

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Isaiah
53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews
4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Mark
10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

20th / 21th October, 2018

World Mission Sunday

Loving Father,

You guide us as we try to do your will.

Help us to love and serve one another.

May we be attentive to the needs of all

and so be more like Jesus, Your Son

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

One God, forever and ever. Amen.



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

James and John are effectively calling 'shotgun' on the best seats at the table! When they ask to sit at the left and right hand of Jesus, they are asking Jesus to name them as his deputies. They're looking to secure for themselves positions of power and authority. The only problem is that they have a completely messed up idea of what it means for Jesus to enter into his glory. Jesus declares quite forcefully that leadership of this sort is not what he intends for himself, nor for those who follow him. It's about being of service to others; it is not about prestige and acclamation. Many of the best leaders are those who do not have any title of leadership or authority. Their leadership and authority come from what they do and how they do it. They inspire others to follow their example. They don't demand it; they don't bully; they don't play power games. People simply want to follow their example. Servant leadership is about collaborating; it's about empowering people to do their best; it's about trusting others and about rolling up your sleeves and getting on with the job. What aspects of your life are challenged by Jesus' demand to be a servant, or 'slave', to all?

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

22nd Oct: St John Paul ii, pope

23rd Oct St John of Capistrano, priest

24th Oct St Anthony Claret, bishop.

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
World Mission Sunday.

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:



Those who we remember at this time:

Pedro Galang, Angelo, Frederico & Silvia Zarro, Margherita Damiano, Jilda & Luigi Coviello, Danny Rossi, Teresa Starrs, and Mary Kift.

The sick:, baby Xavier King; 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 welcome. Enquiries: Judy: 9752 2986

MOTHERS' PRAYER Come and join with mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and godmothers, to pray together from **9am-10am**. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

THE 2019 COLUMBAN CALENDAR is now available in the Piety Stall. Cost **\$8 per copy**.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL This weekend at all Masses we will take up this annual appeal. The theme this year is **'You are Mission'**. We are invited to reach out and support the practical and spiritual work of the Church through many working in the Church's mission, but also, we're encouraged to break free from any idea that mission work is only done by missionaries, and play our part in Gods' mission. As Pope Francis writes in his World Mission Day message this year, 'Every man and woman is a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth' **Please donate generously!**

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL BUILDING WORKS

As notified last week the upcoming school building works will have an impact on church car parking. Please find below some possible solutions to the limited parking options for the duration of the building works (once the temporary fencing has been erected):

1. School staff will park behind the school hall to allow an extra 8 parking spaces for the weekday masses, Tuesday's Prayer Group, Thursday's Friendship Group, and other Parish activities during the week.
2. Some parishioners might generously choose to park in the lower car park area for weekend Masses, to alleviate the demand for the limited parking around the church.
3. Parishioners might consider carpooling
4. Some may consider walking to Mass (where possible)

Whilst we acknowledge the building works will undoubtedly present our community with a degree of inconvenience, we are very grateful for your understanding and support during this time.

Father Alan & Cathy Mason (School Principal)

ST JOHN'S FETE Saturday 27th Oct. 2018 – 11am to 4pm ONE WEEK TO GO!

Last chance to get ride tickets at the Early-Bird rate. Don't miss out on all the fun!! Book now on line at www.trybooking.com/YHBX

Raffle Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend, There are great and practical prizes on offer, so please show your support by purchasing a ticket or two.

Fete Cake Stall - MORE BAKERS NEEDED Baked items can be dropped off to the School Hall from 8.30-10.30am on Friday October 26th (the day before the fete)

Rides, Grand bazaar, Plants, Animal Farm, Bungee Devonshire teas, Mega-fun castle, and more!!!

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT
Come and join the fun. Don't need to be an expert.
Date: **Saturday 27th October, 2018**
Venue: **School Hall**
Starting at **7.00pm for 7.30pm**
Cost: **\$10 per adult. BYO drinks & nibbles.**
Make up a table or come and join one.
Tickets on sale after all w/e masses from the 6th October or contact Patrick 0434072831 (call or text) or psawyer@bigpond.net.au. 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.



FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING Carolyn has written us a reflection this week on the topic of teaching, in light of **Teacher Appreciation Day, Friday October 26th**. Please feel free to take home a copy available on the trolleys.

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.. If you would like to find out more at a relaxed meeting, without commitment, please phone the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

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SAVE THE DATE: an Advent Reflection Day is being planned for Thursday 29th November. A time to slow down and gather your thoughts. More details to follow

ROSTERS: Mon 22nd Oct to Sun 28th Oct.	
Flowers	Marg H & Judy G
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas D
Linen	Sue N
Welcomers	6pm: Queenie 9am Peter C, Joanna C Lorraine & Neil R. 11am: Tony & Christine E
Lectors	6pm: Phuong B 9am: Pamela E 11am: Sarah M
Counters	Peter & Dawn, George & Genevieve
Gardening	OCT: Barry B