter Atkinson, Patricia Gallus, Alfea Cursaro,

The sick: Don Roberts, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Ray Loel, Kathryn Kircoos, 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](https://www.cdfpay.com)
Many thanks to all contributors for your support.

SAVE THE DATE: AUSTRALIA NEEDS FATIMA
Walk with the statue of Mary on – **15th OCTOBER, 2022 AT 10.30AM** meet at the **MONBULK R.S.L.**
Find out more at: <https://www.fatima.org.au/>

PRIEST RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL
A total of **\$1238.90** was raised for this appeal. Thank you for your generous support.

SEASON OF CREATION began on 1 September with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and concludes on 4 October with the feast of Saint Francis “Listen to the voice of creation” is the theme and invitation of this year’s Season of Creation. The ecumenical phase. **It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home.** Click [here](#) to read Pope Francis Message.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY The Parish of St John the Baptist and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported. You can find out more about the Church’s work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-sunday>



CHILDREN’S LITURGY HAS RESUMED. It was wonderful to start back, and to share this special time with the children last Sunday. Hope to see more of you this week, at the 11am Mass. All welcome.

A WORD OF THANKS, to all the Students from St John the Baptist Primary, who created the beautiful Father’s Day cards for our dads. We are most grateful.

SAVE THE DATE: TRIVIA NIGHT St John the Baptist **Social Justice Group** will be hosting a Trivia Night **Saturday 22nd October**, to raise funds for their work with: “Opening the Doors Foundation” who assist in helping Aboriginal children stay at school and The Columban Brothers’ Partnership Scheme, in the Philippines More information to follow in coming weeks.

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. **Applications close October 31st, 2022.** Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

BAPTISMS – We offer our congratulations to **Luca Hayes** child of Jayden & Alexandra, **Georgia Truin**, child of Michael & Kristen, **Maia Turpin** child of Kyle & Ivette, **Logan Grantham**, child of Damian & Nicole, who are to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.



FUNERAL PRAYERS –for the late John Zerella will be celebrated here at St John’s Church on Thursday 15th September, at 11.00am.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PRINCIPAL INTERVIEW The selection process continues. Please pray on Tuesday 13th September, for the upcoming interviews of candidates for the job of principal at our Primary School.

Embrace the Call to Global Mission
Embrace one of these **Mission opportunities abroad** and mentor those with little other opportunity. 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 24th at 11:30am.** More info at palms.org.au



'UNDERSTANDING YOUR PERSONALITY -Gifts Differing', on Saturday 1st October 2022, 10am-3.30pm. Our popular Myers Briggs reflection day, led by Peter Malone msc (BA(Hons), STL, DTheol (Honoris Causa) Participants can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Held at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. **Cost \$60.** Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, or email: office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2022 Please keep this date free: **8th October, 2022** and come to show your support for the unborn Join us for the 2022 March for the Babies. We'll be gathering in Treasury Gardens at 12:30pm and walking to Parliament House at 1:00pm. Celebrate every life, great or small. Show your Support: Wear Pink and/or Blue.

ROSTERS: Mon 12th Sept to Sun 18th Sept 2022

Flowers	Genevieve W & Gina P
Linen	Alvi M
Welcomers	6pm Myra N, Wilma H 9am Terry S, Neil & Loraine, Peter C 11am: Priya H & Patrick S
Lectors	6pm: Rosina L 9am: Pamela E 11am: Shami A
Counters	Peter G, Peter C, Florence J
Gardening	Tom N & Help Needed