

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Maccabees 2nd Mac 7:1-2, 9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2 Thess 2:16-3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the

Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

5th / 6th November, 2022

Dear Lord,

You call everyone to live with you forever.

*Make strong our belief in Jesus,
the first one to rise from the dead,*

*so that we may continue doing what He wishes
and follow Him to your home in heaven.*

We make this prayer

through Christ our Lord. Amen



FOCUS ON THE WORD: Life after death, in one form or another, is a common belief of most of the major faiths of the world. It is certainly a basic tenet of Christian faith. Because the gospels record Jesus as speaking about an afterlife, we tend to assume that this was a common belief of his time. However, within the different groups of Judaism, there was significant diversity of belief about this point. While the Pharisees believed in resurrection, the Sadducees did not. The Sadducees quote the Law of Moses at Jesus but he goes one better by quoting the very conversation when Moses encountered God in the burning bush. In this encounter, God reveals Godself to be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God does not say, I was the God of Abraham, but rather I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This distinction confirms that the relationship is ongoing, not stuck in a time before their death. It is in this same encounter that God reveals God's name as 'I am who am' – represented in Hebrew by the letters YHWH from which we get Yahweh. Today's gospel passage depicts an attempt by the Sadducees to ridicule belief in an afterlife by questioning Jesus about an extremely exaggerated scenario. The reply Jesus gives largely ignores the farcical nature of the question. Rather, Jesus makes clear that the resurrected life is not merely an extension of the earthly life. The things that are of concern in this world are not an issue in the next. **Through death and resurrection, life is changed; not ended.** © © 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 Wed 9th Nov The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Thurs 10th Nov St Leo the Great. Fri 11th Nov St Martin or Tours
Sat 12th Nov St Josaphat

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:

Fr Bill Bainbridge, Annie McCann, George Brown, Salvatore Teofilo, Margaret Cecchin, Louis Theodore, Agnese Paternoster, Paul Savannah, Gerry Daelmans, Vincenzo Caruso, Natala Franchi, Elena Catalano.

The sick: Catherine Ziegfried, Ben McLaey, Ray Stackpole, 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 resumes on Tuesday 8th Nov. This week we have Sr Fiona Shanahan from the MGL's as our guest presenter. Doors open at 10.15am, for a 10.30am start. All welcome.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP. Come and join with other mothers of any age to pray together. 9am-10am each Tuesday in the Parish Centre.

BORONIA AND THE BASIN COMMUNITY FAIR
Saturday, 5 November 2022,
10am - 2pm at **St Joseph's, Boronia**
212 Boronia Road, BoroniaPre - FAIR
GARAGE SALE Saturday 22nd October 2022 - 8:am - 12pm St Joseph's Boronia



CALL OF GUADALUPE: THE MUSICAL is BACK again in all its glory!. 24-27 November at Chelsea Town Hall Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com>

Fr THOMAS INVITES YOU TO A PARISH LUNCH on Sunday 20th November at 12pm At FEAST, F.T.G HOTEL Please indicate your interest on the **sign-up sheet** Cost: **Adults \$35, Seniors \$22 4y-12y \$15 All welcome**

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. A HUGE THANK YOU to all our contributors. If you wish to contribute and haven't done so before please fill in the Stewardship for. God loves a cheerful giver!

KARLA ZMEGAC FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC AID ORGANISATION, Aid to the Church in Need, will speak briefly at the end of each Mass this weekend. ACN was founded in 1947 to alleviate the sufferings of the millions of displaced persons after World War II. Today Aid to the Church In Need, is the only International Catholic Organisation that focuses on the spiritual and pastoral support of suffering and persecuted Christians. More information about this organisation can be found at: <https://aidtochurch.org/>

2022 ORDINATION MASS AT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne on Saturday 19 November, 2022 at 10:00am – 11:30am Join us for Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate the ordination to the priesthood of transitional deacons Huy Nguyen, Vinh Do and An Le, and the ordination to the transitional diaconate of Thomas Christie, Tien Tran and Peter (Ngoc) Nguyen. **Some of our parishioners may remember Tom Christie spent some time here at our Parish, from early March, until 24th June, 2018** as a pastoral placement during his 4th year at the Seminary. Among other things, Tom was involved in our Parish Musical – It's not about the girl- **Tom would like to warmly welcome anyone interested to come**

ST VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE - VOLUNTEERS/ PARISHIONERS You are invited to share a table with conference members at our forthcoming Parish meal on: **SUN 20TH NOV, 2022, FROM 12 NOON. THE FEAST, FERN TREE GULLY HOTEL Please contact: Connie: 0413 747 685 ; OR: Jenny 0400 210 727** to let them know if you are interested. Please sign your name on the sheet in the church anyway to give Fr Thomas a commitment of your attendance. We understand if you would like to share another table with another group.

WE HAVE RECEIVED ANOTHER BATCH OF 20 COLUMBAN CALENDARS, due to popular demand. So please, if you missed out, make your way to our Friendly SVDP staff manning the Piety Stall to secure your copy.



THANK YOU, PEW CLEANERS! We would like to offer a huge word of thanks, to all our Parishioners who with servant hearts. so generously and selflessly **helped out week after week** during those covid months, **sanitizing the church pews.** Words can't truly express our gratitude On behalf of all Parishioners, we say, **"THANK YOU" for keeping us all safe.** May God bless you all!

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES; MAKE A DIFFERENCE OVERSEAS. Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK, established by Planet Ark in 1996, is held every year during the second week of November (7th to 13th of November 2022). This year, National Recycling Week explores the idea that **Waste isn't Waste until it's Wasted.** Get involved in events - like how to give resources a second life, how to reduce the need for newly produced resources, and of course, recycling. This year, it is all about quality over quantity, it is not about recycling more, but recycling better. To learn more visit nationalrecyclingweek.com.au.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 6th November, there will be a wreath laying service, in honour of the service and sacrifice of those who gave their lives. **Tim Neville Arboretum, at 11am Lest we forget.**

ROSTERS: Mon 7th Nov to Sun 13th Nov, 2022	
Flowers	Marg H, Ange C
Linen	Sue O'H
Welcomers	6pm Rosina L, Myra N, Matt V 9am Lia U, Marg & Adrian D 11am: Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Gab V 9am: Caroline Q 11am Carolyn S
Counters	Tony B, Steph H, Connie B, Peter F
Gardening	Carlo E & Help Needed