

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Daniel
7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of St Peter
2 Pet 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my Son, my beloved,
in whom is all my delight: listen to him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - Year A

5th / 6th August, 2017

*Loving Father,
Make us grateful for
Your gift of eternal life
at Your holy table,
so that we may serve you
and Your holy people each day
with reverent and grateful hearts.
Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

The feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ celebrates the revelation of Christ's divine glory on Mount Tabor.

There are times that we need to climb mountains, and like Jesus, we need places where we hear the words – "you are my son, daughter, the beloved". We know too that if we believe this, our lives will be challenged. Whenever we climb the mountain of the Lord or make any journey with Him, we are changed. As every mountain is different, every moment with the Lord is well worthwhile.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 8 th August	St Mary of the Cross Mackillop
Wednesday, 9 th August	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Friday, 11 th August	St Clare

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 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.

The Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A
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PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:
Jim Johnson, Primo Scapin, Mary Rizzo,
Nan Caulfield & Eddie Bannon



The anniversaries of:
Bruno Simioni, Carmine Petracca, Patrocínio Sason, Janice Motteram

Those who are sick – Denis Buckley, Therese Edmunds, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charles Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Grace Gamley, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Lisa Whittaker, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Bernard Guerin, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Fran Middlebrook, 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, Charles Gatt, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, Clive Geach.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE
Date: **Saturday, 2nd September, at 10.30 am**
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: We meet **every Tuesday at 10.05 am** in the Parish Hall for praise and worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Tineke 9763 1096, Judy 9752 2986 or Andrew 9755 2443.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP: Come and join with mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and godmothers, to pray together on **Tuesdays from 9 am to 10 am** during school term in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, contact the office.

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

CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL next Sunday is to improve the lives of many disadvantaged families so we thank you for your generous donation.

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING:
Reflection on 'St Mary of the Cross: Mary MacKillop' by Carolyn is on the trollies for you to take home.



ST LUKE'S PARISH invites you to a Dinner Dance on Friday 18th August, 7.30pm at the Hungarian Community Centre, Boronia Road, Wantirna. A fully catered 2 course meal \$35 per head BYO drinks. Details from Chris Williams on 0415 747 003 or at: www.saintlukeswantirna.net

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS invite members and parishioners to celebrate the feast day of the Order's Patron, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mass will be Tuesday 8th August at St Clare's Parish, 1 Killara Street, Box Hill North, 11am. Light refreshments will be served after Mass. For more information please contact Peter Finn on 9758 2275 or Brian Philp on 9758 7805.

FUNERAL MASS for the late Primo Scapin will be celebrated here at St John's at 11am on Friday 11th August. Rosary will be recited at 10.30am

WELCOMER'S ROSTER A new roster is available in the church foyer for volunteers who have not supplied us with an email address. Thank you for your commitment to this ministry. If anyone is interested in being a welcomer, please contact Patrick Sawyer on 9752 3524.

FAMILY CARE SISTERS WHOLISTIC CENTRE in 69 Alto Ave, Croydon, are showing an inspiring film on Wednesday 15th August, from 9.50am-3pm. BYO lunch, tea/coffee and morning tea provided. Cost is \$25; for bookings phone 9723 6797.

FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP - 8th AUGUST 2017: Mass for the Feast of St Mary of the Cross, will be celebrated in the chapel, where she prayed, at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne, on Tuesday 8th August, at 12.30pm.. All are welcome. For further information phone: 9926 9300.

RITE OF WELCOME This weekend we welcome Frankie Sophie Jordan, Grace Isabelle Jordan, Oscar Alexander Jordan and Emilia Catherine Dowling
The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION on Tuesday 15th August is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9.15am and 7pm.

COG (Call of Guadalupe) THEATRE will be performing in MAGDALENE: A WANTON SAINT at the Renaissance Theatre, East Kew on October 4-7. If you are interested in being please contact Geraldine Lee on 0413 398 518 or via email: geraldine343@gmail.com

menALIVE Ministries in conjunction with St Christopher's Parish, Syndal is facilitating a Father-Son experience from 11-13th August called "**Growing Good Men**". It is being held at Gilwell Park, Gembrook. Cost \$330 for the weekend for a Dad & Son "pair" including accommodation and meals. Enquiries Michael Bohan 0439 172 465 or Frank Peh via Syndal Parish Office 9802 8538.

CATHOLIC MAGAZINE A new edition has arrived this week and is available in the foyer for \$4 a copy.

ROSTERS: Monday 7th to Sunday 13th August	
Flowers	Sue & Lynne
Altar Servers	6pm: Kiara & Nicholas
Linen	Alvi
Welcomers	6pm: Louise, Peter 9am: Sue, David, Thelma 11am: Kath, Andrew, Maria
Lectors	6pm: Jenny 9am: Gordon 11am: Peter J
Counters	Ruby & Stephanie
Gardeners	Harry & Patrick

POSITIONS VACANT ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE: For various administrative and liturgical positions details can be found on their website: <http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>