

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

1:2,-3,2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!*

GOSEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. "Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."' "

The Gospel of the Lord.



"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."



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27th Sunday in Ordinary time -Year C
4th / 5th October 2025 -Year of Jubilee

**O God,
the rock of our salvation.
Reveal to us again, the power of Faith in You
Remind us of the great potential we have
to do great things through Faith.
Strengthen us to put this truth into action
Giving you the honour and glory.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



FOCUS on the WORD All three readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time speak about **Faith** and how it works in our lives. "To one who has Faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without Faith, no explanation is possible" (St. Thomas Aquinas). It is this Faith that serves as the nucleus of our readings today, showing us three dimensions of Faith. 1) The theological virtue of Faith enables us to **believe something to be true, and therefore worthy of trust, simply because it has been revealed to us by God.** 2) In his instructions to Timothy, Paul, who elsewhere defines **Faith as, "the assurance of the things hoped for"** (Heb 11:1), shows Faith operating as a **believing, trusting, loving relationship with Christ.** 3) Finally, Christian Faith is that trusting **Faith in God in action, expressed by steadfast loyalty, fidelity, and total commitment to Him,** resulting in our offering ourselves to Him in those we encounter, through our humble, loving service. **A mustard seed is very tiny; there is a chance of losing it if it is not handled carefully. Likewise, Faith: if it is not handled carefully there is a chance of losing it.** We have to feed Faith. Do not despise small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin. (Zec 4:10) © <https://fitonyshomilies.com/>



PILGRIMS ON THE WAY OF HOPE – the Jubilee of Migrants – Oct 4-5, 2025.

The Holy See has designated several Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate diverse groups of people and various Pilgrims on the Way of Hope. The Jubilee of Migrants will be held on October 4-5, 2025; As we reflect upon the difficult journey that the Holy Family faced as refugees in Egypt, may we remember the suffering of all migrant families, and reach out with hospitality for all who come in search of refuge. **In his message, Pope Leo XIV** reminds us that, in a world wounded by war, injustice and climate crises, migrants, refugees and displaced persons are privileged witnesses of hope. They demonstrate this each day "through their resilience and trust in God, as they face adversity while seeking a future in which they glimpse that integral human development and happiness are possible" ..

FEAST DAYS Mon 6th Oct **St Bruno** Tues 7th Oct **Our Lady of the Rosary**
Thurs 9th Oct **St Denis & St John Leonardi.** Sat 11th Oct. **St John XXIII pope**

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

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

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MASS TIMES
Saturday Vigil Emerald and FTG 6:00 pm
Sunday Belgrave 8.30am FTG 10.30am
Gembrook 9.00am and Monbulk 11.00am
Weekday Mass Times
Tuesday Belgrave 9am FTG 7.00pm
Wed Belgrave 9am FTG 9.15am
Thurs Belgrave 9am FTG 9.15 am
Friday Belgrave 9am FTG 11.00 am
Saturday Belgrave 9am Reconciliation Belg 9.45am
RECONCILIATION: FTG Saturdays 5.15 pm

GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS 1st Friday 2pm
WILLOWBROOK MASS 2nd 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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C
4th / 5th October, 2025 Year of Jubilee.

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:



Those who we remember at this time:
Rosario Tudisca, Pamela Bentham, Nicola Mazzei, Angelina Furno, Paul Fernandes.

The Sick: Annette Scutt, Bonnie Hofer, Ann Jayawardena,



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

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER Meet in the Parish Community Centre on Tuesdays at 10.15am. There will be Praise and Worship starting at 10.30am, some teaching and a shared lunch from 12pm. All welcome.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING meet in the Parish Thursday Community Centre between 9.30am and 12.30pm. Drop in for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while Come and join us!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY operates at the 6pm Saturday and 11am Sunday Masses We welcome you all to share prayers, songs and readings. **6PM MASS MUSIC MINISTRY children are invited in our Saturday night Mass** come sing with the choir.



PARENTS AND KIDS GROUP will meet after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday 5th October, 2025 in the Parish Community Centre. for games, arts and crafts, and morning tea. Contact Jacqui & Carlos email jacquandcarlos@gmail.com Come and join us!



YOUTH GROUP SAUSAGE SIZZLE Come along after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday October 12th We are fundraising to cover the cost of registration which is \$390 per pilgrim. @sjtb.youth or Email: sjtb youth@gmail.com

FOR YOUR DIARY: BETHANY RETREAT 2026 The Bethany Way has been a response to the desire for greater formation in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. It's an opportunity for all who desire to grow in Christ, to join a 20week immersive formation experience.
Book Now for a free introduction on Sat 8 November 2025 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Optional Mass at 11.30am Lunch included. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1469690>
See the Prospectus for 2026 <https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/Prospectus-2026-The-Bethany-Way.pdf>

YOUTH GROUP SAUSAGE SIZZLE Come along after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday October 12th to enjoy the Youth Group sausage sizzle! Sausages will be \$4 and soft drinks will be \$2 (eftpos and cash accepted). All proceeds will go towards funding registrations for St John the Baptist youth group members to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in November. Your support would be greatly appreciated! Thank you.



OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY
Every Saturday in October after the 9:00 am Mass at St Thomas More Parish, Belgrave, we will gather in front of the Blessed Sacrament to recite all the mysteries of the Rosary—Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious. The prayer will take about an hour and thirty minutes. **AT EVERY MASS CENTER, the Rosary will be recited half an hour before Holy Mass on weekdays and weekends in October.** We wholeheartedly invite everyone to join us and experience the beauty of praying the Rosary together, as we ask for the intercession of our Mother Mary to bring peace to our world and our families.

Our Parish Recipe Book- “From our Table to Yours”
Thank you to all the parishioners who have purchased copies of the Parish Recipe Book, “From our table to yours.” The first print is sold out, and we are currently waiting for our 2nd print. The re-print will even include Fr Thomas' favourite recipes! We will continue to take orders after the weekend masses, at the Parish Office and the school office. We respectfully ask that all orders be placed over the next 2 Sundays. for delivery Mid October. Cost: \$20- per copy. \$8- is going to support our parish community It would make a great Christmas gift!

JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS The Jubilee of Migrants, taking place from Oct 4 to Oct 5, 2025, is a significant event dedicated to celebrating and supporting the diverse communities of migrants around the world. This event aims to foster a spirit of unity, compassion, and understanding, emphasizing the Catholic Church's commitment to welcoming and integrating migrants into society. The Jubilee is open to all, including migrants, their families, and those who work in support of migrant communities, offering a platform for dialogue, prayer, and cultural exchange.

DEFIB. SPECIAL COLLECTION Thank You! A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our special collection last weekend. The **Amount raised was \$1,119.45.** We reached our goal thanks to your wonderful help. This amount, together with our Knox Council Grant of \$2,500, that we have already received, means that the shortfall of \$1,090 has been raised. **TWO DEFIBRILIATORS HAVE NOW BEEN ORDERED.** We also sincerely thank Knox Council for their generous grant of \$2,500.

BIBLE COURSES: A new initiative for St John the Baptist Parish – A 6 week short course on a book or theme of the Bible to help develop confidence and appreciation of reading the bible: **NO previous learning required. Beginning on the 6th October,** until the 17th November. 7pm-8.30pm Contact: Carlo Email: Escobar.carlos.juan@gmail.com



THE COMBINED PARISH RAFFLE IS Still selling. Please support our Parish Raffle tickets on sale now! \$2 each or \$20 a book. And, if you have already sold your tickets – thank you, please bring the butt back to be ticked off. Thank you.
Great Prizes to be won!

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS WANTED Volunteers will contribute to the running of the Festival, from Sun 30th Nov – Tues 2nd December, with a sample of roles including:

- Welcome officers
- Pilgrimage walk hosts (Sunday) 30th November 2025
- Zone wardens (monitoring assigned areas)
- Door monitors (entry to venue and various spaces).
- Activity support officers (supporting the logistics planned activities)
- Crowd monitors (plenary events including concerts)
- Liturgy team support
- Venue setup and pack up



Go to the website to register your interest <https://acyf.org.au/volunteer/>

MENS EVENT- MOUNTAINS MAX 2025. Fri, 10 Oct 2025 - Sun, 12 Oct 2025 5 pm-1:00 pm. Location: 7 Amberley Way, Lower Plenty VIC 3093.



This weekend is designed to offer you a sanctuary of peace and spiritual growth. Whether you are new to your faith or have been on this journey for years, this weekend promises to be a time of renewal and inspiration. **Info Call:** Robert Falzon 0412 745 734 Web: menalive.org.au/events

ROSTERS: Mon 6 th Oct - Sun 12 th Oct 2025	
Flowers	Sue N & Lynne K
Linen	Carole D
Welcomers	6pm Rosina L & Myra N 9am Lia U & Lyn K 11am Shamindri & Chamal
Lectors	6pm Gab V 10.30am Gordon V & Eduardo M
Counters ^h	Joan R, Peter C, Ruben P
Gardening	Roger K & Henner T