

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
8:2-3,14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul
to the Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread
will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

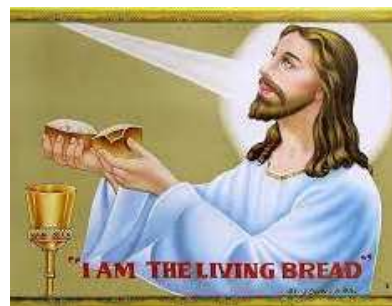
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Year A, 10th /11th June, 2023

Loving Lord,
Because of the love You bear us,
You remain night and day in this Sacrament,
full of compassion and of love,
awaiting, calling and welcoming
all who come to visit You.
Help us to walk each day in Your grace.
We ask this, through Christ our Lord,
Amen.



FOCUS ON THE WORD: The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as *Corpus Christi*, celebrates and commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. In the gospel passage, Jesus speaks a number of times about his followers eating his flesh and drinking his blood; 'For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.' In the Eucharist, we celebrate the 'real presence' of Jesus, understanding that bread and wine is changed into the body and blood of Christ. This change does not occur in a physical, observable way. The Church teaches that the 'substance' of bread and wine (what makes them bread and wine in essence) is changed but not the physical attributes. This is known as '**transubstantiation**' – **change of substance**. Jesus repeatedly demands that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. It is through these actions that his followers will share in eternal life. Jesus says that whoever does this will live in him and he will live in them. That is one of the fundamental beliefs about the Eucharist. **When we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist we become what we receive – we become Christ's body in the world.** When Jesus called his disciples, he called them to be like himself. He reissues that call to be like him every time we receive his body and blood in Eucharist.

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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 13th June	St Anthony of Padua
	Fri 16th June	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
	Sat 17th June	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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:

Patricia (Brown) McCutcheon, Adelino Sgarbossa.

Those who we remember at this time:

Justin Walker, Federico, Angelo, Giuseppina Andy & Silvia Zarro, Margherita, Damiano, Luigi Cosimo & Jilda Coviello, Walerian Koroluk, David Ritchie, Maureen Witham, Sheila Thompson, Anne Yeo, Donald Alexander.

The sick: Barry Beavis, Elsie Johnson, Peggy Spencer, Alan Alcock, Ann Good, Ben McLaey, Don Roberts, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Kathryn Kircos, Ruby Samtoy, 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.

ROSARY is recited prior to Morning Weekday Mass on Wed, Thurs, Friday, in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation.

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 The group meets informally every Thursday, at 10am in the Parish Hall. Please drop in for a cuppa, a chat, or to borrow a book from our library, or perhaps a have a game of cards, All welcome.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP in the Parish Hall from 10.15am – 12.30pm Tuesdays. All welcome.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP 9am-10am, in the Parish Office. All welcome.

WORLD YOUTH DAY NEWS 7 weeks to go!

World Youth Day Commissioning Mass
Sunday 16 July - St Patrick's Cathedral
11am - 2pm Please bring your family and friends,

parishioners, and benefactors as together we are commissioned by Archbishop Peter as the Archdiocese of Melbourne Pilgrimage to World Youth Day Lisbon.

Are You Retired or Seeking A Deeply Rewarding Ministry to Others? We invite you to join Heart of Life's **Taster Session on Tuesday 20 June 2023, 7pm-8.30pm, via Zoom**, where we'll share with you information on our formation programs to become a spiritual director, pastoral supervisor, spiritual leader and contemplative listener to others. Our programs develop a compassionate, listening heart. The session will include a facilitated reflection session led by formation team members **at Heart of Life Centre** for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Bookings via website at <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/taster-session/>



DIARY DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS...

11 June First Eucharist – Parish
17 June First Eucharist- School
25 June Feast of Saint John the Baptist (special Parish event)



LOOKING FOR A FIRST EUCHARIST GIFT?

The St Vincent de Paul Society will have a table set up with beautiful First Eucharist gifts, available to buy, at all masses this weekend our Piety Stall located in the foyer of the church. Come and browse, for your special someone.



IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SCHEDULE- PLEASE

READ Owing to the up-coming Clergy Conference, there are some **CHANGES TO THE MASS SCHEDULE.**

Tuesday 13th June – NO Evening MASS
13th & 14th June -9.15am Communion Service
16th June -FRI 11.00am -Communion Service
25 June Feast of Saint John the Baptist 10am
Mass only – Please bring a plate of food to share in the Hall after Mass.

The ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL 2023 Sunday 11th JUNE. With winter upon us, and

many struggling with high rent, it is more evident that there is an urgent need for **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD** items such as Canned Foods, all in one meals- such as Beef & Vegetables/Sausages & Vegetables, Tin Ham, Soups- all varieties, Pasta Sauce, canned vegetables like Corn/Peas, Tomatoes etc, and **OTHER FOODS** such as Biscuits, Cereal, Coffee-small jars, tea bags, milo, long life Milk, Juice, and **NON-FOOD ITEMS** such as deodorants, dishwashing detergent, nappies, soap shampoo & conditioner, shaving cream & razors. **Please bring them along** to help support others with a hand-up. You can deposit these items in the Church Foyer before or after Mass, for distribution by our FTG SVPD conference. **All donations are very gratefully received.**

CARITAS RECEIPTS READY FOR COLLECTION

All donor who requested receipts from Caritas for your Project Compassion donations, please note that they are ready for collection in the church foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

We will be celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi (11th June) and the 100th year of Corpus Christi College, the Seminary will be celebrating a special Mass on Sunday 11 June at 3pm at the Seminary Church of the Sacred Heart, Corner of Rathdowne and Pelham Streets, Carlton. This will be followed by a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction. Adoration will be held again on Sunday 11 June from 9am until 2pm, in the Seminary Church of the Sacred Heart. Again, this will be open to anyone.

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY -15th June, 2023.

Congratulations to all the children receiving the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. *Our Parish community wishes you every blessing for this significant step in your Christian initiation.*

BAPTISMS – We offer our congratulations to **Alfred Thorn, son of Benjamin and Melissa, & Miles & Amelia Wilks children of Liam and Samantha Wilks**, who are to be baptised this weekend, and **Pippy & Etta Russell, daughters of Simon & Rebecca**, who were baptised last weekend.: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy!

Celebration of Saint John the Baptist

Sunday, 25 June 2023

Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

DAY on Sunday, 25 June at a 10am Mass time.

9am mass and 11am mass will be combined into **one morning mass;**

this will give all parishioners the opportunity to attend refreshments in the school hall after the mass.

Parishioners are welcome to bring a plate to share and assist with the hospitality.

Please attend this very special event celebrating

St John the Baptist Parish and School

THANKSGIVING SYSTEM CHANGES: Dear Parishioners, our Parish has now up-graded to a **new Accounting Package**, which ties into our new Archdiocese database called **PACEM**. For those using **Direct Debit** or **Credit Card** options, you may notice a change to the name of the debit as a result of this. We thank you all for your understanding as we work through these changes.

ROSTERS: Mon 12th June to Sun 18th June 2023	
Flowers	Sue N, Lynne K
Linen	Sue O'H
Welcomers	6pm Myra N & Wilma H 9am Terry S, Neil & Loraine, Peter C 11am: Priya H, Patrick S
Lectors	6pm Gab V 9am: Pamela E 11am: Vicente M
Counters	Bryon M, Ruby S, Guil W
Gardening	Roger K & Hemmer T