

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 3:9-15

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied, 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

4:13-5:1

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God. That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The prince of this world will now be cast out,
and when I am lifted up from the earth
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house. 'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



If a household is divided against itself,
that household can never stand. Mark 4:25



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**10th Sunday in Ordinary – Year B
8th /9th June, 2024 – Year of Prayer**

*Loving Lord,
make our world a just and peaceful home,
where we work hard to love and assist others.
Help us use wisely our time and talents
and strengthen us to do your work.
Prompt us to discern what is right.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'Making choices between good and evil in our life'.

In Genesis we hear about how Adam and Eve made a bad choice. Adam blamed it on Eve. Eve blamed it on the snake. But they used their free will to oppose what they knew to be God's will, and they had to live with the consequences – getting kicked out of paradise. This story is often told to explain why there is evil in the world.

The psalm calls upon the mercy of God and expresses assurance of redemption. Paul tells us that if we truly have faith, we will be required to speak out and share that faith. He also says that it is not what is outside our body that counts or that reveals who we are. Rather, it is what is unseen – God's spirit – that lasts forever. If we choose to seek God, we have the promise of heaven to look forward to.

In the Gospel of Mark, **Jesus includes his followers as members of this family.** He is not putting down or diminishing his own family. Rather, he expands the meaning of family. He tells us that all those who do God's will are his brothers and sisters.

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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 11th June St Barnabas Thurs 13th June St Anthony of Padua

*I have come that you may have life and have it to the full
(John 10:10)*

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MASS TIMES: Please note changes this week
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday No Mass due to Clergy Confer 7:00pm
Wednesday **Communion Service** 9.15am
& Thurs – Communion Service 9.15 am
Friday Visiting Priest – Mass 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.

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Yr B
8th & 9th June, 2024 - Year of Prayer

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:



Those who we remember at this time:

Justin Walker, Adele Paterson, Trish McCutcheon, Maureen Witham, Sheila Thompson, Hermina Tenbuuren, Donald Alexander.

The sick: Sabrina McKeeverne, Aileen Knox, Janet Roffey, Celia Ellis, Eamon Smith, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Ann Good, Ben Mc Laey, Don Roberts, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Kathryn Kircos, Ruby Samtoy, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hatley, Patricia Quinn, David Merton, Michael Byrne, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne.



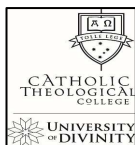
ROSARY is recited prior to Morning Weekday Mass on Wed, Thurs, Friday, in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation.

MOTHERS PRAYERS Take heart! Jesus urges us to bring our burdens/problems to him. Join us to pray, **Tues 9am-10am, in the Parish Office. All welcome.**

ST. JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP are meeting in the new Parish Community Centre this week, 10.15am for a 10.30am start.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING We meet **Thurs 10am** in the New Parish Community Centre. Please come and join us for a Chat, sit and knit or perhaps a game of cards.

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.



C.T.C. Online Information Session
Monday 17 June at 7.30pm (AEST)
Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session For more information contact:
Dr Maureen Saclot ctc@ctc.edu.au

POPE FRANCIS HAS APPOINTED MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE VICAR GENERAL FR JOE CADDY AS THE EIGHTH BISHOP OF CAIRNS. It is with great joy that the

Archdiocese of Melb. shares this news. Bishop-elect Caddy, 64, was born and raised in Melbourne and ordained to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 1990. He served in Prison Ministry from 2002-2013, and as CEO of CatholicCare from 2004 to 2017. You can read more on the Melbourne Catholic Website.

LITURGY † NEWS † EVENT

Mid June: Confirmation Classes begin Please REGISTER NOW for confirmation this year.

Sun June 23rd Parish celebration of **The Nativity of St John the Baptist - Combined Sunday Mass 10am only.**

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK, OWING TO THE UPCOMING CLERGY CONFERENCE. There will be **no Mass** on Tuesday night, Wednesday & Thursday will be communion services, and **Friday there is Mass with a visiting Priest.** Thank you for your understanding.

SVDP ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL. Thank you
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul- Ferntree Gully



Conference-would like to thank all of our parishioners for your tremendous support for our ongoing work in assisting the disadvantaged in our parish area. Thank you for items of non-perishable food for distribution to our families. Our Appeal continued to raise the awareness of our varied work for those who are experiencing hardship. We are pleased to inform you that all non-perishable food and gift cards that you donated has been used directly to support the needy in our parish area. Thanks to Fr. Thomas and each one of you who supports our unique charity in so many ways.

The amount contributed by the **Parish Appeal: \$3985.15** Please remember that a basket is always available at the doors of church for any ongoing non-perishable food donations. The **PIETY STORE** is available each Sunday at each mass for your personal religious purchases. Monies from the sale of items at the Piety Store further supports the work of St Vincent De Paul. We are always delighted to welcome more volunteers to continue this vital work in supporting our neighbor. Our **Vinnies Op Shop** is open for your donations at: **Unit 7/ 1821 Ferntree Gully Road.**

PIETY STALL NEWS We are very excited to announce that we have some very special and unusual gifts available, direct from Kerala, India. These include a large selection of Rosary Beads. The stall is an easy and fuss-free way to shop, including free parking!! Thank you! Peter & Dawn & all the team.

[Archbishop Peter A Comensoli returns from a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands](#) of Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Lebanon, where 'Christ walked and ministered, and where, today, the great Abrahamic religions and historical cultures live side by side in very complex, and presently tragic ways'. Nevertheless, he says, each person he met 'expressed their belief in a hope-filled future'.

FOLLOWING CHRIST': MELBOURNE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION DRAWS MORE THAN 1,500.

More than 1,500 people walked together along Drummond Street and through the Carlton Gardens on a crisp, clear winter's afternoon, praying and singing, in a powerful public display of Christian faith and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Participants instead remained in the Carlton Gardens until about 4pm, many on their knees before the Blessed Sacrament, singing and praying the Rosary in a moving and powerful display of public devotion that drew the curious attention of many passers-by.



BAPTISMS – We offer our congratulations to **Philippe & Rovie Bickham Parents: of Louis Bickham**, who is to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy

PLEASE NOTE the Parish Office will be closed Monday 10th June, for the Kings Birthday Public Holiday.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SACRAMENTAL CLASSES
for the Sacrament of Confirmation.



These classes are for children who do not attend Catholic Schools, who have received the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist and are in grade 5 or upwards. If your child is in this category and you are interested that they attend the Confirmation classes, **please contact the parish office for an application form: on 9758 1029 or marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au. Classes will commence in June, 2024. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS WED 12TH JUNE.**

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S PAPUA NEW GUINEA LANDSLIDE DISASTER Thousands are feared dead

and many more are displaced after a  devastating landslide struck a remote village in Papua New Guinea. Your **urgent support is needed now.** Please, Donate at www.caritas.org.au/png

ROSTERS: Mon 10th June to Sun 16th June 2024

Flowers	Marg H & Judy G
Linen	Alvi M
Welcomers	6pm Rosina L & Myra N 9am Lia U & Help needed 11am Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Alvi M 9am Gordon V 11am: Phuong B
Counters	Tony B, Steph H, Peter F, Rosina L
Gardening	Roger K & Henner T