

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter
17 May 2020

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From the Side-Desk.....

Recently I read that HOPE is not a denial or a refusal to acknowledge the reality of what is happening within us, to us, or around us; HOPE is about seeing things from God's perspective. What a great definition for Christian hope. The first letter of St. Peter says that we should be ready to account for the hope that we have and that we must express the reason for our hope with courtesy, respect, and a clear conscience.

My hope and faith comes from recognising the Spirit's presence in my life. Admittedly, I often cannot see God's perspective or grasp a holistic view of things when I encounter hard times. Often self-preservation in the midst of personal hardship causes me to become self-focused and gives me tunnel vision. A survival mechanism. Mercifully, one of life's gifts is hindsight, and it is only in hindsight that I see the Spirit's presence leading me through; I get a glimpse of hope, the God perspective.

As a priest ordained less than three years, there is a lot still to learn. One of life's enduring tasks. Thankfully, a valuable lesson I learnt very early on is to trust the Spirit with one of the more challenging aspects I face in my ministry: preparing a homily. The experience which led me to this realisation was more than once, having given a homily, I would get two or three people mention something I said resonating with them. What intrigued me was, what they heard and what I meant, was very different. Quiet often, they would have heard two or three completely different things. Listening to them, I sense that each heard what the Spirit needed them to hear. In this weekend's gospel (John 14:15-21), Jesus asks his disciples to keep his commandments, and he promised to send the Advocate to be with them. That commandment is to love one another with the same love Jesus has for us (John 13:34, 15:12). As with my experience with homilies, we do what we have been called to and entrust the rest to the Spirit.

Perhaps you have experienced something similar in your life. Why not share it in KIT@Kippax and trust that the Spirit will use your story to give someone else hope. To offer them God's perspective.

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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

Vinnies Winter Appeal



is being replaced by the

COVID-19 Crisis Appeal

Donations can be made online at www.vinnies.org.au/covid19crisisappeal or by calling 13 18 12.

Donations may be made at the Parish Office as well. Contact Mike for more information – 0419818410

Reflection

You and God are One

Those who have gone to the depths—of suffering, awe, or silence—discover an Indwelling Presence. It is a deep and loving “yes,” an “amen” or “let it be,” that is inherent within you. In Christian theology, this inner presence is described as the Holy Spirit: God as immanent, within, and even our deepest and truest self.

The True Self is inherent in all of us, yet it must be awakened and chosen. The Holy Spirit is totally given—and given equally—to all; but it must be received, too. One who totally receives this Presence and draws life from it is what we mean by a saint.

The Holy Spirit is never concocted by our actions or behaviour. The Spirit is naturally indwelling from the moment of our conception (Jeremiah 1:5); it is our inner being with God. Culture and even religion often teach us to live out of our false self of reputation, self-image, role, possessions, money, appearance, and so on. It is only as this small self fails us—and it always eventually does—that the True Self stands revealed and ready to guide us.

The True Self—where you and God are one—does not choose to love as much as it *is love* itself already (see Colossians 3:3-4). The True Self does not teach us compassion as much as it *is compassion*. Loving from this core of your being is experienced as a river within you that flows of its own accord (see John 7:38-39). From this more spacious and grounded place, one naturally connects, empathizes, forgives, and loves everything. We were made in love, for love, and unto love. This deep inner “yes,” that is God in me, is already loving God through me. The false self does not really know how to love, in a very deep or broad way. It is too opportunistic. It is too small. It is too self-referential to be compassionate.

Resource used: *Your True Self Is Love*, by Richard Rohr

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

The Holy Spirit is our teacher

In the order of salvation, we are completely powerless. Of ourselves we can do nothing. We cannot even pronounce the name of Jesus in a way that merits heaven. We have been initiated into the knowledge of the mysteries of our faith, but if the Holy Spirit does not come to our aid, we cannot grasp the harmony of these mysteries, just as we cannot contemplate masterpieces of painting in a room, nor admire their beauty, if the light does not shine on them. From a supernatural point of view, the book of the truths of faith and the book of nature, without the Holy Spirit, remain closed to our eyes. He is their key; he can open them for us. To profit from the instructions of this Teacher, we should come to him with a docile mind and a heart detached from earthly desires, and say with Samuel: Speak, Lord, your servant is listening [1Sam 3:9].

Jules Chevalier msc
(Meditations 1 p.576f, Issoudun 1891)

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

Stewardship

The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it offers us a concrete means to show that Christ truly is Lord of our lives, to “prove” our love, in a manner of speaking, because true love is not mere sentiment. “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me,” Jesus tells us in our Gospel passage from John.

True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God’s commandments. This requires courage, humility and deep trust in Him.

But the rewards of this kind of love are indescribably wonderful. Christ tells us Himself, “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us?

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com

Parish News.....

CALLING KNITTERS @ SJA KIPPAX

Vinnies Night Patrol is seeking your assistance with

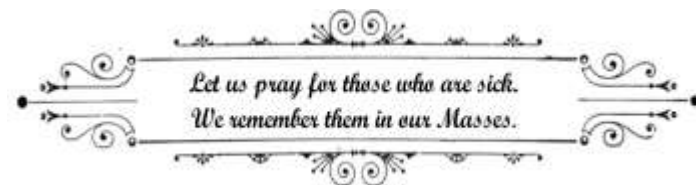
Scarves, Beanies and Gloves.

You may have wool that you could knit up to keep others warm this winter.

If you are not a knitter you may consider donating an item.

Please leave items in the blue box in the Church foyer. Many thanks

For more information, contact Sabina Van Rooy mobile 0428329951 or email sm.vanrooy@bigpond.com



Recently Deceased: Sr. Mary Agnes Margaret Wilson (Judy Kenny's cousin) Denis Hogan (father of John)

Anniversary: Edna Hamilton, Robert Donovan, Elena D'Ambrosio, Hemult Wanda, Bryan McGurgan, Emma Caskie, Daphne Parnell, Ella Dimitres, Sandra Miniotas, Anne Ots, Neil MacFarlane, John Loadman, Bernard Gibson, Gloria Fleming, Tom Stewart, Edward McGregor, Michael Logan, James Ohlin, June McCall, Hermine Raeuscher, David Pinner, Christopher Boydew, Stan Niemiec, Gloria Harris, Suzana Katavic, Thomas Flynn, Sofie Aver, Adena Hugo, Mary Harrison

Our Church doors are open

8:30am 5:00pm for private prayer.

We are limited to 10 people in the church at any one time.

Please practice physical distancing at all times.

VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT

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.



The Pope is inviting communities across the world to join him in celebrating Laudato Si' Week from May 16-24 2020. The Encyclical was released on 24th May 2015, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, patron saint of Australia.

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



KIT @ KIPPAX

Contributions to KIT

Contributions to KIT have slowed. KIT is powered by you, the parishioners, so to keep it going during this time of transition from isolation to when we can all gather again, we need your stories. Your personal stories of how you are coping during this time are inspiring and encouraging. Perhaps you have taken up a new hobby, discovered a new recipe, doing something you haven't done since childhood. If you have anything to share that helps keep us connected we would appreciate hearing from you. Thank you.



Donations to the 1st & 2nd Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using Qkr.

Download the app through the app store on your mobile phone.

Contact the parish office for more information.

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RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord all the earth cry out to God with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
And my Father will love them and we will
come to them.

Alleluia!

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

Readings – 24 May 2020

First Reading	Acts 1:1-11
Psalm	Ps 46:2-3, 6-9
Second Reading	Eph 1:17-23
Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20

24 May Reading Roster

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

24 May Ministers of Communion

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

24 May Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	18 May	
Grounds	23 May	
Counting:	24 May	

Church Cleaning:	18 May	
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On a lighter note

