

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

1:2-3, 22-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

1:6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

17:5-9

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord.



SEASON OF CREATION In his encyclical letter on the environment, called *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis writes: "it is true that we Christians have at times incorrectly interpreted the Scriptures, [but] nowadays we must forcefully reject the notion that our being created in God's image, and given dominion over the earth, justifies absolute domination over other creatures" (LS #67). Instead, Pope Francis urges us to build a "relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature" (ibid) The first step toward building this new relationship is to re-examine the assumptions and values that we've taken for granted. This requires that we ask ourselves some fundamental questions. Does nature have intrinsic value? Does God love plants, animals, and ecosystems as much as God loves humans? Does the promise of new life extend to all God's creatures? Our age of ecological crisis is challenging us to act differently: to live more sustainably and to build social systems that prioritize the common good. Click the link to see Youtube: [Everything is Holy:](#)



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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year C

1st / 2nd October, 2022

St Vincent de Paul Observance

O God of endless ages, you plant deep in every human heart a desire to celebrate with all of your gifts of creation.

From mountaintop to sweeping plains, we join with peoples around the globe to remember your loving acts of creation.

By this Eucharist, sustain us for the journey until all is complete in your new creation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



FOCUS ON THE WORD. The dynamic between the apostles and Jesus revealed in this week's Gospel is fascinating. Tellingly, rather than asking for Jesus to increase their faith, they tell him to. There are similarities here in wanting to have the best seats at feasts, to be seen as the most devout person in the temple, and so on. This Gospel passage is part of Luke's wider narrative arc which shows Jesus upending social conventions and questioning mindsets of self-aggrandisement.

Also important is what is at stake. The apostles rather naively see faith as some measurable thing which they can possess in greater or lesser amounts. Jesus turns this view of faith on its head by telling them that even with a smidgen of faith they could do great things. Faith is not meant to be accumulated; it is meant to spark action. That Jesus then goes on to speak of servants doing their duty further underlines his point that the apostles' desire for faith needs to be redirected to action.

With this in mind, we might well ask ourselves whether our faith is just about making us feel holier; or do we 'hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and do something about it?

Nick Brodie is an Australian historian and writer. © 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 Tues 4th Oct
Fri 7th Oct

St Francis of Assisi
Our Lady of the Rosary

Thurs 6th Oct St Bruno

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:
Bishop Emeritus Hilton Forrest Deakin, Ray Loel, Fr. Lawrie Moate SDB, John Ryan, Frances Wallace.

Those who we remember at this time:
Noe Judit, Dominica Demiar, Beryl Turner, Vincenzo Sasso, Jim Healey, Pamela Bentham, Angelina Furno.

The sick: Don Roberts, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, 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: is cancelled for Thursday 6th October, due to a funeral. Resume 13th Oct.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP. We meet in the Parish Hall 10.15am on Tues Mornings for Praise, Prayer & Lunch. All welcome. Enquiries: Judy on 9752 2986.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP. Resumes Tues 4th October, in the Parish Office at 9am.

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. Come and help us celebrate life, EVERY life, great or small, born or unborn. Show your Support: Wear Pink and/or Blue

CDFPAY FOR PARISHES Thank you to all parishioners who continue to support both the Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections through your generous contributions. **Electronic Payments can be made via CDFPAY, [click here](#) for the link.**



125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION – ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL As we celebrate our 175th Anniversary year as a diocese – we also mark a significant milestone for our Cathedral. Archbishop Comensoli warmly invites you to join him for Mass to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Patrick's – Thurs 27th October 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral, commencing at 1pm. This is a beautiful opportunity to come together in the house of the Lord – built by the faithful and generous people from every part of our Archdiocese, and home for all. Mass will be followed by the Launch of the Catholic Precinct Walking Tour App, an initiative of the Mary Glowrey Museum.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Children's liturgy will resume next weekend, Sunday, 9th October at the 11am Mass. We are looking forward to seeing all the children again as well as the parents. Primarily the children's liturgy is for children from preschool to year 7. However, we do encourage older children to assist and younger children to attend, with a parent. **For our safeguarding requirements we request that all parents complete the Children's Liturgy form which will be available at all masses this weekend.** This form can be picked up this weekend at the entrance and exit doors and returned next week. **Further to our requirements we request that on the days we have children's liturgy that you sign your children into the session. This can be done as soon as you arrive for mass.** The Children's Liturgy sign in book will be at the entrance door each week. We thank you for your cooperation with these safeguarding tasks which contribute to keeping our children safe.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 20th November at 12pm....
PARISH LUNCH AT FEAST...ALL WELCOME.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE- 2022 KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE. Wed 12th October at 7.30pm. **"50 Years of Theological Education in Context: Then, Now, What Next?"** Bookings and Info at ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture
Enquiries: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Ph 9412 3333
Venue: Celtic Hall, Catholic Leadership Centre.

MISSION FETE the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver invite you to come and support their efforts to fundraise at their Fete on **Saturday 8th October, 9am - 2.30pm** at 154 Cotham Road Kew. For More information please: PH 9817 3715. All welcome.

STRINGYBARK FESTIVAL 2022 Sunday 16th October, 10am-4pm is a free community event at **Rowville Community Centre** celebrating homegrown creativity, sustainability and all things local in Our Backyard. **Organisers are looking for Volunteers to help** [Click here](#) to apply or call Knox Council Customer Service team on PH **9298 8000.**

BAPTISMS – We offer our congratulations to **Wilhelmina SHAW** daughter of Nicholas & Karly Shaw, who is to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy!



FUNERAL MASS –for the late **Ray Loel** will be celebrated here at St John's on Thur 6th Oct, at 11am.
FUNERAL MASS –for the late **John Ryan** will be celebrated here at St John's on Tues 11th Oct, at 10.30am.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT IS BACK! ☺ Come and join the fun. ☺ ☺
Don't need to be an expert. ☺



Date: Saturday 22nd October, 2022
Venue: School Hall starting at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.
Cost: \$10 per adult. BYO drinks and nibbles. Make up a table or come and join one. Tickets are available after all w/e masses from the 1st October or **contact Patrick 0434072831** (call or text) or psawyer@bigpond.net.au. Proceeds in aid of "Opening the Doors Foundation" and the Alfajiri Kids Art in Kenya. See <https://www.alfajiri.org/> Donations welcome ☺.

Appreciating the Papacy of Pope Francis
His Mission: taking us back to the heart of the Gospel

Speaker: Fr Bernard Teo CSsR (Moral Theologian)
Lectured at CTC Auckland and YTU Melbourne

Tuesday October 4th at 7.30pm

St Simon's Parish 2 Taylors Lane, Rowville

On the feast of St Francis of Assisi, who was a peaceful reformer who brought the Church back to the Gospel roots.

"To understand the papacy of Pope Francis, one must look at it in the light of the Father's Divine Mercy."

Register in the Foyer or email : loretta@stsimonsparish.com.au

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SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE OAKLEIGH – 65th ANNIVERSARY REUNION on Sunday, 16th October between 2pm and 4.30pm. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCLMD>.

ROSTERS: Mon 4th Oct to Sun 10th Oct, 2022

Flowers	Marg H, Ange C
Linen	Carol D'S
Welcomers	6pm Rosina L & Myra N 9am Lia U, Marg & Adrian D 11am: Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Jan R 9am: Caroline Q 11am: Carolyn S
Counters	Tony B, Steph H, Connie B & Peter F
Gardening	Roger Koper & Help Needed