

## FIRST READING

### *A reading from the prophet Isaiah 6:1-8*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

*The Word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R./ In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*

## SECOND READING

### *A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 15:1-11*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles;

and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my people.  
Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

### *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 5:1-11*

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

*Almighty God,  
Enlarge our vision, that we may recognise  
Your power at work in Your Son  
and join the apostles and prophets  
as heralds of Your saving Word.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## FOCUS ON THE READINGS

The theme that comes through this week's readings is one of 'being called'. The first reading is the call of the prophet Isaiah (Is 6:1-8). Isaiah experiences a vision of the glory of God and is humbly reminded of his own deficiencies: he believes himself to be 'a man of unclean lips'. As such, he is certainly unfit to speak on behalf of God as his unclean lips would taint whatever message he may speak. But his lips are cleansed by God who then asks, 'Whom shall I send?' Isaiah immediately replies, 'Here I am, send me!' In the gospel, Jesus is being closely pressed by the crowd when he asks a nearby fisherman to take him just off shore to preach without being overwhelmed by the crowd. Having finished preaching for the day, Jesus tells Peter to set out into deeper water and pay out his fishing nets. Peter is certainly not keen on the idea! He had agreed to allow this preacher to use his boat for a while, but now this carpenter is trying to tell him how to fish! Peter agrees to go through the seemingly futile exercise and is overwhelmed by the enormous catch of fish. Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter is suddenly acutely aware of his own deficiencies – 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man'. Like Isaiah, he recognises that he has just seen the glory of God revealed and he feels unworthy to be part of the experience. But Jesus reassures him, 'Do not be afraid,' and calls Peter to follow. This phrase – 'Do not be afraid' – appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Feb Our Lady of Lourdes Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Feb St Cyril, monk, and St Methodius, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C**  
**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

**PRAYING FOR...**

*All who have died recently:*  
Kane Halliday.



*Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:*  
C. J. Mathew, Anicento C Judit, Benito Discenza, Kathleen Joyce, Joseph Edmunds, Rogelio Tangog, Joyce Howell.

*The sick:* Giuseppina Zarro, Ada Arnold, Lesina Maio, Peter Dunlop, Catherine Turner, Therese Edmunds, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, 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.

**GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE**  
Date: *Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2018 at 10.30 am*  
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.  
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

**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** will resume their meeting on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 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.

**MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP** will resume on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Do you desire to pray for your children but it doesn't seem to happen? Come and join with other mothers of any age to pray together. *Tuesday's* from 9am–10am each Tuesday (during school term) in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

**PLEASE NOTE: NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
effective Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays remain unchanged: 9am–3pm. On **Wednesdays** however, the **Office will now close at 12 noon** to help facilitate staff training.

**LENTEN GROUPS PROGRAMME ENTITLED "COMPASSION"** Would you like to join a **Lenten reflection group** of prayer, biblical reflection and modern stories? It's a great way to reflect during Lent. This could be day or evening depending on when you are available. We will organise a time to suit most people. Please sign up on the sheets on the glass wall, or contact the parish office on 9758 1029 if you are interested. Participants books will need to be ordered, so **please RSVP before Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February**.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT**

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© *Don't need to be an expert.* ©



**Date:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019  
**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 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February or contact Patrick 0434 072 831 (call or text). Proceeds in aid of "Opening the Doors Foundation"  
Donations also welcome ☺

**ANNUAL COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2019** St John's Conference of St Vincent de Paul along with St John's Social Justice Group will share the Annual Combined Churches Raffle this year. Both groups have similar aims in working to support the disadvantaged and so both groups will work together on this parish project. A percentage of raffle takings return to our parish. The sale of the tickets will commence on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> February after weekend masses. There are wonderful prizes to be won. We look forward to your support. Also, feel free to take a few books to sell to family and friends. We thank you in anticipation of your continuing support in 2019.

**ST JOHN'S CAR BOOT SALE** Get your Marie Kondo on, and have a good declutter. St John's P & F are running a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, between 8am & 2pm. Book your site now for the Early bird price of \$20 if you book & pay by 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Contact Ange on 0428 415 928 for more information.

**KNOX AND DANDENONG RANGES CHURCHES WINTER SHELTER INFO NIGHT** to be held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at the Uniting Church 6 The Avenue Ferntree Gully. All welcome. Doors open 7.15pm RSVP to: stephen@foothillscare.org.au

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019**  
This year we are offering preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist for any baptised children in Years 3 and above, who reside within the boundaries of our Parish. A **Parent Information Evening for Reconciliation** will be held on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm in St John the Baptist School Hall**. This meeting is for both parents and children in preparation for the **Celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the first week of April**. For children who attend schools other than our Parish primary school, mandatory Catechetical classes have been scheduled for **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> of March between 4pm-5pm, in the Parish Hall**. The families who already contacted the office to register their child's/children's name(s), will receive an email outlining these details. For the children attending St John's School, preparation will be coordinated by their teachers. All parents are required to present a copy of their child's/children's Baptismal certificate(s) at the Information Evening. First Eucharist Masses are scheduled to be celebrated mid-year, and there will be an additional Parent Information Evening on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 focussing on preparation for First Eucharist, and to outline important dates. Please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 if you require any further information.

**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm. Please support this event, which will be hosted by the Salvation Army at 37 Wattletree Rd, Ferntree Gully. All welcome. Please consider bringing a plate of food to share.

**POSITIONS VACANT ACROSS 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](http://www.cam.org.au/jobs)

| <b>ROSTERS: Mon 11<sup>th</sup> to Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> |   |
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| <b>Flowers</b>   | Carole D & Lia U  |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>   | <b>6pm:</b> Nicholas  |
| <b>Linen</b>   | Anne J  |
| <b>Welcomers</b>   | <b>6pm:</b> Queenie J<br><b>9am:</b> Peter C, Neil & Lorraine R & Johanna C.<br><b>11am:</b> Tony & Christine E |
| <b>Lectors</b>   | <b>6pm:</b> Phuong B <b>9am:</b> Peter F<br><b>11am:</b> Kath V   |
| <b>Counters</b>  | Bryon M & Ruby S  |
| <b>Gardening</b>   | Barry   |