

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Ecclesiasticus
Sir 35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment
of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will
be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of
him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation,
and the time has come for me to be gone. I have
fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race
to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come
now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me
on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who
have longed for his Appearing.
The first time I had to present my defence, there was
not a single witness to support me. Every one of
them deserted me – may they not be held
accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and
gave me power, so that through me the whole
message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to
hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth.
The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on
me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.
To him be 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
18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who
prided themselves on being virtuous and despised
everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to
pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The
Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I
thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust,
adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that
I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week;
I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some
distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to
heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be
merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went
home again at rights with God; the other did not. For
everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the
man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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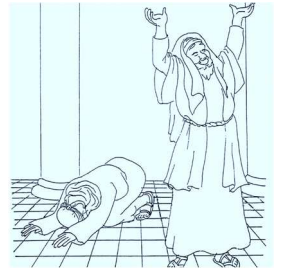
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

22nd / 23rd October, 2022

World Mission Day

O God,
You alone can probe the depths of the heart,
hear the prayer of the humble
and justify the repentant sinner.

As we stand before You,
grant us the gift of humility,
that we may see our own sins clearly
and refrain from judging our neighbour.
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



FOCUS ON THE WORD *From the perspective of the Tax collector:* Wouldn't you know it? I thought the Temple would be quiet at this time and I snuck in the back to whisper my prayer to God. But one of the great men, a Pharisee, was there praying. He proudly declared before God his good works. Every word he spoke reminded me of how I fail time and time again to do what is right with God. I realised that I didn't belong in that place. My prayer went out of my head and I muttered a few simple words. Why would God listen to me, a sinner? **AT RIGHTS WITH GOD;** We are told that the tax collector, after his simple prayer, went home 'at rights with God'. What does it mean to be *at rights with God*? The Old Testament teaches it's about God's Call for people to live in right relationship with God and with one another... The story continues and it is **our constant challenge** to be at rights with God also. © Greg Sunter.

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 24th Oct St Anthony Clarete Fri 28th Oct Sts Simon and Jude.

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 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:

Those who we remember at this time:

Arthur Corrin, Renato Felicetti, Danni Rossi, Angelo, Giuseppina, Andy, Federico & Silvia Zarro, Margherita, Damiano, Luigi, Cosimo & Jilda Covello, Teresa Starrs.

The sick: Ray Stackpole, Don Roberts, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, 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 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.

THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY PASSES BY WAY OF THE FAMILY PUBLIC CONVERSATION Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 12:30pm – 2:00pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne In conjunction with Australian Catholic University, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli is delighted to be hosting American speaker and author, **Mary Eberstadt**, for a public conversation on the topic 'The future of humanity passes by way of the family. For all enquiries, email communications@cam.org.au.'



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

2022 is on this weekend. Earlier this year, we shared the story of Neela, and her baby son Ajani, struggling to provide nutritious food and medication to her children. Fr Habte, with his community has begun to expand the current farm, to include a GOAT REARING CENTRE, to provide nutrient rich milk for families, agricultural training and desperately needed jobs. Today we invite you to partner with this venture by your generous donation. **Together, we can help build brighter futures for families in Emdibir. Thank you for your Support.**

ADVENT REFLECTION: Last Chance to place your order. Now is the time to order Advent booklets called "Heart of the Disciple" This is a 28day reflection resource. Thank you to those who have signed up, if you haven't already, but would like to, *please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet on the glass wall.* Cost \$5

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 **25th 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/vwyd>

CHILDREN'S WEEK: 22 OCTOBER – 30 OCTOBER 2022

It's Children's Week a national celebration that recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children, and presents an opportunity to reflect on how social factors affect the lives and future of our children. **THE THEME** this year is: **'You have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met. You should not be disadvantaged so that you can't do many of the things other kids can do.'** drawn from Article 27 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. More info at: napcan.org.au

NOMINATIONS FOR AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Nominations are now open for 2023. We invite you to nominate amazing everyday people who have made a positive difference in our community. This could be people who reach out to help others, volunteers at schools or clubs, or those that work to sustain the environment. Call: the Knox City Council Governance Department on 9298 8000, or email: knoxcc@knox.vic.gov.au
Nominations close at 5 pm on Fri 2 December 2022.

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Mass of the Day: Tuesday 1st November at 10.00am
Please note there will be **no 7pm Mass this day.**
ALL SOULS Wednesday 2nd November Mass at 9.15am am & 7pm
Owing to the Melbourne Cup long weekend, this year we will celebrate **THE MEMORIAL MASS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** on Tuesday 22nd November at 7.00pm. All are most welcome.

Fr THOMAS INVITES YOU TO A PARISH LUNCH

on Sunday 20th November at 12pm At FEAST,FTG HOTEL Please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet
Cost: **Adults \$35,Seniors \$22 4y-12y \$15 All welcome**

OCTOBER, FOR A CHURCH OPEN TO EVERYONE

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality. - **Pope Francis – October 2022**
What does it mean "to synod"? It means walking together: syn-od. This is what it means in Greek: "to walk together" and to walk on the same road. And this is what God expects of the Church of the third millennium –that it regain its awareness of being a people on the road and of having to travel together. A Church with this synodal style is a Church that listens, that knows that listening is more than just hearing. It means listening to each other in our diversity and opening doors to those outside the Church. It's not about gathering opinions, nor holding a parliament. The synod isn't a survey; it's about listening to the protagonist, the Holy Spirit. It's about praying. Without prayer, there will be no Synod. Let us take advantage of this opportunity to be a Church of closeness, which is God's style –closeness. And let us give thanks to all the people of God who, with their attentive listening, are walking the synodal way. Let us pray that the Church, ever faithful to the Gospel and courageous in preaching it, may live in an increasing atmosphere of synodality and be a community of solidarity, fraternity, and welcome.

ROSTERS: Mon 24th Oct to Sun30th Oct, 2022

Flowers	Marg H & Judy G
Linen	Alvi M
Welcomers	6pm Kathryn C & Myra N 9am Terry S, Joanna C & Thelma B 11am:Patrick S & Anna M
Lectors	6pm: Rosina L 9am: Peter F 11am Peggy S
Counters	Ruby & Guil
Gardening	Roger Koper & Help Needed