

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the
detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God
will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice
of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ,
to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



***"Pride is concerned with who is right,
Humility is concerned with what is right"***



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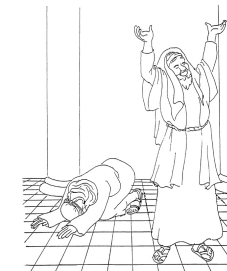
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

26th & 27th October, 2019

***Loving God,
Encourage us in our living and loving.
Gift us with a gracious spirit,
in order that we may more readily
respond to Your Call.
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.***



BECOMING A MISSIONARY DISCIPLE – Extraordinary Mission Month

Week 4 Our Life is mission. Pope Francis has identified the importance of dialogue for the ongoing development of the church. He notes that dialogue is not negotiation:

"Negotiating is to try to get one's own 'slice' of the communal pie... Discuss together, dare I say get angry together, think about the best solutions for all. Many times the encounter is involved in conflict. In dialogue conflict occurs: it is logical and predictable, that it is this way. And we should not fear or ignore it but accept it. 'Agreeing to bear the conflict, resolve it and transform it into a connecting link of new process' (Evangelii Gaudium, §227). – address to the National Ecclesial Congress for the Church in Italy, Florence, 13.11.2015.

Dialogue is risky because it means that solutions to challenges will need to be found together. It's not about convincing the other; it's about an invitation. It asks us to propose, not impose. It requires a generous heart and a capacity to accept that individually we do not have all the answers. It underpins a form of encounter with the other.

And just as we encounter each other, we are encouraged to encounter the person of Jesus – because the message of Jesus didn't stop at the resurrection. When we encounter Jesus, we are drawn into the church's ongoing task of thinking about what Jesus' message might look like for the world today. This encounter encourages us to think about how we can help transform the church from an 'institution' into the living presence of God in our world- a church where faith is dynamic, involving all the people of God and serving all people. Perhaps the invitation of this week's gospel is to look with the eyes of God at the 'other' and to respond to the needs of the world with the hands of Jesus.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 28th Oct St Simon and St Jude Fri 1st Nov Solemnity All Saints

Sat 2nd Nov The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

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

Renato Felicetti, Fr Christopher Toms,
 Fr Joseph Yu

And those who we remember at this time:

Pasquale Lotrionte (1 month), Eillen Roberts,
 Mike Ziza.

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. This week, Session 3: 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.



FUNERAL MASS – The Funeral Mass for the late Renato Felicetti will be celebrated here at St John's Church on Thursday 31st October, at 11am

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Mass of the Day: Friday 1st November at 11.00am
ALL SOULS Saturday 2nd November Mass at 10.00am
 Owing to the Melbourne Cup long weekend, this year we will celebrate **THE MEMORIAL MASS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** on Tuesday 12th November at 7.00pm. All are most welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS – Friday 1st November at 11am. Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 10 am. Please stay for a cup of tea/coffee after Mass.

SJB P&F CAR BOOT SALE. Unfortunately, due to the forecasted weather, and in light of the extreme (hot!) weather we had in March (that hindered foot traffic) we made the decision late last week to cancel our GarageSaleTrail car boot sale. Murphy's Law – the morning ended up being not too bad a day, but hindsight is a wonderful thing! Sorry for any inconvenience to those who made the effort to attend. Stay tuned – we might try another one next year.

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

AN INVITATION To pray, reflect, journal, listen and converse with others using St Ignatius's First Spiritual Exercises (FSE), a series of prayer exercises created by St Ignatius of Loyola, offering guidance to those seeking deep inner peace and a more intimate relationship with our Creator. Lead by experienced facilitators, Annmaree Sutton and Anita Davine, this is an ideal opportunity for reflection in the lead up to Advent and Christmas. On Mondays: November 11th 18th 25th and December 2th 9th 1.30pm – 3.00pm at Garratt Publishing 32 Glenvale Crescent Mulgrave Vic 3170. COST: Free Places are extremely limited and registration is essential by Friday November 8, 2019. To register: call 1300 650 878

BAPTISMS – We offer our congratulations to **James & Sam Donnelly and Axton Shinnors** who are to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL a big thank you for your generous donations to help support the work of Catholic Mission. The total collection amounted to \$2,982.20

NOVEMBER CROSS November is the month of the Holy Souls where we pray for parishioners, friends and members of our families who have died. We pray that they will live forever with the Lord. As is our custom at St John's, from 1st November you'll have the opportunity to write the names of those you would like remembered on our Memorial Cross. For those who would like to have a Mass offered for their deceased relatives and friends, November offering envelopes will be available on the trolleys.

GARDENING WORKING BEE –change of date on Saturday 9th 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

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS Nominations are now open for the 2020 Knox Local Australia Day Awards. To nominate please see the Knox Council website www.knox.vic.gov.au/ausday or contact the Governance Team on 9298 8000 for more information.

ROSTERS: Mon 28th to Sun 3rd November

Flowers	Sue N
Linen	Laurel S
Welcomers	6pm: Louise D, Peter G 9am: Sue & David W, Thelma B 11am: Kath & Andrew W
Lectors	6pm: Rebecca L 9am: Pamela E 11am: Kath V
Counters	Byron M & Ruby S
Gardening	Barry B & Carlos E