

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Leviticus

13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R./ I turn to You, Lord,
in time of trouble,
and You fill me
with the joy of salvation.*

SECOND READING

*A reading from the first letter of St. Paul
to the Corinthians 10:31-11:1*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited His people.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark 1:40-45*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

10th & 11th February, 2018

*Heavenly Father,
We come before You,
confident in Christ's victory
over sickness and death.
Lead us to wholeness,
through the pardon You grant Your people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

Our readings invite us to "Be glad in the Lord and rejoice".

Imagine the absolute joy radiating from the leper after Jesus had healed him. The psalmist, too, speaks of such joy after being rescued by God from his sinful ways.

Such fullness of spirit is not meant to be contained. We are called to pass on this joy to those we meet. Attending a number of wedding ceremonies recently, I was reminded of that initial joy at the newness of marriage. The couples involved were absolutely glowing with happiness.

Of course, not all marriages continue to be filled with such wonderful experiences. In our relationship with God there are also problems along the way. At such times, we need to remember our sense of joy and wonder when God filled us to overflowing with his love for the first time. Those around us will certainly notice!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 14th February 'Ash Wednesday' (Fast & abstinence) Lent begins...

Masses: 9.15am & 7.00pm

*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 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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YEAR OF YOUTH

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:



Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Michael Hanrahan; Joan Rashleigh; Maureen Hawley; Jennifer Trevena; Pellegrino Migliore Benito Discenza; and Anicento C Judit

The sick: Catherine Turner, Therese Edmunds, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Bernard Guerin, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, 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, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, Clive Geach.

SICK LIST – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

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

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
We meet *every Tuesday at 10.15 am* in the Parish Hall for praise and worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome.
Enquiries: Judy 9752 2986 or Andrew 9755 2443

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP Come and join with mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and godmothers, to pray together from 9am–10am each Tuesday (during school term) in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 14th FEBRUARY, 2018:
The Church's season of Lent is not far away. We mark the beginning of Lent on 14th February with our **Ash Wednesday Masses: 9.15am & 7.00pm.**

LENTEN GROUPS Would you like to join a **Lenten reflection group** of prayer, biblical reflection and modern stories? This could be day or evening depending on when you are available. We will organise a time to suit most people. Just send me an email at: csombekkesjb@gmail.com or ring the parish office: 9758 1029 if you are interested. *Carolyn Sombekke*; Faith Development Coordinator

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY: All Welcome!

Our primary school will be running an Open Day on **WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH** 2018 at 17 Forest Road Ferntree Gully between 9.00am and 5.00pm
If you are unable to attend our open day, personal tours may be arranged with the Principal (Mrs Cathy Mason) by contacting the school office on 9758 1013 or via Email: cmason@sjferntreegully.catholic.edu.au



BAPTISMS *Congratulations to:*

Francesco Giustra;
Lily Rutter and Valentin Smalkov
The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.



POSITIONS VACANT ACROSS PARISHES AND AGENCIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE
Details can be found on the Archdiocese of Melbourne website for various administrative and liturgical positions. For more information visit... www.cam.org.au/jobs

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE:
Bring your family and friends to our next Scheduled Tour, Wednesday 21 February, departing 4.00pm. Mater Christi College is a vibrant, inclusive and warm community where girls feel safe, build friendships and become intelligent and reflective learners. For more information, or to arrange a Personal Tour. Contact Kylie Lee, 9754 6611.



SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT
© Come and join the fun. © © Don't need to be an expert. ©

Date: **Saturday 3rd March**
Venue: School Hall starting at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.
Cost: \$10 per adult. BYO drinks and nibbles. Make up a table or come and join one.
Tickets on sale after all w/e masses from the 10th February or contact Patrick 0434072831 (call or text). Proceeds in aid of "Opening the Doors Foundation" (Aboriginal students support), Thornbury and the "Community Based Rehabilitation Foundation" (via Columban Fathers) in the Philippines. Donations Welcome !

DEACON PETER - PASTORAL VISITATION

Should you feel the need to reflect on, or pray about your experience in life or loss, then I wanted to let you know that I am available for pastoral visitation. I am a great respecter of privacy and confidentiality so I will always await an invitation, rather than approach unsolicited. Pastoral care is not a replacement for professional counselling, grief or otherwise, it is rather the mission of care to be exercised by all Christians in their love of God and neighbour.

HELP NEEDED The 9am Sunday Mass choir here at St Johns desperately needs new members. Singers/Musicians. Perhaps you could help out weekly, fortnightly or monthly? Please let us know how we can make it happen. For information contact Maree Wilson on 9758 6585



ROSTERS: Mon 12th to Sun 18th Feb	
Flowers	Marg H and Judy G
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas
Linen	Sue N
Welcomers	6pm: Queenie 9am: Peter C; Neil & Lorraine And Johanna C. 11am: Tony & Christine
Lectors	6pm: Rosina 9am: Tony D 11am: Peter J
Counters	Peter & Dawn; George & Genevieve
Gardening	Barry