

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the second book of Exodus*  
17: 8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.*

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*  
3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*The word of God is living and active;  
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.*  
*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*  
18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



**The persistent Widow - Pray without ceasing.**

**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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)



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**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year C**  
**15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**

*O Lord, tireless guardian of Your people,  
teach us to rely, day and night,  
on Your care.*

*Support our prayer, lest we grow weary.*

*Help us to seek Your enduring justice  
and Your peace.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



**FOCUS ON THE WORD.** Luke's community lives at a time when hope for an imminent return of Jesus is fading. The initial enthusiasm of faith is wearing thin with the constancy of living in a society where Christian values are odd. The parable is an encouragement to be persistent in faith. **Don't give up.**

The images in the parable are strange. The community is presented as a helpless widow. In the patriarchal society of that time, a woman without a male provider would be the most powerless. God is portrayed as a judge having neither a religious nor a social sense of responsibility. So the parable begins with one absolutely in need, with nothing to offer, and one with no sense of any moral claim to respond to the woman's need. The judge eventually gives in to the widow purely out of concern for himself, as the translation reads, 'She will worry me to death' (literally, 'punch me in the face'! The Greek verb used here, *hypopiazō* is an expression borrowed from boxing where it means to 'hit under the eye.') The reasoning is that if this unjust person will do the right thing for someone he doesn't care about, then **surely we can trust that a loving God** will do the right thing for us. Even though prayer seems to go unanswered, don't give up on God.

The images point to the humanness of prayer. A woman wants justice. A judge wants peace. Prayer is a simple activity we can take part in anywhere and anytime. I often pray when I'm out walking or driving for in these times of solitude it is easy to begin a dialogue from my heart and let God know my current concerns. There's no need to save up prayer until you're in a holy place, or a prayerful position. Bring God into your daily activities and discover God as friend. © **Dr Mary Coloe PBVM** is a Presentation sister and teacher at the Yarra Theological Union.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> Oct St Ignatius of Antioch Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Oct St Luke, evangelist  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Oct Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, & St Paul of the Cross.  
Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct St John Paul II pope.

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

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**SCHOOLS:**  
**St John the Baptist** 9758 1013  
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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 11am

**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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**PRAYING FOR...**

*All who have died recently:*  
Marnie Meagher (Cobram)

*Those who we remember at this time:*

Alfie D'Silva, Joyce D'Silva, Clara Vaz, Ted Judit, Daisy Sason-Lim, Lionel Roberts, Joseph Tran, Denis Buckley, Norma Platt, Margaret Corrin, Kay Daraio, Rosemary Power

**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.

**ANTI-POVERTY WEEK** supports the Australian community to have an increased understanding of poverty and to take action collectively to end it. We are a diverse network of individuals and organisations who share this purpose. will celebrate our 20th anniversary and be held from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2022. Our key message is: Poverty exists. Poverty hurts us all. We can all do something about it. It is one of hope, not despair. To find out more go to: <https://antipovertyweek.org.au/>

**CDFPay**, for those who wish, **Electronic Payments can be made via CDFPAY for thanksgiving contributions. Which are gratefully received. [click here for the link.](#)**



**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 - THE JOURNEY BEGINS!** This is a life-changing opportunity for our youth



to experience their Catholic faith with more than a million young people from around the world. We are holding 6 **information sessions at Regional Youth Gatherings** around Melbourne this month to help parish leaders, priests, parents and of course young people learn more about this opportunity. Upcoming World Youth Day Information Sessions in October, closest to FTG is **25<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2022 7pm-9pm.** St Benedict's Parish, 301 Warrigal Rd Burwood. A life-changing trip to Lisbon, Portugal: Join 500 other young Catholics from around Melbourne on an epic journey to World Youth Day in 2023. Find out more at <https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd>

**CONGRATULATIONS ALAN BAILEY** The members of St. Vincent de Paul congratulate Alan on being honoured with the Call to Serve Award next Saturday, October 22nd in a special ceremony to be held at Box Hill. Alan is a parishioner of St. John's and a 52year member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** Children's has resumed at the 11am Mass. 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 available at all masses and 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.**

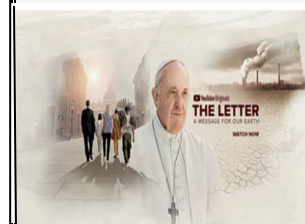
**FUNERAL MASS** –for the late **Frances Wallace** will be celebrated here at St John's on Wed 19th Oct, at 11am.

**ADVENT REFLECTION:** Now is the time to order Advent booklets called **"Heart of the Disciple"** a 28day reflection resource. **Please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet on the glass wall.**

**MANGO FUNDRAISER** Order your Juicy Mangoes \$26 a tray and collect from the SJB school, week starting 28/11/2022 Please follow the link or scan the QR code to place your orders. <https://www.trybooking.com/CDKNS> **Orders must be in by Friday October 21st.** Delivery will be the week of the 28/11/2022. \$5 of every box sold will go to the Parish. The link may be copied and shared to your family and friends.. Thank you for your Support. 😊



**VATICAN LAUNCHES NEW FILM ON URGENCY OF CLIMATE CHANGE** October 4,



saw the world premiere at the Vatican of **"The Letter: A Message For Our Earth,"** based on Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical letter,

"**Laudato Si'**, on Care for Our Common Home." Presented by YouTube Originals, the film was written and directed by Emmy-winner Nicolas Brown and produced by the Oscar-winning production company Off the Fence. It was made in partnership with the Laudato Si' Movement, the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and the Dicastery for Communication. YouTube Originals will release the grand documentary film, **The Letter**, telling the story of the Laudato Si' encyclical letter. You can view this wonderful video, by clicking on this link: <https://theletterfilm.org/watch/>

**SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT - IS BACK!** ☺Come and join the fun. ☺☺

*Don't need to be an expert. ☺*

**Date: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 or **contact Patrick 0434072831** (call or text) or [psawyer@bigpond.net.au](mailto: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 ☺.Please, **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? This Weekend, 15<sup>th</sup>/16 there is an earlybird sale at our Piety Stall. Buy your Columban Art Calendars now!

**ROSTERS: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct to Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 2022**

Flowers	Genevieve W & Gina P
Linen	Sue N
Welcomers	6pm Lia U & Kathryn C 9am Rosa L & Florence J 11am: Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Louise D 9am: Pamela E 11am Joan Ryan
Counters	Bryon, Ruby & Guil
Gardening	Roger Koper & <b>Help Needed</b>