

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

1:2-3, 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

1:6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

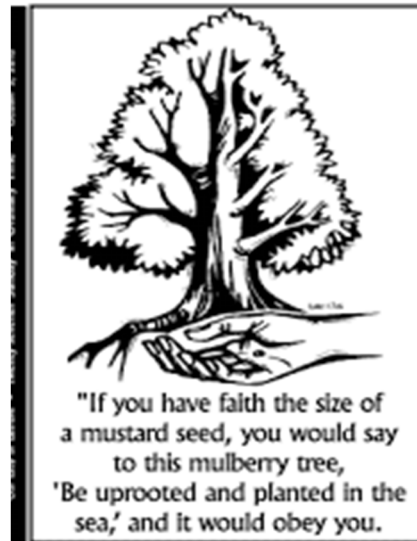
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

5th & 6th October, 2019

*O God, the rock of our salvation,
whose gifts can never fail,
deepen the faith You have already bestowed
and let its power be seen in Your servants.
We make our prayer
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



EXCERPT FROM POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE...from the Vatican, 9 June 2019.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For the month of October 2019, I have asked that the whole Church revive her missionary awareness and commitment as we commemorate the centenary of the Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, of Pope Benedict XV (30th November 1919). Its farsighted and prophetic vision of the apostolate has made me realize once again the importance of renewing the Church's missionary commitment and giving fresh evangelical impulse to her work of preaching and bringing to the world the salvation of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again.

The title of the present Message is the same as that of October's Missionary Month: Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World. Celebrating this month will help us first to rediscover the missionary dimension of our faith in Jesus Christ, a faith graciously bestowed on us in baptism. Our filial relationship with God is not something simply private, but always in relation to the Church. Through our communion with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we together with so many of our other brothers and sisters, are born to new life.

Week 1 Opening his letter "For the Centenary of the Promulgation of the Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud* on the activity of missionaries in the world", Pope Francis notes that the challenge for the work of mission is 'as urgent as ever'. October 2019 provides an opportunity to take up again 'with renewed fervor the missionary transformation of the Church's life and pastoral activity'. In this first week of the Extraordinary Missionary Month, let us consider how we, in our own contexts, might accept the invitation to encounter Jesus in daily life in order to live out our baptism call to be missionary disciples.

I invite Christians, everywhere at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day.

- Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, §3

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 7th Oct

Our Lady of the Rosary

Wed 9th Oct

St Denis & St John Leonardi

Fri 11th Oct

St John XXIII, pope.

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 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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**5th & 6th October, 2019****PRAYING FOR...***All who have died recently*

James (Jim) McDonald

*And those who we remember at this time:*

Vince Sasso, Angelina Furno, Rosario Tudisca, Pamela Bentham, Nicola Mazzei.

The sick: Tom Clynes, Cosimo Petracca, Noel McNamara, Christopher Windebank, Giuseppina Zarro, Lesina Maio, Peter Dunlop, Catherine Turner, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Beryl Turner, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, 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

When: Each First Saturday of the Month at 10.30am.

Where: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.

Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING: is on Thursdays between 10am and 12.30pm in the Parish Hall. Ladies and Gentlemen welcome anytime to have a cuppa and a chat.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet at 10am each Tuesday, for a 10.15am start, in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy praise & worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All welcome. Enquiries: Tineke 97631096, or: Judy 9752 2986.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS will take a break to participate in small-group retreat. Ending on 7th October. For further information please contact Phuong T: 9758 1031.

MISSION ADVENTURE? Communities in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific seek medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development. Learn more: on Sunday 27th October, at 10.30am in the Jenny Florence Room, Ross House, 47-251 Flinders Lane, Melbourne for more information please contact Kevin on 02 9560 5333 or Email: kevin@palms.org.au

FUNERAL MASS The Funeral Prayers for the late **James (Jim) McDonald** will be celebrated here at St John's Church on Tuesday 8th October at 11am –

A MESSAGE FROM FR THOMAS

"I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13.

My dear friends,
 My name is Thomas Kuruvila. I was born in Kerala, South India.(a place known as God's own country). At the age of fifteen after grade ten I joined the seminary. I was ordained as a priest in 2005 for the Archdiocese of Kottayam, Kerala. After my ordination I served as assistant priest in couple of churches in India and then as parish priest in five churches. I also taught in a catholic school for five years. My parents are farmers living in the family home. I have two brothers and four sisters including one nun.

I came to Australia on 25.1.2014 and was appointed as assistant priest in Queen of Peace Parish, Laverton, St. Peters Parish, Clayton and St. Monica's Parish, Moonee Ponds.

Thank you very much for accepting me as one among you. You are so wonderful and I am proud to be here at St. John the Baptist. I pray to Mary the mother of God for more and more courage to continue my priestly ministry in a meaningful way. Please keep me in your prayers and indeed you are all in my prayers. Thank you.

Kind regards,

- Fr.Thomas.

TRIVIA NIGHT ☺Come and join the fun. ☺

☺Don't need to be an expert. ☺

**Date:** Saturday 26th October**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 5th 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 ☺

THE GIFT Do you feel that you don't know Jesus personally in your heart, but you would like to? If so, come and join us for "The Gift" a 7 week course in the Parish Hall. Every Tuesday from 15th October, 10.15am – 12.30pm. CCC Prayer Group. Enquiries: Judy 0427 220 441 or Tineke 0478 620 226

WELCOMER'S ROSTER we are still looking for more people to assist us in this vital role! If you feel that you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact the Parish Office now.

OCTOBER: POPE FRANCIS' EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION Pope Francis says "we view the world with God's own eyes and heart". A time to reflect, discern, explore, create, celebrate, pray, nourish. As part of this month of mission, there will be "a time to experience" at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) 180 St Kilda Rd between 10am -12pm. NGV educator David Menzies, leads an exploration of the collection of the National Gallery of Victoria through the lens of mission. Join us, as David leads a guided tour of selected works which illustrate visual artist' various means of expressing the themes of mission. Cost: \$30 to book your place go to: www.trybooking.com/BECUT

WELCOME TO FR THOMAS CUPPA

Please stay for a cuppa and a chat after Mass to welcome Fr Thomas Kuruvila to our Parish.

**CAR BOOT SALE** is planned for Saturday

19th October. Get your Marie Kondo on (again!) have a spring clean, and make yourself some extra \$\$\$ Early-bird stalls (booked / paid by 30th September) \$20; or drive in on the day \$25 Email: parentsandfriends@sjfermtreegully.catholic.edu.au or call Ange on 0428 415 928

**"FLEETWOOD MAX" - AMAZING TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC OF FLEETWOOD MAC!**

You can provide much needed support to the life-saving work of the "Lifeboat Foundation" (for survivors of church-related sexual abuse) by attending (with many friends and family!) this fantastic performance. You won't pick the difference between this amazing band and the "original" "Fleetwood Mac" (who performed recently at Rod Laver Arena this week). Where? **Wheeler Auditorium, Nazareth College, Manning Drive, Noble Park North. Tickets: \$50. On Saturday, October 19th at 7.30pm. Tickets available online at: www.trybooking.com/begut, or by email request to: office@stsimonsparish.com.au**

ROSTERS: Mon 7th to Sun 13th October

Flowers	Marg H & Ange C
Linen	Jean B
Welcomers	6pm: Myra N & Help Needed 9am: Marg & Adrian D, Anastasia A 11am: Patrick S & Help Needed
Lectors	6pm: Rosina L 9am: Caroline Q 11am: Trish Magee
Counters	Tony B & Steph H
Gardening	Barry B