

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Kings
19:9, 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R./ Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation*

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in His work.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
14:22-23

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Sometimes the Lord rides out the storm
with us, other times He calms the restless
sea around us.
Most of all, He calms the storm inside us in
our deepest inner soul.*

Lloyd John Ogilvie



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A **12th / 13th August, 2017**

*God of all power,
Your sovereign word comes to us
in Christ.*

*When Your Church is in danger,
make firm our trust;*

*When Your people falter,
steady our faith.*

*Show us in Jesus Your power to
save, that we may always acclaim
Him as Lord, who lives and reigns
with You, forever and ever. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

The focus of our readings is the presence of God in the calming of the storm. Elijah finds God, not in the storm, earthquake or fire, but in the quiet, gentle stilling of the storm.

The disciples, frightened by the storm, fail to recognize Jesus walking on the water. It is the stilling of the storm that they recognize him and praise him.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 14th August

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Tuesday 15th August

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 16th August

St Stephen of Hungary

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 7.00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 5.15 pm

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 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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
12th / 13th August, 2017

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:
Terence Thorne



We remember the anniversaries of:
Wanda Furno, Conrad McKeeverne, Waldemar Leos, Maria Veltri & Adriana Warmerdam

The sick – Denis Buckley, Therese Edmunds, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charles Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Grace Gamley, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Lisa Whittaker, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Bernard Guerin, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Fran Middlebrook, Miep Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Charles Gatt, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, Clive Geach.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE
Date: *Saturday, 2nd September, at 10.30 am*
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: We meet *every Tuesday at 10.05 am* in the Parish Hall for praise and worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Tineke 9763 1096, Judy 9752 2986 or Andrew 9755 2443.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP: Come and join with mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and godmothers, to pray together on *Tuesdays from 9 am to 10 am* during school term in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, contact the office.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING: Everyone welcome on Thursdays between 10am and 1pm for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while.

CATHOLICCARE APPEAL this weekend we welcome guest speakers representing CatholicCare. Your donation provides social services for some of the most disadvantaged families. Thank you for your generosity.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - Tuesday
15th August is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Masses: 9.15am and 7pm.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE is available in the foyer for \$4 a copy.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS will celebrate 29 years of their presence at St John's at 11am Mass on 20th August. More information available from John O'Halloran on 9758 2902.

WELCOMER'S ROSTER A new roster is available in the church foyer for volunteers who have not given us their email address. If anyone is interested in being a welcomer, please contact Patrick Sawyer on 9752 3524.

ST LUKE'S PARISH invites you to a Dinner Dance on Friday 18th August, 7.30pm at the Hungarian Community Centre, Boronia Road, Wantirna. A fully catered 2 course meal \$35 per head BYO drinks. Details from Chris Williams on 0415 747 003 or at: www.saintlukeswantirna.net

FAMILY CARE SISTERS WHOLISTIC CENTRE in 69 Alto Ave Croydon are showing an inspiring film on Wednesday 15th August, from 9.50am-3pm. BYO lunch, tea/coffee and morning tea provided. Cost is \$25; for bookings phone 9723 6797.

DARING TO BE DIFFERENT FORUM 2017 "Dust on my shoes. Accompanying others". Xavier Social Justice Network is presenting this forum, with 3 guest speakers, on Tuesday 22nd August 7.30-9.30pm at Xavier College, 135 Barkers Road Kew. Tickets \$15/\$5 concession More details from Bronwen Kellett 0427 413 503. Book at trybooking.com/QSAE.

COG (Call of Guadalupe) THEATRE will be performing in MAGDALENE: A WANTON SAINT at the Renaissance Theatre, East Kew on October 4-7. If you are interested in being please contact Geraldine Lee on 0413 398 518 or via email: geraldine343@gmail.com

BAPTISMS
We congratulate the following children who will be baptised this weekend:



Frankie Sophie Jordan, Grace Isabelle Jordan, Oscar Alexander Jordan and Emilia Catherine Dowling.

The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.

'CONVERSATIONS WITH MARY' Tuesday 15th August 11am-12pm at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street East Melbourne. This is a monthly gathering for prayer and reflection facilitated by a Sister of St Joseph. Upcoming events will take place on 15th September, 16th October and 15th November. Details 9926 9300 or admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY comes to St Benedict's Church, 297 Warrigal Road Burwood on Saturday 19th August, 8.45am-1pm. The day will begin with a procession into the church at 8.45am followed by Mass, then exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary, confessions, a special blessing, prayers of healing and Benediction. Details: Majella on 9808 9708.

ANNUAL MASS OF ALL NATIONS will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart on Sunday, 27th August in St Patrick's Cathedral at 3pm with the rosary recited at 2pm. All are most welcome.

ST MARY'S WILLIAMSTOWN 175th Anniversary Staff Reunion, Saturday 19th August 12-3pm at St Mary's School, 118 Cecil Street Williamstown. Details 9397 7926.

ROSTERS: Monday 14th to Sunday 20th August	
Flowers	Carole & Lea
Altar Servers	6pm: Kiara & Nicholas
Linen	Jean
Welcomers	6pm: Jayne & Myra 9am: Marg, Adrian & Anastasia 11am: Angie, Patrick & Coral
Lectors	6pm: Rosina 9am: Tony D 11am: Sarah
Counters	Ruby & Stephanie
Gardeners	Harry & Patrick