

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 23:1-6

Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 6: 30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.



So they went off in a boat to a lonely place

VOCATIONS The annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on **Saturday 10 August**. It is an opportunity for men to visit the seminary, hear from the Archbishop, students, and staff. RSVP by **Friday, 2nd August 2024** to the Vocations Office at vocations@cam.org.au



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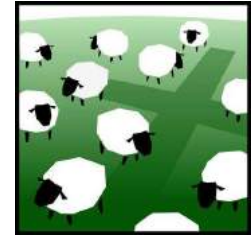
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

20th/21st July, 2024 – Year of Prayer – Sea Sunday

Lord Jesus,

*You know our human frailties
and daily busyness.*

*You invite us to come away and rest a while with
you. Shepherd us and enable us to find sacred
moments each day,
to know our peace in You. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD The best translation of the Greek text for today's gospel says that after the apostles returned from their missionary journeys 'there were many coming and going and they had no leisure, even to eat'. Jesus' call to 'come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while' is not just about good work practices and ethical employment policies. It is about humanizing our work, making sense of what we do and seeing our work as means to an end, not an end in itself. There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. People who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them. In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not scatter the sheep and drive them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace. Jesus was moved to compassion by the needs of the crowd, he also knew that their needs were not the only ones that had to be met. Jesus teaches his disciples and us, that the balance between work and rest is an obligation of faith. This applies equally to work inside and outside the family home. So this Sunday's Gospel carries a critical message for the modern world. **Rest, recreation and leisure are not indulgences about which we should feel guilty. They are rights defended by Christ and protect our human dignity.**

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 SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY

FEAST DAYS Mon 22nd July **St Mary Magdalene** Tues 23rd July **St Bridget**
Wed 24th July **St Sharbel Makhluף** Thurs 25th July **St James**
Fri 26th July **Sts Joachim & Anne- Parents of 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
Wednesday 9.15am
& 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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B
20th / 21st July, 2024 - Year of Prayer
Seafarers Sea Sunday

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:

Clare Clarke, Robert Healy.

Those who we remember at this time:

Mabel Ming, Christopher Chatelier, Jack Turner, Ettore Luciano, Martin Pelgrim, John Addicott, Thomas Barrons, Private Benjamin Ranaldo, Clara Coviello.

The sick: Trish Walton, Sabrina McKeeverne, Aileen Knox, Janet Roffey, Celia Ellis, Eamon Smith, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Ann Good, Ben McLae, 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 Meet on each **Tuesday Morning** at 9am in the Parish Office. Come and join us to pray for your children.

ST. JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet in the Parish Community Centre each **Tuesday at 10.15am for a 10.30am start**, followed by shared lunch.

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.




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CONFIRMATION: Year 5 & 6 students are now preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. **The Confirmation Family Evening- is on Wednesday 24th July 7pm** (please bring your child's Baptism Certificate) **The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Thursday 29th August at 6pm.**



SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST EVENT
The Parish Singles Group invites all Parishioners to a Theme: **TRAVEL SHOW**
DATE: Sunday 18th August 2024
TIME: 2.00pm - 4.00pm APPROX
PLACE: PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
Guest Speaker : Carolyn Sombekke to lead the discussion for the for the first half of the session with her travel adventures, Attendees can make a short 2min presentation.



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR Stella Maris regarding Sea Sundays to be held on Sunday 21 July and Sunday 28 July 2024. For many of the 45,000 seafarers who visit Melbourne's port each year, Stella Maris is a home away from home. Established in 1973, it is one of 300 centres around the world that underpin the Catholic Church's missionary work to seafarers—a community of workers that centre manager Lee-Anne Diano says are often overlooked.




'The role of seafarers is very much one that is neglected, yet without seafarers, the economy would cease,' she says. 'They are integral in keeping the world economy moving. The annual appeal aims to support the mission both spiritually and financially and raises awareness of the hardships faced by seafarers. **'On Sea Sunday, faith communities have the opportunity to pray for seafarers and are encouraged to assist Stella Maris by volunteering as well as making donations.'** Ms Diano says. Funds can be transferred to:
Account Name : The Apostleship of the Sea
BSB : 062-784 Account Number: 100012583
Or Cheques: Payee: The Apostleship of the Sea
Mail: Stella Maris Australia. GPO Box 368 Canberra 2601
- Thank you for your kind support.

FUNERAL MASS –for the late **June Caton** will be celebrated here at St John's Church on **Wednesday 24th July 2024 – at 1.00 pm.**

FUNERAL MASS for the late **Clare Clarke** will be celebrated here at St John's Church on **Wednesday 7th August 2024 at 11.00am.**

ROBERT HEALY - son of former St Joseph's Teacher Michael Healy, - died last week. **Robert's funeral** will be on **Wednesday JULY 24, 10.30am at St Thomas More's parish in Belgrave.**

THANK YOU – KOGO KNITS a BIG THANK YOU to the creative knitters who have made the lovely jumpers, hats, rugs which have gone off to KOGO (knit one give one). Next Sunday July 27/28 there will be a table of wool for knitters, a bag for more knits and donations of wool – single balls or more- 8ply acrylic is best. Sincere thanks – Friendship Gathering – Lorna and Rosina.



KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER 2024 Fri 30th August 2024 7pm -11-30pm. Join the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria to celebrate the 24th Annual Archbishops Dinner to help raise funds for the Priests Support and Education Fund. Cost: \$160 per person Enquiries: Nadia Bolzonello at giveback@optusnet.com.au or call **0407055237**

PETITION TO RETAIN THE LORD'S FORCES PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE. A debate is now listed for 31st July. follow proceedings at: www.parliament.vic.gov.au

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE Enrolments for year 7 in 2026 close on Friday 16th August.



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ROSTERS: Mon 22 nd July to Sun 28 th July 2024	
Flowers	Ann P & Connie B
Linen	Alvi M
Welcomers	6pm Myra N & Wilma H 9am Terry S, Neil & Loraine, Peter C 11am Priya H & Patrick S
Lectors	6pm: Gab V 9am Terry S 11am Joan R
Counters	Tony B, Steph H, Peter F & Rosina L
Gardening	Carlos E