

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first Letter of St James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have

reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Your Word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

29th / 30th September, 2018

Social Justice Sunday

*Pour out Your Spirit, O God, over all the world
to inspire every heart*

with knowledge and love of You.

*Grant that we who confess Jesus as Lord
may shun whatever is contrary to this faith
and give witness to Your love
that has saved us in Christ,
who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

Our readings focus on the freedom of the Spirit to blow when and where it will. The Spirit of God is not, and cannot be, limited to officially appointed positions. In both readings, we find the complaint that others outside the group are exercising ministry reserved for those officially appointed: prophecy, casting out evil spirits. This attempt to limit and guard spiritual power is corrected by both Moses and Jesus. God's Spirit, and therefore the various ministries for good works, are open to all. Any attempt to limit these ministries to officially designated people is an attempt to limit the freedom of the Spirit of God.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

1st Oct: St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

2nd Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels

4th Oct: St Francis of Assisi

6th Oct: St Bruno, priest

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.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
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**YEAR OF YOUTH
SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:
Angelo Crivellaro



Those who we remember at this time:

Dorothy Healey, Janie Ingram, Leonilda Parrella, Concetta Rodolico, Raymond Marshall, Pamela Bentham

The sick: Giuseppina Zarro, Oscar Price, Tom McMahon, Brigida Mazzone, Wilhelmina Weerden, Daniel Vincent-Smith, 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, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, 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, and Clive Geach.

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

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE

Date: 1st Saturday of each month, at 10.30am.
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on: 9758 5106.

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

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet every **Tuesday at 10am** in the Parish Hall. Join us for a cuppa prior to the meeting. Praise and worship begins at 10.15am, followed by inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Judy: 9752 2986 or Andrew: 9755 2443.

MOTHERS' PRAYER will be having a break for the School Holidays and will resume on Tuesday 8th October from **9am–10am**. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK will be on Wednesday at 9.15am and Friday at 11am. We welcome Fr Paddy Duggan who will lead the celebration of these Masses. Please note that there will be **no Masses this Tuesday or Thursday**. The weekend Mass timetable remains unchanged.

LESS THAN 4 WEEKS TO GO.....

FETE Saturday 27th October 2018 – 11am to 4pm

Get your **Early Bird Ride Tickets now!** On offer, the UFO, 4 way Bungee, Chair O Swing, Surf shack slide, Mega-fun Castle, and Animal farm Book online at: www.trybooking.com/YHBX. **Early bird ticket prices end Wednesday 24th October.** There are 2 packages on offer – Pre-schooler and Super-pass. Check for Age and Height restrictions to be sure of the best pass for you! Tickets will be available to collect at 10.30am on the day from the Ticket booth. Please be sure to bring your receipt!

Devonshire Tea will again be held in the Parish Hall. Anyone able to assist on the day by providing scones, jam, cream, small cakes or slices, or helping serve, would be much appreciated. Please contact Sue on 9762 8640 to let us know how you can assist.



Please note that the Fete raffle tickets will be sold in church after weekend Masses on 6th/7th, 13th/14th, and 20th/21st October.

AN INVITATION FROM KNOX DEANERY PARISHES TO A WORKSHOP to explore and gain an understanding of the Plenary Council which will look at the future of the Catholic Church of Australia. Held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 25 Orange Grove, Bayswater on Wednesday 17th October from 6.30 pm till 8.30 pm. Presenter: Jacqui Giulano, Co-ordinator of Parish Leadership Formation for the Archbishop's Office for Evangelization. Cuppa & sandwiches provided on arrival. RSVP to the parish office by 10th October.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an opportunity to explore the Catholic faith in a non-confronting environment. RCIA is for those who may be searching for God, for those not baptised, for those baptised in another Christian tradition, for those baptised but who have not received first Eucharist and / or Confirmation. Who may be interested? Yourself, your partner, your family, Mum, Dad, child, grandparents or friends. If you would like to out more, without commitment, please phone the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30th September, 2018.

This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: **A PLACE TO CALL HOME: Making a Home for Everyone in Our Land.** The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499 Together we can find everyone a place to call home.

FIRST FRIDAY -5th OCTOBER

10am - Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament
11am - Holy Mass
Please stay for a cup of tea/coffee after Mass.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP BUS TRIP

A few places remain for the Friendship Gathering Bus Trip on Tuesday, 16th October 2018 to Old Gippsdown at Moe. Cost \$20. Please ring Lorna on 9758 1870 to book and pay by Thursday, 4th October.

LECTORS' ROSTER: A new roster has been prepared for lectors for October – December 2018. Could lectors please pick up your roster and readings from the basket on the table in the church foyer. Thank you for your continued participation in this ministry.

WORLD ROSARY DAY ON SUNDAY 7TH OCT
Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day. The Australian intentions are family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection. For more information, contact Jane from OzRosary on 0476 535 59 or go to the website: <http://holyleagueofnations.com>

ROSTERS: Mon 1st Oct to Sun 7th Oct.	
Flowers	Sue N & Lynne K
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas D
Linen	Sue O
Welcomers	6pm: Louise D, Peter G 9am: David & Sue W; Thelma B 11am: Andrew & Kath W, Maria L
Lectors	6pm: Jenny K, 9am: Peter F 11am: Kath V
Counters	Tony B & Lia U
Gardening	OCT: Barry B