

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the book of Exodus*  
34:4-6, 8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

*The Word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Glory and praise for ever!**

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)  
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)  
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)  
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians*  
2 Cor 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## ACCLAMATION

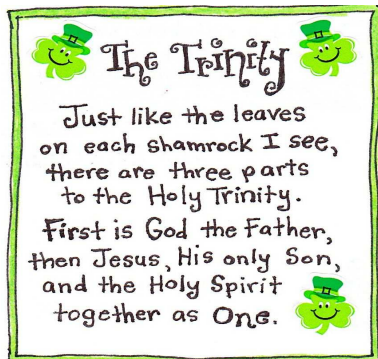
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Glory to the Father, the Son,*  
*and the Holy Spirit:*  
*to God who is, who was, and who is to come.*  
*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*  
3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



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**The Most Holy Trinity Sunday –Year A**  
**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> June, 2023**

*Triune God,*  
*You gather, protect, and care for us,*  
*through Word and Spirit.*  
*Our Creator, Saviour and giver of Spiritual gifts.*  
*Wonderful beyond measure.*  
*May we truly share one faith, have one calling,*  
*And be of one soul and mind,*  
*For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE TRINITY



**FOCUS ON THE WORD** Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice. The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an **opportunity to reflect on the nature of God**. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost – both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity **to celebrate the unity of God** whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. Jesus tells his disciples to preach, baptize and teach in the name of God – the God who is intimate like a parent (Father), who comes as Saviour (Son) and who lives within us (Holy Spirit).

**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 5<sup>th</sup> June St Boniface Tue 6<sup>th</sup> June St Norbet, St Marcellin Champagnat  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June St Ephrem

*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](mailto:office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au)**

**WEDDINGS:**  
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: on 9758 1029.

**The Most Holy Trinity Sunday –Year A**  
**3rd / 4th June, 2023**

**PRAYING FOR...**

*All who have died recently:*

*Those who we remember at this time:*

Leandro Morales, Conchita Censon, Orlando Luciano, Angelo Mazzone, Lucia Abbatangelo, Adele Paterson, Ernest Williams, Hermina Tenbuuren, Marjorie Wright, Benny Lizza

**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 Tuesdays, followed by a shared lunch. All welcome.

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

**PENTECOST EXPO** there was a wonderful atmosphere in the hall, as many parishioners came together to support the WYD cake stall, try to win a raffle, enjoy a sausage for lunch, checkout some of our parish groups and celebrate our gifts and talents. Many thanks to all who set up and/or unpacked the Hall, and to all who came along to enjoy the fun.

**'Voice' webinar series seeks to inform and encourage meaningful debate. UPCOMING WEBINARS** The second webinar will be held on **Thursday 29 June 2023**. Fr Frank Brennan SJ will speak on the Church, Catholic Social Teaching and engagement with First Nations peoples.

The third webinar will be held on **Thursday 27 July**, and will feature a panel of three Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices: Uncle Rob Briggs, Aunty Violet Sheridan and Esmail Manahan. Click [here](#) to learn more.



**DIARY DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS...**

**5 June 1st Eucharist Reflection Day**  
**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.



**CAKE STALL** We are so grateful for the contribution of so many parishioners who baked delicious foods for the cake sale on Pentecost Sunday. A huge thank you to volunteers who helped package and label these treats as well as cooking and serving sausages. It was also great to see so many people getting involved in the raffle, and we are thankful for our donors, especially Coles Boronia, Wholefood Merchants, the St Vincent de Paul society, Heathgrove Study Centre and the St John the Baptist school Parents & Friends association. We would like to say a huge congratulations to all the winners of our raffle! Overall we had a very successful day and raised \$1011 from the raffle and cake stall.

Event	Profit
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle:	\$1,914.00
Collection:	\$1,127.75
Cake Stall & Raffle:	\$1,011.00
Other donations:	\$634.04
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,685.79</b>



**With thanks- WYD Pilgrims - Vicente & Elyssa**

**The ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL 2023** is coming up on 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 start collecting these items now, and 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 SVDP conference. **All donations are very gratefully received.**

To celebrate 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. All Welcome.**

**INNER HEALING THROUGH MEDITATION ON JESUS: RETREAT:** guided by Fr Gilbert Carlo SVD, at Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia. Retreat begins with dinner at 6pm on Friday 30th June, and concludes at 4pm on Sunday 2nd July. Cost: \$210 (live-in ) or \$150 (live out).Ph: 9762 6625 or Email: [gilbertcarlo@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertcarlo@gmail.com)

**WORLD YOUTH DAY NEWS** Wednesday 31 May 2023, the feast of the Visitation, marked 50 days until Melbourne's pilgrims travel to the Church's largest international youth gathering: World Youth Day. This year the event is being hosted by Lisbon, Portugal, with an expected one million pilgrims travelling from around the world to be there. **Melbourne is pleased to be sending more than 500 pilgrims, from more than 50 parishes and 40 schools from across the Archdiocese**—our largest ever overseas group! As the excitement builds, pilgrims are joining with their communities and asking them to pray that this time of practical and spiritual preparation will be fruitful, that they will encounter Jesus and return to enliven their homes, parishes, schools and communities



**FUNERAL SERVICE** for the late Christopher Walter will be celebrated at here at St Johns on **Saturday 3rd June, 2023, 9.30am Rosary, and 10.00am Service.**  
**FUNERAL MASS** –for the late Jacob Warmerdam will be celebrated here at St John's Church on **Tuesday 6th June at 10.30am.**

**MONDAY 5th JUNE 2023 IS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.** On the day, people from more than 150 countries will celebrate environmental action and the power of governments, businesses and individuals to create a more sustainable world. This year marks the United Nations international event's 50th anniversary and will **focus on solutions to plastic pollution.** More than 400 million tonnes of plastic are produced every year, half of which are designed to be used only once. The good news is that we have science and solutions to tackle the problem – and a lot is already happening. Find out more at : <https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/>

<b>ROSTERS: Mon 5th June to Sun 11th June 2023</b>	
<b>Flowers</b>	Marg H & Ange C
<b>Linen</b>	Jean B
<b>Welcomers</b>	<b>6pm:</b> Rosina L & Myra N <b>9am</b> Lia U & Help needed <b>11am:</b> Shamindri & Chamal A
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>6pm</b> Tess D <b>9am:</b> Gordon V <b>11am:</b> Carolyn S
<b>Counters</b>	Tony B, Steph H & Peter F
<b>Gardening</b>	Roger K & Henner T