

FIRST READING

*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
34:11-12. 15-17*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.
As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R./ The Lord is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want.*

SECOND READING

*A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to
the Corinthians 15:20-26. 28*
Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the

One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on Him
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom
of our father David!
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 25:31-46*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, ‘Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.’ Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?’ And the King will answer, ‘I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.’ Next he will say to those on his left hand, ‘Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, *Gospel continued overleaf*.....’



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A

25th & 26th November, 2017

*Almighty God,
You have conferred upon Christ Jesus
sovereignty over every age and nation.
Direct us, in the love of Christ,
to care for the least of our brothers and sisters,
that we may be subject to His dominion
and receive the inheritance of Your Kingdom.
Through Christ, our King and our Lord.
Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

The people of Israel saw in their leader the role and function of both shepherd and king. David, for example, is spoken of as both shepherd (which he was) and king (which he became.) The role of the king was not only to rule but to guide, feed, and care for his people. God is also spoken of in shepherd imagery (e.g. Psalm 23). Here in this passage God says, ‘I myself will shepherd my flock.’

In the Gospel reading, the last judgment, Jesus is both Shepherd and King. He will judge between sheep and goats. The focus is on the real manifestation of our faith in acts of charity; on that we will be judged.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 30th November St Andrew, apostle

***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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PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:



Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Mario Porco, Victoria Zamora, Antonius, Annie & Herman Hovens, Kathleen Sage, Alice Noreen Hilet, Ilva and Fernando Tassoni, May Ferguson

The sick – Catherine Turner, Therese Edmunds, 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, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Lisa Whittaker, 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, 2nd December, 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
We meet *every Tuesday 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 or Andrew 9755 2443.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP Come and join with mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and godmothers, to pray together from 9am–10am each Tuesday (during school term) in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS 1st December Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 10 am.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH “The annual St. John the Baptist Parish and St. Vincent de Paul Seniors Christmas lunch will be held on 2nd December 2017. We invite you to come and be part of this beautiful celebration. If you are able to help with transport on the day kindly please call Terry Stephens on 9758 4249. If you are able to help with serving food or just talk with those who attend please come to the Parish school hall.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS 2017 ANGEL TREE each year we provide needy families we have visited throughout the year with a Christmas Food Hamper and Gift cards for each of their children.



We invite you to contribute to either of these. Under the Angel Tree we will provide basket/ bags for your Christmas food items or those who might like to donate a complete hamper. Please feel free to supply your own bags if you wish. The gift cards we will provide allows the parents to purchase a suitable gift themselves according to the age and needs of their child/ ren. You may like to take an “Angel” off the tree and purchase a gift card to the amount of either: \$10, \$20, or \$30. Please place your donation in the box near the tree. The cards can be purchased from: Kmart, Target, Coles, Myer; or any other store of your choice. On behalf of our SVDP local conference, we would like to thank you most sincerely for your ongoing generosity this year in supporting our work with the disadvantaged. We would like to thank Fr Alan for his encouragement on behalf of our parish.

DEACON PETER - PASTORAL VISITATION
Should you feel the need to reflect on, or pray about your experience in life or loss, then I wanted to let you know that I am available for pastoral visitation. I am a great respecter of privacy and confidentiality so I will always await an invitation, rather than approach unsolicited. Pastoral care is not a replacement for professional counselling, grief or otherwise, it is rather the mission of care to be exercised by all Christians in their love of God and neighbour.

POSITIONS VACANT ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE Go to the Archdiocese website for various administrative and liturgical positions. www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx

Gospel continued.....naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.” Then it will be their turn to ask, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?” Then he will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.” And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.’

The Gospel of the Lord

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED November is the month of the Holy Souls where we pray for parishioners, friends and members of our families who have died. We pray that they will live forever with the Lord. As is our custom at St John’s, you’re invited to write the names of those you would like remembered on our Memorial Cross. For those who would like to have a Mass offered for their deceased relatives and friends, November offering envelopes are available on the trolleys.



ST. SIMON'S ROWVILLE ADVENT MISSION WITH FR. RICHARD LEONARD SJ “Advent Mission” at St. Simon’s, Rowville, commencing at all Masses (6pm Vigil, 8 am, 9.30am and 11am) on the First Sunday of Advent (Sat. Dec. 2, Sun. Dec. 3) Those in neighbouring parishes are most welcome. A more detailed Mission Programme is available on the St. Simon’s Parish website: www.stsimonsparish.com.au

LOURDES DAY MASS: ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL Saturday 2 December, 10.30am St Patrick’s Cathedral. Bishop Terry Curtin, auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, will be principal celebrant for the annual Lourdes Day Mass and blessing of the sick this year.

ROSTERS: Mon 27th Nov to Sun 3rd Dec	
Flowers	Carole, Lia
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas
Linen	Laurel
Welcomers	6pm: Louise, Peter 9am: Sue, David, Thelma 11am: Kath, Andrew, Maria
Lectors	6pm: Rosina 9am: Caroline Q 11am: Kath
Counters	Peter, Dawn, George, Genevieve
Gardening	Harry