

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."' And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.



“Persistent asking in faith, through prayer, not only, doesn't annoy God the Father, it PLEASES Him”



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

19th & 20th October, 2019

World Mission Sunday

*O Lord, tireless guardian of Your people,
teach us to rely, day and night,
on Your care.*

Support our prayer, lest we grow weary.

Help us to seek Your enduring justice

and Your peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



BECOMING A MISSIONARY DISCIPLE – Extraordinary Mission Month

Week 3 Our Life is mission. This week we celebrate World Mission Sunday. As we grow older, we realise that not every day is going to be a great day. Days when things seem grey and difficult. Days when we know we have not been the best we can be. And there will also be days of great joy; days when we celebrate the wonder of being alive, when we look to the stars and praise the one who made the world. Perhaps this is what Jesus is teaching us this week: that no matter what is happening to us on our journey, we are encouraged to invite God into our lives through constant, persistent prayer. God is able to act in every situation, even amid apparent setbacks.

The invitation this week is to be constant, courageous and confident in our prayer. Because we know that God is present, active and alive in our world and that God does respond – if we have the eyes to see and the ears to hear.

Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* encourages spiritual reading as “one particular way of listening to what the Lord wishes to tell us in his word and of letting ourselves be transformed by the Spirit. We sit in the presence of God during a recollected reading of the text and we read God's word in prayer, asking that it “enlighten and renew” us. Take five minutes of silence to reflect upon how God is speaking through this text. As you think about your life ask yourself... 1) What is God asking me to listen to? 2) What does God want me to pay attention to? 3) What is God prompting, directing, leading and guiding me to in this reading? Pope Francis invites Christians, everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; How can I accept this invitation to encounter Jesus in my daily life of faith?

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tue 22nd Oct St John Paul II

Thur 24th Oct St Anthony Claret

Wed 23rd Oct St John of Capistrano

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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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently

Brian Walker, Norma Mary Platt.

And those who we remember at this time:

Angelo Federico, Silvia Zarro, Margherita & Damiano Coviello, Cosimo, Luigi & Jilda Coviello, Danny Rossi, Guiseppe & Lucia Varrasso, Kay Daraio, Theresa Starrs, Arthur Corrin.

The sick: Tom Clynnnes, 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.

WEEKDAY ROSARY on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Rosary will be recited 25 minutes prior to the Weekday Mass. All are welcome to join in the recitation.

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 join us as we unwrap “The Gift” a 7 week course to learn more about the gift of the Holy Spirit. 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.



THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Mass of the Day: Friday 1st November at 11.00am

Owing to the Melbourne Cup long weekend, this year we will celebrate **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)**

Mass on Tuesday 12th November at 7.00pm.
All are most welcome.

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.start.
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, it's not too late to 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

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.

ST JOSEPHS COLLEGE ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

for Deceased Past Pupils and Staff, will be held on Thursday 7th November, at 7.00pm in the College Chapel. Mass will be followed by a light Supper. Enquiries, please contact Stefanie Mazzeo on 9758 2000 or Email: smazzeo@stjosephs.com.au

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset Your Marriage! Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Next weekend date in Victoria: 15-17 November 2019. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Enquiries: Ph: Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER

This weekend at all Masses we will take up this annual appeal, which highlights the life-saving work supported by Catholic Mission in Ghana, through programs designed to rescue babies and children who are vulnerable and foster their personal development for a brighter future. **Please donate generously.**



GARDENING WORKING BEE -HELP NEEDED

on Saturday 2nd November, from 9am onwards, there will be a working bee, to Prune bushes and tidy up the garden beds around the church. We would be most grateful for any assistance. Please join us! Many hands make light work! BYO tools, morning tea will be provided.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an opportunity to explore the Catholic faith in a non-confronting environment. RCIA is for those who may be searching for God, for those not baptised, for those baptised in another Christian tradition, for those baptised but who have not received first Eucharist and / or Confirmation. If you would like to find out more at a relaxed meeting, without commitment, please phone the Parish Office on 9758 1029

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 Celebrate” **World Mission Day Mass** on Sunday 20th October, 11am at St Patrick’s Cathedral, East Melbourne, and “a time to Pray”at the **Children’s Mission Mass** on Wednesday, 23rd October, 11am at St Patrick’s Cathedral, an open invitation to all schools to mark the Extraordinary Month of Mission by coming together at the Cathedral to celebrate our Catholic Identity and shared mission.

ROSTERS: Mon 21st to Sun 27 th October	
Flowers	Carole D & Lia U
Linen	Carole D
Welcomers	6pm: Myra N 9am: Peter C, Neil & Lorraine R, Joanna C 11am: Maria L
Lectors	6pm: Louise Di B 9am: Peter F 11am: Carolyn S
Counters	Byron M & Ruby S
Gardening	Barry B