

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.
4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans
8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – YEAR B

26th / 27th May, 2018

*God of all creation,
you embrace us with parental love.
You send Your own Son, Jesus, to save us.
Through the power of Your Holy Spirit,
You raise us to everlasting life.
This is a mystery that we will celebrate
and proclaim forever and ever.
Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

This text is taken from the very end of Matthew's Gospel after Jesus has been raised and appeared to some women. He instructs them to tell the disciples to leave Jerusalem and travel to Galilee to the place he has arranged to meet them. This place is on a mountain. In Jewish tradition and in Scripture, the top of a mountain is associated with closeness to God and is often the setting for God's self-revelation to his people Israel. The disciples who gather there are a fragile bunch! Their hopes and dreams have been shattered by the death on the cross of the one they saw as saviour. The disappearance of his body from the tomb has left them wondering and afraid. Now Jesus appears to them and offers words of great consolation. He has ultimate authority in heaven and on Earth and issues the disciples with three instructions. First, they must go to all the nations, not just to the people of Israel. Christ's salvation is for all people. We must remember that Matthew was writing to a predominantly Jewish community which was struggling with allowing gentiles to enter as people of faith in Jesus. Next, he instructs on a new initiation rite – baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit. For Jews the old initiation rite was the circumcision of male children. Membership in the new people of God is open to all, male and female, gentile and Jew. Finally, Jesus replaces the old Law, the commandments given to Moses, with a new Law, the commandments given by Jesus. In conclusion, Jesus assures them (and us) that he will be with them always, even to the end of time.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thur 31st May The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Fri 1st June St Justin, martyr

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.

The Most Holy Trinity – Year B

26th / 27th May, 2018

YEAR OF YOUTH**PRAYING FOR...**

All who have died recently: Angela Sawyer.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Angeline Pereira, Karen Stephens,
 Elizabeth Cameron and Lorna Feeney.

The sick: Tom McMahon, Paddy McCann, Brigida Mazzone, Wilhelmina Weerden, Daniel Vincent-Smith, Mary Hill, 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, 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, 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: **Sat, 2nd June, 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 to 1 pm** for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while.

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

FUNERAL MASS The Funeral Mass for the late Angela Sawyer will take place here at St John's Church on Tuesday 29th May at 11am.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS Friday 1st June at 11am. Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 10am. Please stay for a cup of tea/coffee after Mass.

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS we congratulate our young parishioners who on Thursday night were confirmed by Monsignor Tony Ireland. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and sustain you along your faith journey.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR THE GODSTART PROGRAM we are looking for volunteers who are willing to hand-deliver birthday cards to children who were baptised in our parish (1-4 years) and live in our Parish. If you could help with this important ministry please contact Beth on 9758 3053 or 0423 759 850.

PARISH MUSICAL "It's Not About the Girl" Don't forget to get your tickets for our up-coming Parish Musical **Dates: Thursday 5th, Friday 6th, Saturday 7th July at 7.30pm, & Sunday 8th July, at 2pm.** Venue: **The Knox Community Arts Centre, Bayswater.** Please see our ticket seller after mass or pick up a blue ticket order form at the trolleys. Buy early for the best seats.

Adults \$12; Concession \$10; Children U/12 \$8

NATIONAL SORRY DAY on the 26th May, our children from St John's Primary School are attending the Knox Civic Centre for the 'Sorry Day' commemoration. They will be presenting both their learning and artwork. On Monday, our school will commemorate National Reconciliation Week with a Flag Raising Ceremony and a 'Welcome to Country'.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK from the 27th of May to the 3rd of June 2018. See the website at www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/get-involved/ for more information.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING. Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 now online at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND invest in your most precious asset - Your Marriage! Rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. On June 1st-3rd 2018, Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information / Bookings: Website: www.wwme.org.au Tel: Andre & Maria 0411 225 992

SPECIAL COLLECTION CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL Thank you for your generous contributions. The amount raised was \$1447.95

EMMAUS COLLEGE OPEN DAY Vermont South Campus, located at 503 Springvale Road Vermont South will be holding an open day on Thursday 28th June 2018 between 1.30pm and 6.30pm. For tour bookings or more information, please see the website: www.emmaus.vic.edu.au or call 9845 3211.

DON BOSCO CAMP SAFETY BEACH A Catholic winter holiday program for young people, 9-13yo (Junior) 2nd -5th July and 13-16yo (Senior), 9th – 12th July during upcoming school holidays. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. For more information visit www.donboscocamp.org.au or call 03 5987 2692.

CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP LUNCH Melbourne Catholic Friendship 40+ (formerly Solo Catholics) invites you to a lunch at Vapiano, an Italian Restaurant in Melbourne city. The group holds regular social events and faith-based talks at different venues across Melbourne, where people can form lasting friendships. Sunday 3 June, 12.00–3.00pm at Vapiano Restaurant, 357 Collins Street, Melbourne. Details and bookings: Simon on 0418 302 046

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE The May issue is now available, in the church foyer – **\$4 a copy** **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE** is also available on the trolleys for free.

ROSTERS: Mon 28th May to Sun 3rd June	
Flowers	Sue N, Lynne K
Altar Servers	6pm Nicholas D
Linen	Sue O
Welcomers	6pm Sue N, Anna M 9am Rosa L and Terry & Laurel S 11am: Gina M & Pat O'Brien
Lectors	6pm Phuong B 9am Peter F 11am Kath V
Counters	Byron M and Ruby S
Gardening	JUNE Barry B..