SECOND READING 1 Jn 3: 1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John
We shall see God as he really is. Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 23: 1-6

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. R

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. R

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. R

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FIRST READING Rev 7: 2-4, 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.
I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

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GOSPEL Mt 5: 1–12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Altar Servers Enrolment Mass and Training

The mass for the enrolment of new altar servers and the training will be held on Sunday 8th November. Those wishing to enrol as new altar servers will need to complete an ‘Altar Servers Enrolment Form’ which can be collected from the back of the mass centre or from Mr Maxwell at the school. By all means consider putting yourself forward as a candidate to be chosen, and this is looking at representing our Parish at next year’s World Youth Day. We would really love to send more young people along, so please have a think about this as a real possibility.

Training will take place after the mass and should be complete by 11.15am. The next enrolment won’t be until next year, so please enrol now. We look forward to welcoming many new altar servers to support our masses.

K-6 enrolments are now open for 2016! If you wish to enrol your child in the school here, soon to be named St John Paul II Catholic Primary in Banksia Grove, please call the school office on 9303 7101 to make an appointment. We would be delighted to receive enrolments from families in our new parish.

Vigil Mass

From Saturday 14th of November 2015, Fr Vinh will begin celebrating a Vigil Mass starting at 6pm. We would love to have a choir and musicians for the Vigil Mass and therefore we are looking for people with talents in this area who are willing to share them and join our new Saturday choir.

Choir/Musicians

Calling all musicians and choristers. We are looking for more people who are willing to share their talents with us, in playing and singing during mass. If you would like to do this, please speak to any of the fantastic musicians or choir members, or alternatively speak with Fr Vinh following mass.

Feast Day Raffle Results

Congratulations to all those who won prizes in the raffle held. The total amount raised from the raffle is $7,540.00, which is a fantastic effort. All winners have been notified.

Congratulations to:

First prize - $500 worth of optical products from Crystal Vision Optometry in Girrawheen. Darrel Visenjous, ticket number 1011.
Second prize - $300 cash. Tony Jensch, ticket number 927.
Third prize - $200 cash. Hoang Viet, ticket number 3583.

The following are winners of the $50.00 consolation prizes.

2744 Duy Nguyen
2808 Yen Tran
2721 Hoa
3650 Joe Ieliasi
2934 Vu Tran
3268 Khoi Nguyen
3751 Aimee Nguyen
350 Mackenzie Francis
284 Denzel Patridge
904 Desla Jolly Dominic

Of the prize money won, $700.00 dollars has been donated back to the church, specifically $400 for the church building fund and $300 for World Youth Day fund. We are especially thankful for the kind and generous winners and all those who both sold and bought tickets.

YAY! Fr Vinh is pleased to announce that there are several interested candidates who are looking at representing our Parish at next year’s World Youth Day. We would really like to send more young people along, so please have a think about this as a real possibility.

Fr Vinh is looking at various fundraising ideas in order to enable the Parish to assist with the costs of this once in a lifetime truly unique, uplifting and spiritual experience. If you have thought about putting yourself forward as a candidate to be chosen, please speak to Fr Vinh.