

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the second book of the Kings

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.

### The Word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

2 Tim 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

### The Word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.*

*Alleluia!*

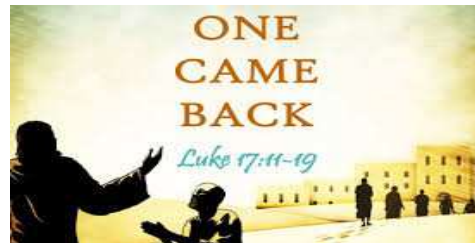
## GOSPEL

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

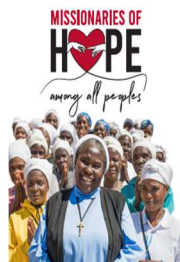
17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

### The Gospel of the Lord.



**Give Thanks – An attitude of Gratitude.**



In Zambia, many families struggle daily with poverty and limited access to essential healthcare. The Catholic Church stands as a beacon of hope, supporting communities through education, sustainable livelihoods, and healthcare.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to journey with our missionaries, who are bringing Christ's love to those most in need.

Stay tuned to learn how you can be part of this mission and help create a future filled with hope.

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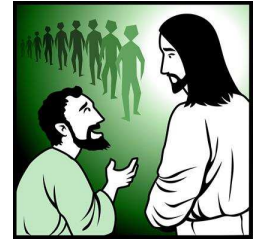
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28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time -Year C  
11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025 -Year of Jubilee

**Loving God, source of faith and hope.  
Look with mercy on Your people.  
Stir up in us a saving faith,  
that believing, we may be healed,  
and worthily give You thanks.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



**FOCUS on the WORD** The central theme of today's readings is **gratitude** – in particular, the expression of gratitude God expects from us. Today's Gospel story of **The Forgetful Lepers** presents a God Who desires gratitude from us, for the many blessings we receive from Him, and Who feels pain at our ingratitude. **Today's Gospel** story tells us of a single non-Jewish leper (a "Samaritan, considered by the Jews as heretic"), who returned to thank Jesus for healing him, while the other nine now-healed Jewish lepers went their way. Perhaps, they were under the false impression that healing was their right as God's "chosen people," so, they hurried off to obtain health certificates from the priests. "Where are the other nine?" Jesus asked (rhetorically) of the returned Samaritan and the crowd. Today's readings also remind us that Faith and healing go hand in hand. **Life Messages: We need to learn to be thankful to God and to others.** We can express our gratitude to our loving and providing God, **by offering grace before meals** and by allotting a few minutes of the day for family prayer. **By forgiving and radiating God's love, mercy, and compassion to all we encounter**, including our families and friends. It is **by taking good care of our old and sick parents** that we express our gratitude to them for the loving sacrifices they have made in raising us. Thus, let us have an "attitude of gratitude" to God and to our neighbours. © <https://fitonyshomilies.com/>



### PILGRIMS ON THE WAY OF HOPE – Jubilee of Consecrated Life Oct 8-9

celebrates the men and women who faithfully and generously devote themselves to God in consecrated life, and a reminder for all the faithful to pray for vocations to religious life. **And the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality – Oct 11-12, 2025. The Jubilee of**

**Marian Spirituality** recognises the ways that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary can strengthen the faith life of individuals and, in turn, the Church *From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 971: "All generations will call me blessed": "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship." The Church rightly honors "the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs*

**FEAST DAYS** Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Oct **St Callistus I** Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Oct **St Teresa of Jesus** Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Oct **St Hedwig & St Margaret Mary Alacoque** Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. **St Ignatius of Antioch** Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Oct **St Luke**

**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](http://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** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 2pm  
**WILLOWBROOK MASS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 11am

**BAPTISMS:** Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C  
11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 Year of Jubilee.

**PRAYING FOR...**

*All who have died recently:*

Aiden John Lepore

*Those who we remember at this time:*

Brian Walker, Evelina Prodocimi, Stephen Noth, Ted M. Judit. Filonila Lobo, Ion Adolic (40 days) Denis Buckley, Kay Daraio, Rosemary Power.

**The Sick:** Annette Scutt, Bonnie Hoefler, 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 10.30am 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 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 in the Parish Community Centre. **for games, arts and crafts, and morning tea.** Contact Jacqui & Carlos email [jacquiandcarlos@gmail.com](mailto:jacquiandcarlos@gmail.com) Come and join us!

**MEMOIR THROUGH LETTERS:** Anne Margot Boyd to Speak at Ferntree Gully Library Join us for a special morning tea this October as Ferntree Gully Library welcomes author Anne Margot Boyd. She'll be discussing her memoir, *To the Paradise Garden* – Letters from Carisbrooke, a fascinating story you won't want to miss. Boyd's memoir is a unique collection of letters written between 1956 and 1970, chronicling her time in a 300-year-old contemplative nunnery at Carisbrooke on the Isle of Wight. Her story continues through a 30-year international career in book publishing, and concludes with her return to Australia, where she now contributes as editor of the *Ferntree Gully News*. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear Anne read from her memoir and reflect on her extraordinary journey. **Copies of the book will be available for \$30.00 (cash only).** When: Tuesday 14 October 2025, 11am – 12:30pm Location: Ferntree Gully Library, Bookings: Call 9800 6455 or book online via Your Library's website.



**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). Your support would be greatly appreciated! Thank you.



**MARCH FOR THE BABIES** The 2025 March for the Babies will be held on **Saturday, October 11th, at 1pm** as a peaceful walk through the streets of Melbourne, followed by an enthusiastic rally in the historic Treasury Gardens.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**NEXT WEEKEND, 19<sup>TH</sup> OCT, IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** It's theme is: *Missionaries of Hope* catholic mission Among All Peoples," which highlights hope Reach out. Give life. and unity, emphasising how we can collectively turn our faith into action. **Please, bring a little extra to support this worthy cause.**

**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](mailto: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.

**BAPTISMS** – We offer our congratulations to *Andrew & Minna Minehan*, children of Jonathan & Fiona, and *Hannah & Fraser Cole*, children of Steven & Yvette, who are to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.



**FUNERAL MASS** for the late *Aiden John Lepore* will be held here at St Johns, **Wed 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Rosary 11am, Mass 11.30am**

**AUSTRALIA'S GOT TALENT:ACYF STYLE!** With less than 60 days to go until the festival, organisers are calling on pilgrims to put themselves forward as festival performers. Whether it's through music, dance, drama or spoken word, we're looking for pilgrim performers to help animate the experience for thousands of young people, says festival director Teresa Rhynehart. 'This is a chance for pilgrims to showcase their God-given talents with peers from every corner of the country.' The festival kicks off on Sunday 30 November at St Patrick's Cathedral, where pilgrims will gather for a Melbourne Festa 'We have some of the best headline acts from around the country, but we want to make sure that the energy, imagination and talent of the young people themselves is also showcased.' Go to <https://melbourecatholic.org/news/australias-got-talent-acyf-style> and apply now!!

**GOD and BEER presents: "Male and Female He Created them."** with Matt MacDonald & Stephanie DeNiese, With qualifications including a Master of Theology (Marriage and Family) from the John Paul II Institute and a Graduate Diploma of Counselling and Psychotherapy from the Cairnmillar Institute. Drawing on St John Paul II's Theology of the Body, they will reflect on what it means to be created as male and female, and how this truth shapes our relationships, our capacity for love, and our call to authentic communion. **When:** Mon 13th Oct. **Book here** At the Notting Hill Hotel, 260 Ferntree Gully Rd Notting Hill 6.30pm for Dinner, talk begins at 7.30pm.



ROSTERS: Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct - Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2025	
Flowers	Genevieve W and Tess D
Linen	Laurel S
Welcomers	6pm Myra N & Wilma H 10.30am Terry S, Neil & Loraine & Peter C Pryia H & Patrick S
Lectors	6pm Tess De Leon 10.30am Peter F & Joan R
Counters <sup>h</sup>	George & Genevieve W, Bindu M
Gardening	Roger K & Henner T