

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of the Kings
5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

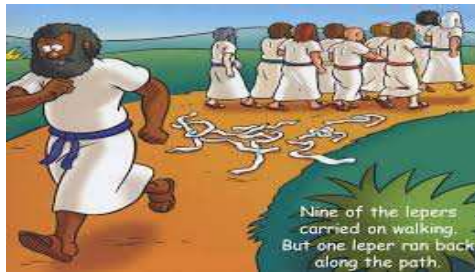
Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you
in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Turning Thanksgiving into Grateful Living.

THIS SUNDAY IS LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUNDAY

Evening Family Prayer

Lord, behold our family here assembled. We thank you for this place in which we dwell, For the love that unites us, For the peace accorded to us this day, For the hope with which we expect the morrow; For the health, the work, the food and the bright skies That make our lives delightful; For our friends in all parts of the earth. Amen. (Robert Louis Stevenson, 1850-1894)

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend "Live Your Best Life in Love"

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. **Please check our website for more details. 22- 23 October 2022** at St John Bosco, Niddrie (Book early to avoid disappointment) For Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James on 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

8th / 9th October, 2022

Life Marriage & Family Observance

*Loving God, source of faith and hope,
look with mercy on Your people.
Stir up in us a saving faith,
that believing, we may be healed,
and worthily give You thanks
We make this prayer through
Christ our Lord. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD. On this Life Marriage & Family Observance, I wanted to share an initiative that I came across on the Majellan Media Family Website ([The Dinner Table – Majellan Media](http://TheDinnerTable-MajellanMedia)) It was called "The Dinner Table." And it begins: "We are on a mission to reunite families at the Dinner Table. Join us at *The Dinner Table* to help families reconnect and communicate more effectively. We want to help families be closer, sharing and loving. *The Dining Table* is not only an area for eating but a place for gathering, sharing, communicating and where relationships grow. Here we will share ideas that will help make gathering around the table enjoyable and meaningful for all members of your family. Sometimes it may be difficult to start a conversation, but asking questions can help your family members to connect on a deeper level. Here are a wide range of interesting topics that they will enjoy and even learn from, without any lecturing. We have hundreds of questions for you to use that will get everyone involved. There are three simple things for engaging with family members. 1. Ask good questions. 2 Commit to listening and not lecturing. 3. Enjoy the discussion and stay curious! - Don't shy away from expressing your opinions; kids are often curious what parents think. Just be sure that you listen first, and that you **listen more than you talk.**" There are a number of **conversation starters** listed, to name a few: What are the 3 most interesting things about you? Name five reasons you're glad to be alive. Or What's your favourite song? Why? Or perhaps: Is there something I can do better as your parent that I am not doing now? If we had a special day together, what would you want to do? There are even some recipes ideas...so be encouraged to sit together as a family and communicate. And find out more at: Majellan.media/the-dinner-table



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 11th Oct St John XXIII pope Fri 14th Oct St Callistus
Sat 15th Oct St Teresa of Jesus

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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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 1st Friday 2pm
WILLOWBROOK MASS 3rd Thursday 11am

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 Hilton Deacon Pontifical Requiem Mass to be celebrated for him next Thurs 13th of Oct at St Patrick's Cathedral at 10.30am.

Those who we remember at this time:
Nicola Mazzei, Bernadette Hopkins, George Jansz, Brian Walker, Martin O'Toole, Antonietta Rech, Rosario Tudisca
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: 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 Tues Mornings for Praise, Prayer & Lunch. 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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023, Melb–Lisbon INFORMATION SESSIONS Join us for regional youth gatherings to hear more about the options on offer. 25th Oct, 2022 7pm-9pm. St Benedict's Parish, 301 Warrigal Rd ,Burwood.
More info: <https://tudisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd>

CDFPAY FOR PARISHES Thank you all for your generous Thanksgiving contributions. For those who wish, **Electronic Payments can be made via CDFPAY, [click here for the link.](#)**



NEW ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PRIMARY PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCED We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Kelli Johnston**, as the new principal at St Johns. Kelli comes to us from St Andrew's Clayton, and will commence her role at the start of next year. A huge thank you to the selection committee for all their hard work, and to all those who have covered them in prayer.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Children's liturgy resumes this 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 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.

ADVENT REFLECTION: What is a follower of Christ? With Advent fast approaching, now is the time to order Advent booklets This year we offer "Heart of the Disciple" a 28day reflection resource. Books cost \$5 ea or \$4 with a bulk discount if we order 50 copies. **Please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet on the glass wall.**

A MESSAGE FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. In response to the devastating floods in Pakistan, ACN is sending emergency help by providing emergency aid to over 5000 families, in the form of food packages for one month, cash grants for the most vulnerable families, mobile health units, temporary shelters and even basic – but essential – items such as mosquito nets and repellent. Damaged churches and community infrastructure must be repaired to shelter victims of the flooding. To make an offering to the Church in Pakistan. Please Visit www.aidtochurch.org/pakistan

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 in Grade 5 for a place in Year 7. **Apply Now for 2024/2025**


ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE There are still a few vacancies across the different stages for 2023. If you are wanting for your son to begin in 2023, please contact our Enrolments Office on enrolments@stjosephs.com.au or phone: 9756 3112. **Apply Now for 2024/2025**

BAPTISMS – We offer our congratulations to **Finnley Connolly, son of Haydn & Jaime; Kiara Bonica, Daughter of Adrian & Vanessa; Aurelia & Alexander Gee, children of Simon & Claudine, and Oscar Franciscus Giangiulio, son of Stephen & Sara** who are to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy!



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

FUNERAL MASS –for the late **Frances Wallace** will be celebrated here at St John's on Wed 19th Oct, at 11am.

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 ☺. **Buy your tickets NOW!**

SVDP PIETY STALL PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE
Looking to start your Christmas Shopping? Perhaps some Christmas cards to send to dear ones? On the weekends of 8th/9th and 15th/16 there is an earlybird sale. Pre-order your Columban Art Calendars now!

HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND AND/OR ITALY (1st May-23rd May, 2023): Caesarea Maritime, Haifa; Mt Carmel; Nazareth Village; Basilica of Annunciation; Masada, Mount of Beatitudes, Tabgha, Mensa Christi, Capernaum, Sea Of Galilee, River Jordan (Yardenit); Cana of Galilee, Local Winery; Mt Tabor, and much more finishing in Rome.
CONTACT-US-ASAP for detail/ itinerary:
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ROSTERS: Mon 10th Oct to Sun 16th Oct, 2022	
Flowers	Sue N & Lynne K
Linen	Laurel S
Welcomers	6pm Myra N & Wilma H 9am Terry S, Neil & Loraine, Peter C 11am: Priya H & Patrick S
Lectors	6pm: Gab V 9am: Gordon V 11am Eduardo M
Counters	Tony B, Steph H , Connie B & Peter F
Gardening	Roger Koper & Help Needed