

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter
10 May 2020

Year A
#24.20

From the Assistant Pastor.....

A New Relationship

In the gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that he's moving on. They don't feel ready yet, and they're afraid. The disciples, it seems, have come to possess Jesus. They feel close to him. He always seems to be in charge and make the best decisions. His teachings are inspiring and helpful. If he goes away, won't all that be lost?

Jesus understands all those fears. He knows our insecurity. He cares about us even more than we care about ourselves. The gospel today shows how much he cares. It begins four chapters of assurances in the form of a farewell talk after dinner. His opening words are, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." And he goes on from there, telling us why we should not be troubled. He recognizes our feelings, and he addresses those feelings.

He knows how important it is to move on. So, he is preparing the disciples. He understands that they cannot realize how important it is to move on until it actually happens.

If Jesus had stayed, the whole Church would have to be around him. It would be limited and localized. It could hardly grow and embrace the whole world. If Jesus goes to the Father, then the Church can grow. True, there would be growing pains like in the first reading. But notice that they solved the problems and moved on. The Church's destiny is to grow. And for that to happen, Jesus has to move on.

Remember the closing lines of the Gospel. "I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." And notice that he promises greater works, as well. How right Jesus was when he said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Jesus is the way and the truth and the life. Let us follow him confidently.

Love and Blessings,
Michael msc

Parish Administration:

Administrator

Fr. Kimi Vunivesilevu msc

Email: kimi@stjohnkippax.org.au

Assistant Pastor

Fr. Michael Stephan msc

Email: michael@stjohnkippax.org.au

Pastoral Associate/Parish Manager

Marian England

Email: marian@stjohnkippax.org.au

Parish Secretary Sharon Greaves

Email: kippax@cg.org.au

Youth Minister Eoin Garton

Email: Eoin.Garton@cg.org.au

Parish Office:

25 Blackham Street HOLT ACT

Office Hours: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Mon-Fri

Telephone: 6254 3236

Email: kippax@cg.org.au

Web: www.stjohnkippax.org.au

MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

PROJECT COMPASSION



So that we can finalise Project Compassion would you please return your donations to the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. Thank you

Reflection

Domestic Churches

Jesus is the cornerstone upon which the Christian community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life.

When we reflect on our childhood homes many of us can say of it what Jesus says of himself. It was the first place almost all of us learnt about 'The Way'. The earliest Christians were called people of The Way. It's a rich image denoting that Christianity is not an idea, it's a way of living, a path to follow.

For better or worse one of the distinctive features of most of our homes is that it's also where we are told 'The Truth'. Sometimes that deflates our egos or means we hear things we would rather not listen to. But hopefully the comfort and love which accompanies this truth telling comes from the ease and care in the relationships at home. Our family doesn't pull any punches with the truth because they know us too well and love us too much.

Most adults also remember their childhood houses as lively. 'The Life' in our homes was about the buzz of children going to and from school, various friends calling in, the reign of organised chaos where space was claimed and a position defended. Minor dramas were never far away and life was lived to the full.

It's not by accident that the image of Jesus preparing us a house and being the Way, the Truth and the Life are put together in today's Gospel. In another part of John's gospel Jesus goes further in describing himself as our master builder, as our home and even our lodger. We are told to make a home in him as he makes a home in us. What a terrific image of the intimacy Christ wants to share with us, and we with him!

The Way we follow is about justice, development and peace for all people everywhere and not just the select few who can build the biggest mansions on earth. We are invited to keep speaking the Truth even if that makes us unpopular or different or at odds with the majority.

If all Christians lived out this Way, Truth and Life we would, by His grace, fulfil Jesus' extraordinary prophecy that we could do greater works than He did.

Resources used: Homily, by Richard Leonard SJ

Heart Spirituality

Mary shares in the work of redemption

The life of Jesus is marked by three solemn periods: his entry into the world, his public mission and his death on the cross. His Mother is associated with these great events that bring about a whole new life. She is there as the sacrament of divine love, as the mysterious helpmate of the new Adam, in a new creation. She gives birth on Calvary to all peoples in God, made fruitful by the blood and grace flowing from his Sacred heart. At Cana she obtains from her son the first of his miracles; she establishes the Apostles in faith and receives the assurance of the institution of the eucharist and other sacraments. She is going to carry to Hebron the Saviour, still hidden in her womb, causing the grace of salvation to come down on the son of Elizabeth.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Issoudun 1893)

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

Stewardship

Stewardship starts at home. It begins with our families, our domestic churches. The domestic church plays a key role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we practice intimate and selfless love of other persons.

In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us in preparing the perfect "spot" for each one of us who remain faithful to Him.

Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making of our homes true "domestic churches" where we honor God with our prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other and our generous hospitality to all.

Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home!

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com

Parish News.....

Let us pray for those who are sick.
We remember them in our Masses.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Jack Draper, Robert Griffiths, Matthew Ray, Helen Kelly, Lawrence Southwick, Andrew Harker, Jeremy Hope, Kenneth Brennan, Krystal Lindstrom, Harrison Wroe, Pat McLindin, Antonia Gladwish, Kevin Crossley, Sarah Sealey, Betty Cowman, Edna Hamilton, Robert Donovan, Elena D'Ambrosio, Hemult Wanda, Emma Caskie Bryan McGurgan, Ella Dimitres, Daphne Parnell, Sandra Miniotas, Anne Ots, Neil MacFarlane, John Loadsman, Bernard Gibson, Gloria Fleming, Tom Stew

LIGHT A CANDLE

While the church is closed if you would like to light a candle, please call the parish office or send us an email and we will light a candle on your behalf.

Mass Intentions

Although there are no public celebrations of Mass, Fr's Kimi and Michael continue to celebrate mass privately. They can offer Mass for your intention. If you have a mass intention, please send your request in via email or phone call.

KIT @ KIPPAX



Perhaps you would like to share a story of what is different in your life during this time of physical isolation. How has it impacted your life? Have there been some surprises on how you have coped? Share them with the SJA community.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Blessing for Mothers

*Life-giving God,
You compare your own love for your people
to the love of a mother for her children.
Look with kindness on these mothers,
and all women who love in tender and
mothering ways.*

*Bless them
and be with them in all that they do.
Draw them into the circle of your love;
and may they share with Jesus your Son
and Mary our mother
the everlasting happiness of your Spirit of love.*

*We ask this through Christ our loving saviour.
Amen*

VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT

The Vinnies CEO Sleepout is our biggest fundraising event of the year. The funds raised each year ensure we can continue to run our homelessness services, providing a hand up to people in need all over Australia.



In its 15th year, the event is faced with a great challenge shared by so many people across the globe. COVID-19 has meant that all of us have had to adjust the way we do things - the way we do business, the way we socialise and the way we help others.

Participants will nominate an alternate sleeping option during the registration process and will share the experience through an interactive live stream program, logging in with others all around the country on Thursday 18 June 2020.

our parishioner Ted Kell

is participating in the **SLEEPOUT** this year. To donate go to www.ceosleepout.org.au and donate using his particular reference.

Laudato Si Webinar - Our Common Home

Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st May
6:00pm – 7:00pm

World-class consultant, Jacqui Rémond will present on what Laudato Si is about on the Tuesday evening and facilitate discussion on its deep implications on the Thursday.

Hosted on Zoom by Belconnen South Parish,
Express interest/RSVP Email belconnensouth@cg.org.au
OR Phone/Text 0428 625 110

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Matthew Garton

Pawsey Circuit Florey

Phone: 6258 3592

Email: office.sjaps@cg.catholic.edu.au

www.sjaps.act.edu.au



Becoming Catholic

Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]

please contact the parish office for more information.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Baptisms | 1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass |
| Reconciliation | Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm |
| Sacramental Program | Contact Parish Office |
| School of Religion (Parish Centre) | Sunday 9.15am during school term |

PRAYER LIFE

| | |
|--|--|
| Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326 | Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm |
| Meditation | Friday 6.15-7.15 pm |
| Rosary | Monday – Friday 9:05am |
| Eucharistic Adoration | 1 st Friday of the Month 8:00pm – 9:00pm |
| Adult Choir | Wednesday 7:30pm |

SOCIAL LIFE

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Coffee Club | Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass |
| Over 45's | Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea |
| Pins & Needles | 3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library |
| Book club | 3 rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library |
| Women's Breakfast | 4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax |
| Youth Group | AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre |
| Men's Group | 3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre |

SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.



TAP & GO - The donation amount is set at \$10.

As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
As we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord;
No one come sot the Father,
except through me.
Alleluia!

Readings – 17 May 2020

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| First Reading | Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 |
| Psalm | Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20 |
| Second Reading | 1 Pt 3:15-18 |
| Gospel | John 14:15-21 |

17 May Reading Roster

| | |
|---------|--|
| 6:00pm | |
| 8:30am | |
| 10:00am | |
| 6:00pm | |

17 May Ministers of Communion

| | |
|---------|--|
| 6:00pm | |
| 8:30am | |
| 10:00am | |
| 6:00pm | |

17 May Hospitality Roster

| | |
|---------|--|
| 6:00pm | |
| 8:30am | |
| 10:00am | |
| 6:00pm | |

Weekly Rosters

| | | |
|----------------|--------|--|
| Altar Society: | 11 May | |
| Grounds | 16 May | |
| Counting: | 17 May | |

| | | |
|------------------|--------|--|
| Church Cleaning: | 11 May | |
|------------------|--------|--|

On a Lighter note

