

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Daniel 7:13-14

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 be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

1. *The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. (R.)*

2. *The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R.)*

3. *Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. (R.)*

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 1:5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

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The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who
inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.' 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year B

23rd /24th November 2024 – Year of Prayer

Christ our King, and perfect ruler,

Source of peace and justice:

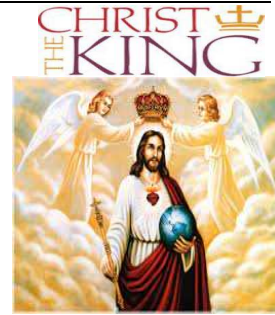
You are the world's salvation.

Forgive us our Sins, we pray,

We acknowledge You as the King of Mercy.

All praise and homage, thanks and adoration

Unto Your Name, Forever and Ever, Amen.



FOCUS ON THE WORD: This Sunday, the last in Cycle B of the Church's liturgical year, the readings describe the enthronement of the victorious Christ as King in Heaven in all His glory. Instituting this Feast of Christ, the King in 1925, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: "*Pax Christi in regno Christi*" (the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ). This means that we live in the peace of Christ when we surrender our lives to Him every day, accept Him as our God, Savior and King and allow Him to rule our lives. **Why Christ is our King:** 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and, hence, wields a supreme power over all things; "*All things were created through Him*"; 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and possession; 3) Christ is the Head of the Church, "*holding in all things the primacy*"; 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion. **Life Messages: 1) We need to assess our commitment to Christ the King today.** As we celebrate the Kingship of Christ today, let us remember the truth that Jesus is not our King if we do not listen to, love, serve, and follow where Jesus leads. **We belong to Christ's Kingdom only when we try to walk with Christ,** when we try to live our lives fully in the spirit of the Gospel, and when that Gospel spirit penetrates every facet of our living. If Christ is really King of my life, Jesus must be King of every part of my life, and I must let Christ reign in all parts of my life. We become Christ the King's subjects when we sincerely respond to Jesus' loving invitation: "*Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart*" (Matthew 11:29). By cultivating in our lives the gentle and humble mind of Christ, we show others that Jesus Christ is in indeed our King, and that He is in charge of our lives. © [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 Sun 24th Nov **World Youth Day Holy See** Mon 25th Nov **St Catherine of Alexandria**
Sat 30th Nov **St Andrew** 1st Dec **The Season of Advent begins**

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:

Fr Christopher Seton, Giovanni (John) Eileen & Lionel Roberts Francesca, Jim Moloney, Damien Welch, Charles Foster, Immacolata Maio, Joy Pape, Stephen Koski, Len Nash, May Ferguson

The sick: Diane Highton, Bonnie Hoefler, Sabrina McKeverne, Celia Ellis, Eamon Smith, Elsie Johnson, Ann Good, Ben McLae, 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 the Rosary will be recited 30 minutes prior to all **weekday Masses** in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is held at the:

6pm Mass Saturday
11am Mass Sunday

ADVENT WORKSHOP 1st December 2024 from 12pm.
Fun crafts for Christmas. See the full advertisement

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

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.

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES BAYSWATER, 40 HOUR ADORATION. Spend time with the Lord, in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope. **Thursday 5th December 2024, 5pm till Saturday 7th December, 9am**, concluding with Mass.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY BREAKUP - ADVENT WORKSHOP Sunday 1st December - Parish

Community Centre at 12: noon for children of all

ages and their parents. **A fun filled** afternoon of Advent Activities for children to prepare for Christmas. Light refreshments will be available, and you are most welcome to bring a plate. To help with our environment, no plastics, no rubbish, we ask that parents bring water bottles from their home. We will have tea and coffee available. **Please come and join in.**



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).



LECTOR and EUCHARIST MINISTRY ROSTER for the next quarter (December, January, February, March) has been created and sent to you via email. If you have not received it please contact the parish office and a copy will be forwarded to you. Some hard copies are available in the sacristy if you would like one please ask Sue. If you are going away please get a replacement find a replacement for your particular ministry Thank you and God bless. office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au or 9758 1029 **PLEASE NOTE:** The roster does not include the mass services for Christmas and New Years day. If you are here for those masses please volunteer your services. Thank you!



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SACRAMENTAL CLASSES for children who do not attend Catholic Schools. The sacraments for 2025 are **First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.** If any parents would like their children to make these sacraments

and are interested in attending these classes, **please contact the parish office for an application form:**

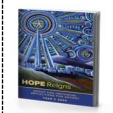
office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au or 9758 1029. Classes for First Reconciliation begin in February 2025. If any parents are considering having their children baptised in the Catholic Faith, please contact St John the Baptist parish office.

ADVENT BOOKLETS – For those that ordered advent booklets, they are available for collection from the Parish Office.

Cost: \$6 ea which includes postage & handling.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS– Friday 6th December at 11am. Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 10 am. Please stay for a cup of tea/coffee after Mass.

ADVENT PRAYER MEETING: Mary, the Faith Development Coordinator, will be running a prayer meeting on Tuesday evenings throughout Advent. Starting from **Tuesday, 26th 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.



PIETY STALL UPDATE This weekend 23/24th November, **Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars** will be available. Cards \$6.00 per pack – Calendars \$10.00. Our Christmas table will also have a small number of gifts along with four beautiful Children's Christmas books. Please come and have a look – everything is very reasonable priced. We also take this opportunity to thank you all for your wonderful support of the recent sale of the Children's Gospel Daily Readings. Many thanks too, to Fr Thomas for his generous promotion of these books. - Kind regards, Peter & Dawn

THE COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO was founded by young people in Rome following the Second Vatican Council. Present now in over seventy countries, it is committed to friendship with the poor, to peace and to prayer - the "first work" of the Community The Community gathers for prayer in Melbourne on the last Monday of each month at 7.30 pm at All Saints Church, Fitzroy. The final prayer meeting of the year will be on Monday 25 November 2024. All are welcome. For more information, contact seinaustralia@gmail.com and visit www.santegidio.org

ADVENT 2024 with The Catholic Guy **Bruce Downes** Jesus is Coming - Time to Get Ready Experience the life-changing love of Christ and be strengthened in your faith journey with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes. email: info@brucedownes.org

ROSTERS: Mon 25th to Sun 1st Dec 2024	
Flowers	Genevieve & Gina
Linen	Alvi M
Welcomers	6pm Peter G & Wilma H 9am Joanna C & Thelma B 11am Anna M & Priya H
Lectors	6pm: Rosina L 9am Caroline Q 11am Vicente M
Counters	Bryon M, Ruby S & Guil W
Gardening	Patrick S & Harry R