

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Samuel
5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –

all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,

he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way;

because God wanted all perfection to be found in him

and all things to be reconciled through him and

for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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THE KING



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe– Year C

19th / 20th November, 2022

*Our beloved Jesus Christ, and King,
With your last breath*

You cared for the lost and lonely.

Please, remember us too Lord.

Guide us into your kingdom, and

Put us on the path of peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



FOCUS ON THE WORD: Points of interest and Catholic lore

- Crucifixes often have the letters *INRI* inscribed on them. These are the Latin initials for *Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum*, which means 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews'. These are the words that Pilate had written on the cross above Jesus.
- All four gospels state that Jesus was crucified between two thieves, but Luke is the only one that recounts this story of one of the thieves recognising and believing in Jesus. This is consistent with Luke's theme of God's grace being granted to the lowly and the outcast.
- **Today is the final Sunday of the church liturgical year.** Next week is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new church year, during which the Gospel of Matthew will be read.

The feast of Christ the King is a relatively new one in the church calendar. It was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI after the world had experienced the horrors of the First World War and been shocked at the brutality and destruction of the conflict between so-called civilised Christian nations. The royal house of Russia had been murdered, and kingdoms toppled in the aftermath of war. The role of the Church in social and cultural life was diminishing, and there was a greater separation of Church and state. This feast sought to confront growing secularism head on and confirm that the ultimate authority was not a nation or military might but the authority of Christ as universal King

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 21st Nov The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

Tues 22nd Nov St Cecilia **RED WED** 23rd Nov Prayer vigil for persecuted Christians- St Pat's

Thurs 24th Nov Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions Fri 25th Nov St Catherine Alexandria

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:

Thelma Gribble, Christopher Seton, Luigi Albicini,, Lionel Roberts, James Moloney, Victor Etienne, Charles Foster, Immacolata Maio, Clive Royle, Luigia Checcin, Len Nash, Mary Stewart, Theresa Sinclair, Mikayla Hutchings, Marco Porco.

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.

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>

REMINDER THIS SUNDAY IS THE PARISH LUNCH on Sunday 20th November at 12pm At **FEAST F.T.G HOTEL** Cost: **Adults \$35, Seniors \$22 4y-12y \$15** All welcome.

WELCOME HOME Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has written a pastoral letter entitled 'Welcome Home', encouraging us to gather together again at Mass and **explaining some changes regarding our Sunday and Holy Day obligations** and the streaming of Masses. Read the letter via the link below. Copies of this letter have been sent to parishes and you can [download a print-friendly version here.](#)

ADVENT BOOKLETS are ready for collection for those who have ordered them. **The PROGRAM** will be run in the Parish Hall on **Monday Evenings at 7.30pm** Enquiries: Please contact Phuong on 0400 086 073 Alternatively, Wednesday Morning with Mary after the Mass, in the Parish Office if there is sufficient interest.

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!

Wednesday, 23 November 2022 - You are invited to a **RED WEDNESDAY Prayer Vigil** at St Patrick's Cathedral on **23 November, 7.30pm.** Joining many other **ACN AUSTRALIA** cathedrals and churches around the world, St Patrick's will be floodlit in red on this night. **Red Wednesday** is an international initiative of *Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)*. It is a day to stand up for faith and freedom; to gather and pray for the 200+ million Christians who are persecuted for their faith. those who suffer and are persecuted for their faith. You can also visit www.aidtochurch.org/RedWednesday to learn more.

THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA have [written to the Catholic community in Victoria](#) to provide an election guide designed to help Catholics consider and navigate key issues of significance, particularly those related to the common good. You are invited to read the information below and to [prayerfully](#) discern how your vote can contribute to the common good in Victoria. Go to: www.melbournecatholic.org/stateelection2022.

SALESIAN MISSIONS AUSTRALIA have requested help to support emergency relief efforts by the Salesians located in the Horn of Africa. Communities are in need of water, food and hygiene supplies as food shortages increase and conflict continues. If you wish to make a donation please click on: www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au or phone 03 9377 6060 or email salmiss@salesians.org.au.

VIRTUAL ADVENT SERIES Once again we are delighted to present a series of virtual Advent talks by four Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week.

Speaking to us from their own area of expertise will be:

Prof Mary Coloe PBVM

Dr Mary Reaburn NDS

Dr Chris Monaghan CP

Dr Janina Hiebel

This is a perfect opportunity to enrich your Advent journey. **WHEN: Tuesdays – November 22, 29, December 6, 13**

TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm AEDT*

WHERE: Via Zoom meeting

COST: Free

Registration essential: [click here](#) to register.

PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION

Heavenly Father,

You are the source of goodness, justice and truth.

We thank you for the many freedoms we enjoy in Australia, including free and fair elections.

We entrust to you the State of Victoria and all who live within it. We pray for the gift of wisdom ahead of the upcoming election. Guide us in our deliberations, so we may seek to elect representatives who will work tirelessly to pursue the common good in all things.

We pray for all those standing for election and their families.

May all those elected work diligently to build a more just society. May our local community of Victoria be a place where peace and justice flourish, religious freedom is respected, and all people, -especially the most vulnerable are valued, respected and cared for.

And may we each renew our commitment to do the same ourselves – following the example of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in all things. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. Amen.

ROSTERS: Mon 21st Nov to Sun 27th Nov, 2022

Flowers	Genevieve & Gina
Linen	Laurel S
Welcomers	6pm Lia & Kathryn 9am Rosa & Florence 11am: Shamindri & Chamal
Lectors	6pm: Jan R 9am: Pamela E 11am Shami Aponso
Counters	Genevieve & George W, Bindu M
Gardening	Carlos E & Help Needed