

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 3:9-15

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make your enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

4:13-5:1

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God. That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are

eternal For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The prince of this world will now be cast out,
and when I am lifted up from the earth
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house. 'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

9th / 10th June, 2018

*Lord, make our world a just and peaceful home,
where we work hard to love and assist others.
Help us use wisely our time and talents
and strengthen us to do your work.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

Today's Gospel has a strong flavour of realism about it. We can imagine members of his family wanting to take charge of someone they think has lost touch with reality, and is exposing himself to public scrutiny. He is running the risk of incurring the wrath of public officials and that can't be a good thing. And what will the neighbours be saying after he leaves? These events also give us an insight into what kind of person Jesus was, his radical approach to things and what appears to be his bluntness. Because you and I identify ourselves with what Jesus taught, we naturally want to know more about the real Jesus who did the teaching. We see the warm humanness of Jesus when he told us to clothe the naked, feed the hungry and find the lost sheep of the house of Israel. It was not just theology speaking, it was his humanity. Each time his words motivate someone to go out in the city streets and find a place for the homeless or collect money for the poor, or opening shelters and soup kitchens, it was less the divinity of Christ and more his humanity that was the motive.

Jesus did say that whatever we do to the least of his sisters and brothers, we do to him. This is how we show the love of God and share in the redemption of God which Christ made possible. So what was the outcome of his ministry and teaching? After two thousand years you and I are still living what he taught. People are, motivated by Jesus to preserve knowledge and education, founding institutions to care for the sick and the dying, inspire some of the greatest art, music and architecture. It was a madness driven by zeal and love. He was mad about us and about the Father. Here Jesus portrays himself as considering you and me to be his mother, brother or sister. To belong to Jesus is equally open to all; the only condition is our readiness to commit oneself to doing the Father's will.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

11th June St Barnabas, apostle

13th June St Anthony of Padua, Priest, doctor.

*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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YEAR OF YOUTH

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently: Father Stan Hill

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Hermina Tenbuuren, Anne Yeo, Hugh Crowe, James Prenter and Justin Walker

The sick: Tom McMahon, Paddy McCann, Brigida Mazzone, Stanley De Silva, 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, 7th July, 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 10.00am** in the Parish Hall a cuppa prior, to the meeting. Praise and worship begins at 10.15am, followed by 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL 2018 Today there will be a special collection in support of many clients who have had the following experiences: Unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse, Mental / physical / emotional abuse and homelessness. We invite you to support our Winter Appeal by:-Donating a variety of non-perishable food for our weekly food hampers, volunteering in our Op Shop, Donating household items to our Op Shop, making generous financial donations or contributing to our Knox Vincentian Scholarship Scheme.



BAPTISMS Congratulations to *Ava Sturt, Vittoria Ambler, Sarah Gaunt and Amelia Gaunt*, who are to be baptised this weekend. The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE GIRL: PARISH MUSICAL Thursday 5 July, Friday 6 July, Saturday 7 July, 7.30pm; and Sunday 8 July, 2pm at Knox Community Arts Centre, corner Mountain Highway and Scoresby Road, Bayswater. SJB Productions proudly presents the new parish musical *It's not about the girl*, a story of love, betrayal and forgiveness. A modern interpretation based on the story of the prodigal son, this is the third offering of SJB Productions, and promises to be a great night of family entertainment featuring uplifting music, singing and dancing. Not to be missed! Buy your ticket now!

Adults \$12; Concession \$10; Children U/12 \$8;
Bookings: email: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

LECTORS' ROSTER A new roster is being prepared for lectors for July-September. Could those who are currently on the roster please notify me if they are unavailable during that period or if there are any other changes required. If you would like to read at Mass please contact Stephanie on Ph 9785 5497 or email: smhorgen@gmail.com before 17th June. You may consider sharing the role by reading just one of the readings. Students in Year 11 and 12 are welcome to be a part of this ministry. Rosters and guidelines will be available on the weekend of 23rd/24th June.

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?" Information about Plenary Council 2020 now online at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE: Family and friends are invited to our upcoming tour of the College, on Sunday 17th June, commencing at 10.00am. Mater Christi girls consistently achieve region leading VCE and vocational results. A visit will enable families to witness our vibrant, inclusive and warm community. Visit materchristi.edu.au to book your tour.

EMMAUS COLLEGE OPEN DAY The 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.

SUPPORTING FAMILIES WITH ADDICTION Resurrection Parish Keysborough in association with the Dandenong Deanery will be running a Forum on Thurs 12th July between 7.00-9.00pm. The speaker will be Dr Michael Carr-Gregg one of Australia's highest profile adolescent and child psychologists. To book Email: dandenongdeanery@live.com.au or phone 0422 296 961

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.

HEART OF LIFE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE will have a reflection day on 'Journey to the Heart'. Our hearts are restless... What makes your heart leap? What is your heart of hearts? 'Journey to the Heart' – a Creative Enrichment reflection day exploring Christian and Hindu paths – will be held on Sat 16th June, between 10am-4pm, at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre, 96 Albion Road, Box Hill. Cost \$60 (BYO lunch). More information and bookings: holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101.

| ROSTERS: Mon 11th June to Sun 17th June | |
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| Flowers | Sue Nicholls |
| Altar Servers | 6pm Nicholas D |
| Linen | Laurel S |
| Welcomers | 6pm Louise D, Peter Greening 9am Sue & David W & Thelma B 11am: Kath & Andrew W, Maria L |
| Lectors | 6pm Evangeline L 9am Adrian S 11am Sarah M |
| Counters | Peter & Dawn G, George & Genevieve W |
| Gardening | JUNE Barry B.. |