

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Daniel 12:1-3'

At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

3. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand
before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B
16th /17th November 2024 – Year of Prayer**

*Father God, Creator of all,
You gather us Your people unto Yourself.
May we bear witness to Jesus, Your Son,
and persevere in faith and love,
so that all the earth may come to praise You,
as God, the author and perfecter of life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD: Today's readings give us the assurance that our God will be with us all the days of our lives and that we will have the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, guiding, protecting, and strengthening us in spite of our necessary uncertainty concerning the end time when "Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." Each year at this time, the Church asks us to consider our "four last things" – Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell, or the end, judgment, reward, punishment. **Scripture lessons summarized:** The readings invite us to focus our attention on the threefold coming of Jesus: 1) His first coming according to the flesh, as Redeemer. 2) His second coming, either at our death, or at the end of time and the world, which will bring our salvation to completion. 3) His coming into our lives each time we step forward in genuine Christian living of loving God living in others by sharing our blessings with them and serving them with agape love.

Life message: Let us recognize the "second coming" of Jesus in our daily lives through everyday occurrences, always remembering that Jesus comes without warning. **But let us not get frightened at the thought of Christ's Second Coming, because Jesus is with us every day,** abiding with the Father and the Holy Spirit in our hearts, dwelling in our Church in the Holy Eucharist, teaching us in the Holy Bible, and unifying us with Him and each other in our worshipping communities. We will be able to welcome Jesus in His Second Coming as long as we faithfully do the will of God by daily serving our brothers and sisters, recognizing Christ's presence in them, and by being reconciled with God and with our brothers and sisters every day © Fr Tony Kadavil

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 18th Nov **Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul** Thurs 21st Nov **The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary** Fri 22nd Nov **St Cecilia** Sat 23rd Nov **St Clement, St Columban**

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.

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PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:



Those who we remember at this time:

Antonius, Annie & Herman Hovens, Jose Alonzo Puey, Barry Beavis, Clive Royle, Mary Stewart, Elisabeth Dvoracek.

The sick: Bonnie Hoefer, Sabrina McKeveer,, Celia Ellis, Eamon Smith, Elsie Johnson, Ann Good, Ben McLaey, 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.

SICK LIST: If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 97581029. Thank you.

ROSARY the Rosary will be recited 30 minutes prior to all weekday Masses in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation.



CHILDREN' LITURGY is held at the :
6pm Mass Saturday
11am Mass Sunday

SAVE THE DATE: ADVENT WORKSHOP 1st December 2024 from 12pm. Fun crafts for Christmas.



ST. JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Meet each Tuesday Morning at 10.15am for a 10.30am Start. Come and Join us for Praise & Worship, prayer, and interesting guest speakers, followed by a shared lunch.

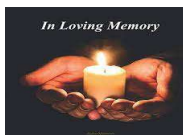
FRIENDSHIP GATHERING We meet Thurs 10am in the Parish Community Centre. Please come and join us for a Chat, sit and knit or perhaps a game of cards

YOUTH GROUP See our advertisement for the Pot Luck Dinner on 23rd November....

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.

This year we will celebrate **THE MEMORIAL MASS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** on Tuesday 19th November at 7.00pm. All are most welcome.



TWO NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS APPOINTED

As we prepare to enter a year of Jubilee for the Church, it is with great joy that the Archdiocese shares the news of Pope Francis' appointment of two new Auxiliary Bishops for Melbourne—**Rev Fr Think Nguyen** and **Rev Fr Rene Ramirez RCJ**. Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, said, 'I am deeply grateful to the Holy Father for this gift and blessing to our Archdiocese.' The Episcopal Ordination for the Bishops – elect is to take place in the morning of 1st February, 2025." I ask for your prayers as they begin this new journey in their ministerial lives."



POT-LUCK DINNER - ALL INVITED! To prepare for the Advent season the Youth Group will be hosting a **pot-luck dinner in the Parish Community Centre after 6pm Mass on Saturday Nov 23rd**. All parishioners are welcome to attend and bring a dish to share - savoury or sweet! Please also extend this invitation to any young people who may be interested. **RSVP sheets can be found in the Church foyer**. If you have any questions, please contact Vicente (0420450604, vicente_mm@yahoo.com).



NEW FAMILIES GROUP After a very successful first meeting on the 27th of October, we would love to extend another invitation to all families with children of primary school age and below to our next meeting on **Sunday the 24th of November. The meeting will take place at 10am - 11am at the Parish Community Centre**. Whether your child is 10 or 10 weeks, we hope you'll join us for games, craft and fun. Any questions, please contact Jacqui and Carlos. jacquiandcarlos@gmail.com or 0427 937 253

NOVEMBER CROSS November is the month of the Holy Souls, where we pray for parishioners, friends, and members of our families, who have gone before us in faith. Our prayer is that they will live forever with the Lord. As is our custom at St John's, during November you'll have the opportunity to write the names of those you wish to remember on our November Cross. For those who would like to have a Mass offered for deceased relatives and friends, Offering envelopes are available on the trolleys.



DON BOSCO SUMMER CAMP The Leadership camp for 16yrs+ costs \$100, and starts at 10am on **Sat 7th Dec** -Monday 9th Dec at 3pm. Three camps run during the January School Holidays for young people 9-16 years old. In 2025 they will be:
Junior 1 Monday January 6th - Thursday January 9th
Senior Monday January 13th - Thursday January 16th
Junior 2 Monday January 20th - Thursday January 23rd for info: Ph 03 5987 2692 <https://www.donboscocamp.org.au/>

EIGHTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR The prayer

of the poor rises up to God (Sir 21:5). In this year as dedicated to prayer in anticipation of the Ordinary Jubilee of 2024, this expression of biblical wisdom is most fitting as we prepare for the Eighth World Day of the Poor, which will be observed on 17th November, Let us reflect on this word and "read" it on the faces and in the stories of the poor whom we encounter daily, so that prayer can become a path of communion with them and a sharing in their suffering. The author of the Book of Sirach, Ben Sira, was a teacher, a scribe in Jerusalem, like writing in the 2nd century, B.C. On his travels he sought wisdom openly in prayer. On his journey, he discovered one of the fundamental truths of revelation, namely, that "the poor hold a privileged place in God's heart, to the point that, in the face of their suffering, God is "impatient" until he has rendered justice to them. "



FRIENDS, THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

will be getting together for our year end dinner on **Thursday 28th November, at 6pm**
Venue: **Royal Hotel Upper Ferntree Gully**
We would like to invite friends from the parish to join us as we take the time to chat and remember 2024. Kindly please **RSVP to Connie on Tel: 0413 747 685 by Sunday 17th November** as bookings need to be confirmed. Thanking you all.



ADVENT PRAYER MEETING: Mary, the Faith

Development Coordinator, will be running a prayer meeting on Tuesday evenings throughout Advent. Starting from **Tuesday, 26 November to 17th December at 6pm**. You are most welcome to attend. Please let Mary know if you are interested.



CHRISTMAS MASSES – If you can sing or play an instrument, we are looking for additional people to join in over the Christmas Masses. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested as practice will commence soon.



ROSTERS: Mon 18th to Sun 24th Nov 2024

Flowers	Sue N & Lynne K
Linen	Sue N
Welcomers	6pm Lia & Help wanted 9am Florence J & help wanted please 11am Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Louise D 9am Peter F 11am Eduardo M
Counters	Bryon M, Ruby S & Guil W
Gardening	Carlos E