

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Maccabees
2 Maccabees 12:42-45

Sacrifice for the dead.

Judas took a collection from them individually, amounting to nearly two thousand drachmae, and sent it to Jerusalem to have a sacrifice for sin offered, an altogether fine and noble action, in which he took full account of the resurrection. For if he had not expected the fallen to rise again it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead, whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense reserved for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. This was why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sin.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) *For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long,
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R)
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from letter of St Paul to the
Philippians 3:20-21

*Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his
glorious body*

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing
of all that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke 7:11-17

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up.' And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Prayer:

Merciful Father, we ask that You have pity on those who are being purified in Purgatory, especially those who stubbornly resisted Your love and turned from You in especially grave ways, but repented and turned to You before the end of their lives. Ease their suffering and hasten their purification that they may soon join You and all the saints for eternity in Heaven. Amen.



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**The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed -Year C
1st / 2nd November, 2025 -Year of Jubilee**

***Glorious Lord, whose mercies cannot be numbered.
We pray this day for all souls,
both known, and unknown to us.
Grant them an entrance,
into Your Heavenly Kingdom
of Light, Joy, and Peace.
In the fellowship of thy saints;
We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.***



FOCUS on YEAR OF JUBILEE In celebration of the Jubilee Year, Our Lady of Pentecost Parish will host a series of monthly pilgrimages at Our Lady of Victories Basilica in Camberwell. These pilgrimages will be held on the first Saturday of each Month until November. **On Saturday 1st November, Prof. Margaret O'Connor AM will present on care at the end of life.**

The structure of each pilgrimage:

- 9.00 am to 9.30 am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Individual Confessions in confessional)
- 9.30 am to 10.00 am – Celebration of Eucharist
- 10.00 am to 11.00 am – Pilgrimage presentation
- 11.00 am to 12 noon – Light refreshments – tea/coffee provided

Oct 31st -Nov 2nd – Jubilee of the World of Education.

FOCUS on the WORD The feasts of All Saints (Nov 1) and All Souls (Nov 2) can be seen as something of a twin feast that celebrates all those who have died. With the feast of All Saints we celebrate all those who have died and have entered into direct and immediate communion with God in heaven. With the feast of All Souls we celebrate and pray for those who have died but have not yet entered into that direct communion with God. These two different states revolve around the Church teaching on *purgatory* – a state or process of purification before entering into heaven. The readings all **point to a God who continues to honour the covenant** established with the people long ago – **I will be your God and you will be my people**. The feasts of All Saints and All Souls assure us that **this covenant continues even beyond death**. The selected readings are necessarily out of context as they are chosen to convey this particular message to suit this feast day. We are reminded that we have a destiny that extends beyond the limits of this life on earth. © Greg Sunter

FEAST DAYS Mon 3rd Nov **St Martin de Porres** Tues 4th Nov **St Charles Borromeo**

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 12.00pm 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.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – (All Souls) - Year C
1st / 2nd November, 2025 Year of Jubilee.

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:

Those who we remember at this time:

Fr Bill Bainbridge, Monica Bainbridge; David Howell; George Edmunds, Pius & Florence Silva, Michael T. Johnson, Elena Catalano, Salvatore Teofilo, Cameron Coney, Alan Lawson, Vincenzo Caruso, Gerry Daelmans, Louis Theodore, Francis Cassar, Paul Savannah, Agnese Paternoster, Pauline Wite; Emily Morrison, George Brown, Vince Sasso, Aiden Lepore (month mind)

The Sick: 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 10.30am, some worship, 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 16th November, 2025 in the Parish Community Centre. email jacquiandcarlos@gmail.com Come and join us!

YOUTH GROUP The next Youth Group session will be on Friday 24th Oct at 6pm in the Parish Community Centre. We invite youth to come and join us.

BIBLE COURSES Running until 17th November, 7pm -8.30pm in the Parish Community Centre. All welcome.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES New sets of Stewardship envelopes are now available for collection in the church foyer. A big thank you to everyone for your generosity in supporting the mission of our Parish. **Please pop down after Mass to collect them.** And, grateful thanks to everyone who supports our Parish Finances.

THE COMBINED PARISH RAFFLE, if you have already sold your tickets – thank you, **please bring the butt back to be ticked off.** Thank you.



COMBINED PARISH LUNCHEON 2025 You are warmly invited to join our **End of Year Parish Luncheon** – a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our parish community and share a meal together.

♀ **Where:** FEAST – at the Ferntree Gully Hotel **1130 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully (Parking at rear)** All are Welcome!! Let's celebrate our community!

📅 **When:** Sunday 23rd November 2025

⏰ **Time:** Lunch served from 11.30am – 2.30pm (You're welcome to stay and chat until 3pm) **RSVP by 16th November.**

🍽️ **All You Can Eat Buffet**

💰 **Cost: Adults \$45 | Seniors \$27 | Kids \$19.50 | Children 3 yrs & under – Free. Sign up sheet in Foyer.**

SVDP VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS DINNER You're invited to share a table at the Royal Hotel **Wed 19th November 2025** starting at 6pm. **RSVP** Terry Stephens on 0419 318 639 by 12 November for catering purposes.

PIETY STALL NEWS We are pleased to have St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards now available at \$6 per pack of 5 – just in time to post overseas to relatives. There is also some 2026 Columban Art calendars left at \$11 which would make a beautiful Christmas gift.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE- MELBOURNE CUP DAY Just a reminder that the Parish office will be closed on the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday. Thank you. .

UPDATE OF OUR LITURGY ROSTER It is time to start looking at updating the liturgy roster for the next quarter December 2025 to March 2026. Given that we have a new combined time for our Sunday mass, 10:30am, it would be best that we refresh our data. I am requesting that lectors and ministers give a new commitment to the ministry by completing the table provided at the back of the church. Parishioners who would like to express interest in joining our liturgy roster please complete the information on the back of the church also or send your information to the parish office: marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CARE CHRISTMAS EVE LUNCH. The foothills community care have been

hosting the Foothills community Christmas lunch for the past 23 years. Don't spend Christmas alone – You are invited to a **free luncheon held in our School Hall. Guest registration opens on Wednesday 5th November, at 11am** and places always fill fast

There are 2 sessions:
Session 1: 10.15am -12.45pm or
Session 2: 1.30pm -4pm. Register at the website: <https://www.foothillscare.org.au/#christmas-day-lunch> or contact Foothills care on 0493 846 017



FIRST FRIDAY MASS – Friday 7th November at 11am. Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 10 am. Please stay for a cup of tea/coffee after Mass.

THE MEMORIAL MASS FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL



departed from the parish during the past year will be celebrated on **Tuesday, 18th November, at 7.00 pm at St. John the Baptist.** All are most welcome.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November is the month of the Holy Souls where we pray for parishioners, friends and members of our families who have died. We pray that they will live forever with the Lord. As is our custom at St John's, you're invited to write the names of those you would like remembered on our Memorial Cross. For those who would like to have a Mass offered for their deceased relatives and friends, November offering envelopes are available on the trolleys.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Capping off a rich program of Jubilee events in our Archdiocese this 2025 Jubilee Year, the Australian Catholic Youth Festival is and fun and faith-filled national festival. **Each day will include the opportunity to engage in a wide range of activities including prayer, Mass, workshops, talks, live concerts, games, justice issues and an interactive expo.** It provides young people from Year 9 to 25 years old with the opportunity to come together, connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia. Join in and celebrate with over 10,000 young people! Learn More at: <https://acyf.org.au/about/> **PLEASE PRAY** for our Youth preparing for Aust Catholic Youth Festival, and our state, Victoria – hosting this event.

FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER WAS-WORLD TEACHERS

DAY! An opportunity to say thanks for their inspiring work. So, we recognise their hard work and dedication. Thank you to our teachers!

ROSTERS: Mon 3 rd Nov -Sun 9 th Nov 2025	
Flowers	Sue N & Lynne K
Linen	Sabrina McK
Welcomers	6pm Rosina L, Myra N 10.30am Lia U & Lyn K , Shamindri &Chamal A
Lectors	6pm Jan R 10.30am Pamela S &Phuong B
Counters	Tony B, Stephanie H, Peter F, Rosina L
Gardening	Carlos E

