

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Daniel
7:9-10,13-14-12

As I watched:
Thrones were set in place
and one of great age took his seat.
His robe was white as snow,
the hair of his head as pure as wool.
His throne was a blaze of flames,
its wheels were a burning fire.
A stream of fire poured out,
issuing from his presence.
A thousand thousand waited on him,
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
A court was held and the books were opened.
I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages
became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. The Lord is king, the most high over all
the earth.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Peter
2 Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.
So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on

prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my Son, my beloved,
in whom is all my delight:
listen to him.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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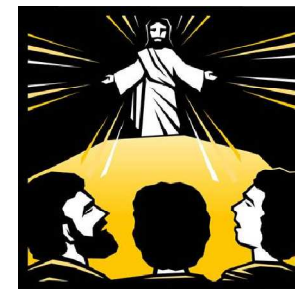


The Transfiguration of the Lord – Yr A

5th /6th August, 2023

Vocations Awareness Week 6th -13th August

*O God,
In the glorious Transfiguration
Of Your only Begotten Son
You confirmed the mysteries of faith,
By the witness on the Mount.
Transform us we pray,
Into the likeness of your Son.
We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD: Jesus takes his most trusted disciples up a high mountain to allow them to share in what he knows is about to occur. It is a very clear teaching moment in which Jesus hopes the disciples are going to finally grasp the truth about him. As the disciples stand by, Jesus is transformed before them – suddenly bathed in light and his clothes become dazzlingly white. The disciples also see Moses and Elijah standing and talking with Jesus. Moses was the great Law-giver of Jewish tradition and Elijah the great prophet. Together, they represent the Law and the Prophets – the combined wisdom that make up the tradition of Jewish teaching and Jewish scripture. It is the Law and the Prophets that Jesus' life and ministry brings to fulfilment. Sadly, the disciples don't really get the point of what they see before them. Peter, caught up in the moment, wants to build tents on the spot to mark the moment and to continue to dwell in the moment. Jesus, however, leads them back down the mountain – back into the valley; back into the reality of life; back into the tragedy that he knows lies before them. No matter how powerful a religious experience may be, Jesus shows us that we always have to return to real life. It is not possible to remain on the 'mountaintop' as Peter would have liked to do; we have to take the experience back into the everyday of our lives. © 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 7th Aug St Sixtus II, St Cajetan Tues 8th Aug St Mary of the Cross
Wed 9th Aug St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Thur 10th Aug St Lawrence
Fri 11th Aug St Clare Sat 12th Aug St Jane Frances de Chantal
Remember: 15th August: Feast of Assumption – A Holy Day of Obligation. Mass 9.15 & 7pm

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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Vocations Awareness Week

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:

Those who we remember at this time:

Patricia Dillon, Patrocinio Sason, Francis Cassar, Janice Mottram, Elana Russo, Nora Ryan, Johanna Roelofs, Brian Hayman, Joan Lineen.

The sick: Fame Pelgrim, Barry Beavis, Elsie Johnson, Peggy Spencer, Alan Alcock, Ann Good, Ben Mc Laey, 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

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**. Week 2 of our **Wild Goose Series**. A wonderful journey to discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. All Welcome.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP a great way to pray for your children, join us in the Parish Office, **Tues 9am-10am**.



THANK YOU FR SEBASTIAN! Our sincere thanks go to Fr Sebastian, who has been such a wonderful help and support to us during Fr Thomas' absence. Thank you for making yourself available to help us, we are very grateful. Every Blessing to you in all your future endeavours. From all at St John's.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS Coming up on the weekend of **13th August, 2023, at the 11am Mass**, we will be celebrating **35yrs** of Passionist Family Groups running within our Parish. aims to build Christian community through the development of extended families. Family Groups create an extended family atmosphere within the community and are open to everyone. The ethos of the Movement is "meeting the heart needs of the people". Our motto is "A Family for all".



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK
Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

Come follow me | Vocations (melbournecatholic.org)
Email: vocations@cam.org.au

MGL SISTERS DISCERNMENT WEEKEND
Saturday 26 August, 2023 7:00am – 5:00pm The Missionaries of God's Love sisters are hosting a 'Consecrated Life Weekend'. This is an opportunity for young single women aged 18–30 to spend some quality time with Jesus and discover their calling in life. email the sisters at mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com or call 0478 627 056.

IMPORTANT MASS Notifications

Tues 8th August – No evening Mass
Wed 9th August – Communion Service 9.15am
Thur 10th Aug – Communion Service 9.15am
Friday 11th Aug – Communion Service 11.00am
Sat 12th August – Fr Thomas Back. Normal Mass
Special Collection 13th Aug -Catholic Care.

LECTOR'S ROSTER We are about to update the Lector's roster for September, October, November and December 2023. Please contact the parish administration, no later than, Monday, 14 August, of any dates that you will not be available to go on the Lector's roster. Contact details: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au or phone 9758 1029. Thank you for your participation in this ministry.

WORLD YOUTH DAY NEWS 1st -6th August 23. On Tues 1st August 2023, the 16th international World Youth Day officially began in Lisbon Portugal, with nearly 400,000 young people gathering to celebrate their faith. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli reflected on the momentous occasion, calling it's 'an opportunity to go deeper with Christ, to be empowered to be disciples in the world today, ready to go back and follow him in all the circumstances of our daily lives'



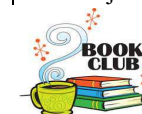
FATHER'S DAY - Sunday 3 September 2023 Hello Parishioners, to celebrate Father's Day, I would like to make a PowerPoint, in honour of our dad's. **Please forward a photo of you and your dad, you can be any age and the picture of your dad can be of any time.** The PowerPoint will be displayed after all masses on the 2/3 September. Please forward your photo to marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au or bring a **hardcopy into the office and we will scan it for you.** The PowerPoint will be strictly for the parish only and not used in any other way except for Father's Day.



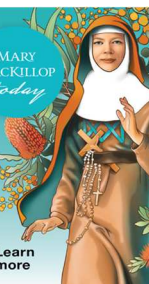
THE WILD GOOSE Discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Come and join us on an unforgettable journey around the world and into the very heart of God; in this professionally filmed series, the Presenter is: **Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, (Franciscan Friar)**
Where: St John the Baptist Parish Hall
When: Tuesday Mornings from 10.30am – 12.00pm.
Week 2 The Breath of God is on 8th Aug. Stay for a Shared lunch and Fellowship afterwards. All welcome.



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST BOOK CLUB The book club has just completed reading; The Last Voyage of Mrs Henry Parker by Joanna Nell. This is a heartwarming story of a person who is losing her memory and seeking her husband who seems to be lost on the ocean liner. **Our next book is French Braid by Anne Tyler.** If anyone would like to join the book club please contact the parish office. You are most welcome.



Be Fierce for Fair MARY MACKILLOP today
Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop
8 August 2023
This August let's walk in the footsteps of Australia's most loved Saint. Let's be fierce in the face of adversity. Let's be fair and act when we see injustice.
Discover how Mary MacKillop Today proudly continues Saint Mary's extraordinary 150-year-old legacy.
Together, let's be Fierce for Fair.
Learn more



THANK YOU, KNITTERS!! Thank you to all the kind people who took wool to knit for K.O.G.O or left already finished items. These are gratefully received. A striped bag marked K.O.G.O. is in the church foyer for your items. A bag of items has been sent off to K.O.G.O this week, Thanks for spreading the warmth!



RCIA - (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith? Please Contact Mary, Ph 9758 1029 or via email marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

ROSTERS: Mon 7 th Aug to Sun 13 th Aug, 2023	
Flowers	Ann P & Connie B
Linen	Laurel Stephens
Welcomers	6pm Rosina L & Myra N 9am Lia U & Help needed 11am: Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm Louise D 9am: Peter F 11am: Shami A
Counters	Byron M, Ruby S & Guil W
Gardening	Patrick S & Harry R