

FIRST READING

*A reading from the second book of the Kings
5:14-17*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
2:8-13*

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in*

Christ Jesus.

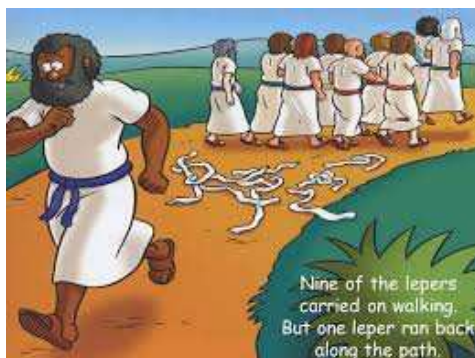
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
17:11-19*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Turning Thanksgiving into Grateful Living.

THIS SUNDAY IS LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUNDAY

Evening Family Prayer

Lord, behold our family here assembled. We thank you for this place in which we dwell, For the love that unites us, For the peace accorded to us this day, For the hope with which we expect the tomorrow; For the health, the work, the food and the bright skies That make our lives delightful; For our friends in all parts of the earth. Amen. (Robert Louis Stevenson, 1850-1894)



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

12th & 13th October, 2019

Life, Marriage and Family Sunday

*Loving God, source of faith and hope,
look with mercy on Your people.
Stir up in us a saving faith,
that believing, we may be healed,
and worthily give You thanks
We make this prayer through
Christ our Lord. Amen.*



BAPTISED AND SENT - EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH

Week 2 Our Life is mission. In this second week of the Extraordinary Missionary Month, we are invited to pray with three of the great saints of the Catholic tradition: St Teresa of Jesus (Tuesday), St Ignatius of Antioch (Thursday), and St Luke the Evangelist (Friday). Robert Ellsberg writes that each saint 'is a living Gospel. They have all, in some partial way, embodied – literally incarnated – the challenge of faith in their time and place, and so opened a path that others might follow'. (Robert Ellsberg 'Meet the Famous Franciscan Saints', St Anthony Messenger, 25th Sept 2017) When we reflect on the stories of the saints' lives, we may notice that the one thing they have in common – regardless of their age or circumstances- was their overwhelming desire to spread the word of God. They become, in a sense, the model of the missionary disciple. Each unique in their own way, with their own story formed by their time, they fixed their minds and hearts on God. May we too, rise to the challenge of our time and place, and continue to invite people into the mission of Jesus. **Reflect:** Daily life can be overwhelming. There are so many issues at play in these beautiful and troubled worlds of Australia, the church and beyond. And this is before we face our personal challenges. The worries of life can crowd in on us, causing our anxiety levels to rise. We may even feel as though we are unnoticed. We can imagine how the lepers must have felt, like the outcasts of their society. They are aware of their own needs, and something in Jesus encourages them to call out. Perhaps this is because Jesus heard their cries and responded to them. Perhaps this gospel is an invitation to us to remember the close connection between faith and hope, that all starts with an encounter, and that we will all respond differently to the invitation, depending on how ready we are to meet Jesus.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 14th Oct St Callistus I

Wed 16th Oct St Hedwig & St Margaret Mary Alacoque

Fri 18th Oct St Luke, evangelist

Tues 15th Oct St Teresa of Jesus

Thur 17th Oct St Ignatius of Antioch

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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

12th & 13th October, 2019
LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently



And those who we remember at this time:

Luigia Colella, Stephen Noth, Ted.M.Judit, Martin O'Toole, Denis Buckley.

The sick: Tom Clynnes, Cosimo Petracca, Noel McNamara, 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, Beryl Turner, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, 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: is on Thursdays between 10am and 12.30pm in the Parish Hall. Ladies and Gentlemen welcome anytime to have a cuppa and a chat.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet at 10am each Tuesday, for a 10.15am start, in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy praise & worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All welcome. Enquiries: Tineke 97631096, or: Judy 9752 2986.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS 9am–10am Meet each Tuesday (during school terms) in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, contact the Parish office on 9758 1029.

PALMS MISSION ADVENTURE? Communities in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific seek medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development Learn more about this wonderful opportunity: on Sunday 27th October, at 10.30am in the Jenny Florence Room, Ross House, 47-251 Flinders Lane, Melbourne for more information please contact Kevin on 02 9560 5333 or Email: kevin@palms.org.au



BAPTISMS –We offer our congratulations to **Xavier King, Zach Jukic, and Lucas Vincent-Smith** who are to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.

TRIVIA NIGHT ☺ Come and join the fun. ☺☺ *Don't need to be an expert.* ☺

Date: Saturday 26th October

Venue: School Hall starting at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Cost: \$10 per adult. BYO drinks and nibbles. Make up a table or come and join one. **Tickets on sale after all w/e masses** from the 5th October or contact Patrick 0434072831 (call or text) or psawyer@bigpond.net.au

Proceeds in aid of “Opening the Doors Foundation” (Aboriginal students support), Thornbury and the “Community Based Rehabilitation Foundation” (via Columban Fathers) in the Philippines. Donations welcome ☺



THE GIFT Do you feel that you don't know Jesus personally in your heart, but you would like to? If so, come and join us for “The Gift” a 7 week course in the Parish Hall. Every **Tuesday from 15th October**, 10.15am – 12.30pm. CCC Prayer Group. Enquiries: Judy 0427 220 441 or Tineke 0478 620 226

CAR BOOT SALE is planned for Saturday **19th October**. Get your Marie Kondo on (again!) have a spring clean, and make yourself some extra \$\$\$ Early-bird stalls (booked / paid by 30th September) \$20; or drive in on the day \$25 Email: parentsandfriends@sjferntreegully.catholic.edu.au or call Ange on 0428 415 928



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE END OF YEAR DINNER 2019. The Ferntree Gully Conference would like to thank all parishioners for their continued support throughout the year. It would be great if volunteers could join us in sharing a friendly meal at the Ferntree Gully Bowling Club, Glenfern Road. The date is Wednesday 20th November at 6.30pm. Kindly RSVP to Connie Bala 9753 5000 or Jenny Keating 9758 4590.



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OPEN DAY located at 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne is having an Open Day on Wednesday 6th November.



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

Learn about Study options, the Library and take Building tour, Refreshments will be served. There are two programs offered: 4.30pm–6.30pm or 6.00pm–8.00pm. Bookings essential. RSVP to Jenny Delahunt by Friday 1st November on Ph: 9412 3314, or Email: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

NEXT SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER- WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – The prayerful support and generous donations in our community help significantly to provide opportunities in local church communities around the world and remote communities of Australian diocese where support is channelled through their Home Mission Fund – Your donation next weekend will be appreciated



OCTOBER: POPE FRANCIS' EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION Pope Francis says “we view the world with God's own eyes and heart”. A time to reflect, discern, explore, create, celebrate, pray, nourish. As part of this month of mission, there will be “a time to create” **CREATIVE WRITING on Monday 14th October**, from 10am – 3pm at the Abbotsford Convent Dorm 1, 1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford. Danielle Dominguez and Vas Clementine from CEM will lead a day of fun and relaxed exercises to explore our creative writing potential and express our own stories, lived or imagined. Using beautiful spaces in and around the Abbotsford Convent, you will be given opportunities to create and workshop writing in a safe, serene and nurturing environment. To book your place go to: www.trybooking.com/BECUT

“FLEETWOOD MAX” - AMAZING TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC OF FLEETWOOD MAC! You can provide much needed support to the life-saving work of the “Lifeboat Foundation” (for survivors of church-related sexual abuse) by attending (with many friends and family!) this fantastic performance. You won't pick the difference between this amazing band and the “original” “Fleetwood Mac” (who performed recently at Rod Laver Arena this week). Where? Wheeler Auditorium, Nazareth College, Manning Drive, Noble Park North. **Tickets: \$50. On Saturday, October 19th at 7.30pm.** Tickets available online at: www.trybooking.com/begut, or by email request to: office@stsimonsparish.com.au

ROSTERS: Mon14th to Sun 20th October

Flowers	Sue N & Lynne K
Linen	Sue O'H
Welcomers	6pm: Sue N & Anna M 9am: Rosa L & Terry & Laurel S 11am: Gina M & Pat O'B
Lectors	6pm: Phuong B 9am: Gordon V 11am: Peter J
Counters	Tony B & Steph H
Gardening	Barry B