

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. The Lord upholds my life.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first Letter of St James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when

you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

22nd / 23rd September, 2018

*Heavenly Father,
You ask us to continue the mission of Jesus
by serving others. Inspire us today to make a
positive difference, and kindle in our hearts
the desire to serve others with gentleness and
compassion. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

Jesus now begins to explore with the disciples what that really means to be a follower – a disciple – of the Messiah who must be put to death. The disciples struggle to understand and begin to argue amongst themselves about who will hold positions of respect and power in the aftermath of Jesus' great triumph. Despite what Jesus had just said about being put to death and rising again, they fell back onto a familiar picture of the Messiah. To really shake up the disciples and try to make them pay attention to what he was saying to them, Jesus put his arms around a small child and told the disciples they had to welcome little children in his name. Children were regarded as complete nobodies in the culture of the time, with no status and absolutely no authority. Jesus is saying to the disciples, don't argue about who will be the greatest; this child is greater than anyone who lords it over others. If you treat a nobody like this with respect, you treat me with respect. Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. Putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

26th Sept – Sts Cosmas and Damian, martyrs

28th Sept – St Wenceslaus, martyr & St Lawrence Ruiz and companions martyrs

29th Sept – St Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels.

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:
Eulalia Sgarbossa (Italy).



Those who we remember at this time:
Genowefa Haeyen, George Mah, Bill Kelly.

The sick:, Giuseppina Zarro, Oscar Price, Tom McMahon, 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, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, 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: 1st Saturday of each month, at 10.30am.
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on: 9758 5106

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

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet **every Tuesday at 10am** in the Parish Hall. Join us for 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 Will be having a break for the School Holidays and will resume on Tuesday 8th October at **9am–10am**. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK will be on Wednesday at 9.15am and Friday at 11am. We welcome Fr Paddy Duggan who will lead the celebration of these Masses. Please note that there will be **no Masses this Tuesday or Thursday**. The weekend Mass timetable remains unchanged.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION A big Thank-you for your generous donations to this appeal, which creates one of the four main income streams for the Foundation to support the retired priests, who have service actively in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, but who are now retired or sick. Total contributions amounted to **\$3,385.60**.

LESS THAN 6 WEEKS TO THE FETE –27th October. Get your **Early Bird Ride Tickets now!** On offer, the UFO, 4 way Bungee, Chair O Swing, Surf shack slide, Mega-fun Castle, and Animal farm Book online at: www.trybooking.com/YHBX. **Early bird ticket prices end Wednesday 24th October.** There are 2 packages on offer – Pre-schooler and Super-pass. Check for Age and Height restrictions to be sure of the best pass for you! Tickets will be available to collect at 10.30 on the day from the Ticket booth. Please be sure to bring your receipt!

Devonshire Tea will again be held in the Parish Hall. Anyone able to assist on the day by providing scones, jam, cream, small cakes or slices, or helping serve, would be much appreciated. Please contact Sue on 9762 8640 to let us know how you can assist.



PALMS MISSION: Could your skills assist communities overseas? Find out about Assignments abroad. Palms' Director, Roger O'Halloran, is conducting this information session which will provide parishioners a sense of how their professional skills can contribute to a mission of peaceful, just development. Their varied experience can truly improve opportunity for communities in Timor Leste, PNG, Kiribati, Samoa, and Myanmar. Would you like to know more? Come along to the Information night on Tuesday 16th October, 5:30 pm at Ross House, Jenny Florence Room 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne or contact Palms on 02 9560 5333.

AN INSPIRATIONAL MUSICAL Call of Guadalupe (COG), is coming in December 1st & 2nd. We would like to invite anyone of any age ability to act or help in COG. There will be free drama classes for anyone with interest to learn to act, write, and sing. This is an opportunity to see if you would like to join the musical. Drama classes & rehearsals most Saturdays in Glen Iris. RSVP 0413398528 or email to: geraldine343@gmail.com

WORLD ROSARY DAY on Sunday 7th October, countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day. The Australian intentions are family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection. For more information contact Jane from OzRosary on 0476 535 59 or go to the website: <http://holyleagueofnations.com>

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL 2018 thank you very sincerely for the wonderful and generous response you gave to the Caritas Australia Project Compassion 2018 appeal 'For a Just Future'. The Catholic community of Melbourne donated \$1,514,019 to the appeal – a major contribution to supporting the poorest of the poor in the over 25 countries where Caritas Australia supports programs. Across Australia the appeal raised around \$10.8 million, money that will make a real difference in lifting people out of poverty, and giving many the opportunity to build secure lives, free from poverty and hunger. Since the end of the Project Compassion 2018 campaign Caritas Australia has continued, with your generous help, to provide assistance to those areas hit by disasters like the flooding in Kerala, India, and Typhoon Mangkut in the Philippines, as well as ongoing development work. Thanks again, Deacon Jim Curtain. Caritas Australia Diocesan Director, Melbourne.

ANNUAL MISSION SPRING FAIR the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Fair on Saturday 13th October 9.00am-3.00pm at 154 Cotham Rd Kew. The proceeds will go to help provide primary education and health services for 150 poor girls and 100 poor boys in the Catholic Sohag Diocese Egypt. Enquiries phone 9817 3715

SAVE THE DATE: Marriage encounter weekend 9th -11th November 2018 Starts 7.00pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Enquiries Andre or Maria Phone 0411 225 992.

ROSTERS: Mon 24th Sept. to Sun 30th Sept.	
Flowers	Marg H & Ange C
Altar Servers	6pm Nicholas D
Linen	Jean B
Welcomers	6pm Queenie J 9am Neil & Lorraine, Johanna C & Peter C 11am: Tony & Christine E
Lectors	6pm.Louise D, 9am: Gordon V 11am Sarah M.
Counters	Lia U & Stephanie
Gardening	SEPT: Tom N & Chris M