

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Proverbs 8:22-31

The Wisdom of God cries aloud: The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being.

The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-5

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

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

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
16:12-15*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



*God the Father gives us love
And sits in heaven up above.
Jesus His son died for me,
On the cross He set me free
The Holy Spirit is our guide
And helps us in God's word abide.*



*The shamrock has
three leaves you see,
Just like the Holy Trinity!*



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***Trinity of Love,
You sent into the world
The Word who speaks all truth,
and the Spirit who makes all things Holy.
May we mirror Your love, Father, Son and Spirit,
so that we may bring
harmony into our world
in the unity of one God for ever and ever. Amen.***

THE TRINITY



FOCUS ON THE WORD...

The people of Israel were unique among the nations of the ancient world in that they held to a belief in one God. But Jesus speaks of this God as 'Abba', Father. There is an implied relationship with this God. Jesus also speaks of the Spirit, and again, there is a relationship implied between Jesus and the Spirit, for this Spirit will continue to speak the words of God and of Jesus and will glorify them. Thus began the early church's deep reflection on the mystery of Jesus and the relationship between Father, Son and Spirit. The early Christians struggled to understand the belief that God is both one and three. Many great councils of the church were held to clarify what this meant and to find the language with which to describe the Trinitarian relationship between Father, Son and Spirit. It was not until the Council of Constantinople in 381 AD, that the doctrine of the Trinity was defined. Human beings will always struggle before the mystery of God, who is one but also three. Augustine's idea of the Trinity as a communion of love is a very rich and powerful image. Can our own communion of love with others teach us something of the life and love of the Trinity? Fr John Foley SJ, puts it like this: "We are invited into that circle of love. Too theoretical? Allow me to put it more simply. Do you suffer? Do you love? God invites you to meld that pain and that care into the Trinity's unending love."

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wed 19th St Romuald, abbot

Fri 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

Sat 22nd Sts John Fisher, bishop and Thomas More, martyrs; St Paulinus of Nola, bishop

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 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:
Shar Aherne, Kathleen Canavan.



Those who we remember at this time:
Salvatore Lo Giudice, Noreen Royle.

The sick: Frank Cassar, Christopher Windebank, Giuseppina Zarro, Lesina Maio, Peter Dunlop, Catherine Turner, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, 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, 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
When: Each First Saturday of the Month at 10.30am.
Where: 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 meet at 10am each Tuesday, for a 10.15am start, in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy praise and worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Judy 9752 2986.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS Come and join with other mothers of any age to pray together. 9am–10am each Tuesday (during school term) in the Parish Centre. For further enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE The June issue is available in the church foyer for \$4 a copy.

FIRST EUCHARIST Please keep the following children in your prayers as they receive the Eucharist for the first time this weekend.



Ethan O, Mia Rose P, Lucas S, Tom H, Chase R, Sienna S, Kahsha W, Shenali S, Siara H, Benjamin W, Noah L, Mia P, Sarah D, Archie Mc K, Bella F, Heath T, Jacob S, Zac W, Lachlan S, Lisa F and Jai G.

FIRST EUCHARIST GIFTS Please note that we have a supply of First Eucharist gifts available to purchase in our piety stall (in the foyer of the church). You may browse before or after each of our Masses.

WE CARE – RESPONDING TO THE VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING ACT. From the earliest times, Christ's followers have set themselves apart by their care of the vulnerable (Acts 4:34). On 19 June 2019, the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act (VAD) comes into effect. It legalises euthanasia and assisted suicide. Despite what the law may say, our Christian tradition affirms that every life, including those of the sick and suffering, is sacred. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are never part of end of life care. Pope Francis has encouraged ordinary Catholics everywhere to resist euthanasia and to protect the old, the young and the vulnerable from being cast aside in a "throw-away culture." We are called to follow Christ by accompanying people with compassion, sharing hope not fear. The Bishops of the Catholic dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst, echoing Pope Francis, have published a pastoral letter including practical guidance on ways we can be conscientious objectors to euthanasia. Copies of the letter are available in the church, and on the Archdiocese's website: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia. Please consider reading it and sharing it.

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE TOUR Bring your family and friends to our next Scheduled Tour on Sunday June 16th departing at 10.00am. Mater Christi girls consistently achieve region leading VCE and Vocational results. A visit will enable your family to witness our vibrant, inclusive and warm community. Visit www.materchristi.edu.au to book your tour.



ST JOSEPHS COLLEGE ENROLMENTS AND OPEN DAY Enrolments for 2021 close on 23rd August. There will be Principal's tours on Tuesday 18th June at 9.30am, Wednesday 19th June at 7.30am and Wednesday 26th June at 10.30am. In addition to these tours, there will be an Open Day on Sunday 16th June between 9.30am and 1pm. To register or find out more, call 9756 3112 or see the college website: www.stjosephs.com.au



FUNERAL MASS for the late Shar Aherne will be celebrated here at St John's Church on Wednesday, 19th June, at 11.00am.

PLENARY COUNCIL Phase 2: After 10 months of Listening and Dialogue and a period of analysis and prayerful discernment, the National Themes for Discernment for the Plenary Council 2020 were announced at Pentecost. The six national themes for discernment seek to address how God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is:

- Missionary and evangelising
- Inclusive, participatory and synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, healing and merciful
- A joyful, hope-filled and servant community
- Open to conversion and renewal.

National Theme for Discernment #1 – How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary and Evangelising? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church. Find out more at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

REFUGEE WEEK is celebrated from 16th – 22nd June. On Wed 19th June, there will be a public Film screening of 'Mary and Mohammed' at 6:00 pm - 8:15 pm beginning at 6.30pm sharp All Welcome! A brief Q&A will follow, focusing on the situation for people seeking asylum in our current context.. Light refreshments will be provided. In the Cardinal Knox room at the Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne, Enter via the carpark off Lansdowne St. Or you may wish to attend the Circle of Silence at the State Library of Victoria on Thursday 20th June, 2pm - 3pm, further details and to RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/610275222803729/>

ROSTERS: Mon 24th June to Sun 30th June

Flowers	Carole & Lia
Linen	Anne J
Welcomers	6pm: Myra N & Help needed 9am: Marg & Adrian D, Anastasia A 11am: Patrick S & Coral M
Lectors	6pm: Phuong B 9am: Gordon V 11am: Kath V
Counters	Bryon & Ruby
Gardening	Barry B