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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12 July 2020

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Reflection

The Sower and the Environment

One creative reading of today's Gospel is that it parallels how we can respond to the news of the degradation of the environment.

In recent years the Church has regularly reminded us that the issue of caring for the environment is an important part of our Christian commitment for justice. We have been reminded that while the earth has been entrusted to us as stewards, to be preserved, it is also given into our hands to be developed in such a way that there will be a productive earth for future generations to inherit.

If this means we must limit our consumption, change our priorities in regard to energy and trade and show the third world the way in developing eco-friendly industries, then all the better for us.

Every small thing we do from being conscious of the issues, to recycling and using our cars less, is not unimportant. Some of us are in positions to do a lot more than these things as well and we should take our Christian responsibilities in this regard very seriously.

For some of us the facts and figures about the planet's ecosystem fall on rocky ground. We are not receptive to hearing anything that might demand a change in our lifestyle or a lessening of our comfort.

For others of us, recent debates fall among the thorns. Competing with other issues for our attention and action, the plight of the earth is not able to take root in our consciousness or sympathies. We think it can all wait for another generation who will have the ability to fix the problems then.

For some of us, however, recent surveys and our own sense of environmental changes means that what experts are saying falls on fertile soil. We want to do whatever we can to see that the earth continues to bear fruit for as many generations as God intends.

How we choose to live now, will affect how we hand on the planet to future generations.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ. at LiturgyHelp

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

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

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

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Vinnies Winter Appeal



is being replaced by the COVID-19 Crisis Appeal. Donations can be made online at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub> or by calling 13 18 12. Donations may be made at the Parish Office as well. Contact Mike for more information – 0419818410

Heart Spirituality

The Heart of the Mystical Body

Though composed of different members, humanity forms one body and blood. The heart that gives life to all the members of this great body is the Heart of Jesus. He alone unites us together and he alone unites us also to God.

As soon as we separate ourselves from him, we separate ourselves from one another and we lose the true feeling of human fraternity by losing the life of God, which is its source.

This divine Heart is the centre around which all hearts gravitate. It is the sacred bridge thrown across the bottomless chasm that separates divinity from humanity.

Jules Chevalier msc

(Article in the Messenger du Sacré-Coeur de Jésus
Tome VII; p.529f, June 1865)

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

Stewardship

When we give the best of our time, talent and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with that rare “good soil” needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive.

The Sower scatters seed on many different kinds of land. Some of the seeds land on a path where birds carry them off before they can begin to take root. Other seeds land on rocky ground with little soil. Finally, there are seeds that land on deep and healthy soil. These seeds produce abundant fruit.

Stewardship living removes the “rocks” of mistrust from our lives as we develop an unshakable faith that God will always provide for our needs. It clears away the “thorns” of worldly ambition that make us self-centered, fill us with needless anxiety and stifle our focus on God. Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which continuously nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Sower to do His work in us, slowly and steadily. The Master Gardner will surely produce miraculous fruits through us.

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com

Parish News.....

KIT Monthly

We are looking for parishioner contributions to our monthly production of KIT. If you have a reflection or something that you would like to share of your experiences during these changing times please send them in to the parish office – kippax@cg.org.au. KIT monthly for July will be sent out on 31 July.

Booking for Weekend Mass



A Try Booking link will be sent out each Monday. Use this link to book for weekend Masses. Bookings are essential.

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly

6:00pm – 8:00pm



For more information
contact the parish office.

Next gathering: Friday 17 July

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 20 July

7:15pm Parish Library



Mass to Celebrate

Blessed Peter To Rot Feast Day and

PNG Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels

Where: St. John the Apostle Church

When: Thursday 23rd July 2020

Time: 11:30am

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only 100 people 100 people can attend. Please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au for booking.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Funeral Notice

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of
Tom Hallahan

Will be celebrated on 17 July 2020 -
1:00pm
St John the Apostle Parish Kippax
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Due to COVID-19, our Church can accommodate 100 people. You will need to contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au to book.

READERS NEEDED

Four readers are needed for the weekend Masses – one for the Saturday Vigil, one for the Sunday 8.30am, one for the Sunday 10.00am and one for Sunday 6pm Mass. If you feel called to serve as a lector, please let us know; we would be very grateful to welcome you to this ministry. And be assured that you will receive full training and on-going support. Once ready, you will proclaim God's Word at one weekend Mass per month. If you're interested, please contact the Parish Office or Mary French on 0414 175 960 or via her email: hillmouse@grapevine.com.au
Thank you.

COVID-19 Protocols

For more information go to our webpage – www.stjohnkippax.org.au

- **Seating in the Church** - Physical Distancing of 2 meters square, only sit where the seats are marked.
- You must record your name and contact details when attending Mass. The attendance sheet is on the table in the foyer.
- We ask that you disinfect and wipe down your own seat, this will assist with the necessary cleaning of the Church (thank you).
- Collection plates will not be passed around during Mass. There are baskets in the foyer for you to place your sacrificial giving. Alternatively, you may like to use one of the electronic methods listed below as your method of giving.
 - Tap & Go, in the foyer
 - Qkr, download the App
 - Direct Debit – contact the parish office
 - Credit Card - contact the parish office
 - EFT that you set up from your bank.



Recently Deceased:

Doris Galea, Tom Hallahan

Anniversary: Christopher Davis, Mary Ryan, Josephine Allester, Mollie Paterson, Marie Richards, Chris Penders, John McEnaney, Leon Nguyen, Bernard Armstrong, Laurence Swift, Linda Dawson, Victoria Norton, Bede Stinson, Lionel Carberry, Jan Kurzynski, Catherine Raadts, Josephine O'Kane, Joan Ferguson, Monique Pearce, Gayle McGoogan, Veronica Hannah, David Leonard, Paul Kurylowicz, Mona Castle, Stephen Carson, Stephen Gorst, Leo Williams, Naomi Slater, Rudi Weiss, Joseph Myatt, Rita Riddle, Isabella Backhaus, Gwendoline White, Sheila Marshall, James Patterson, Queenie Solomonsz, Dolly Munoz, Mary Mules, Maria Pedic, Thomas Pinner, Czeslaw Kowalski, Wallace Johnson, Dianne Fraser, Darryl Bremer, Frank Sculthorpe, Debra Niquet.



To donate go to.....

<https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/sea-sunday>

PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving tax receipts for the 2019-2020 financial year have been emailed. If you have not received your receipt, contact the parish office.

Protocols for entering Church

8:30am - 5:00pm for private prayer. Please practice physical distancing at all times.

We are required to keep a record of every person who enters the church building. Please enter your name on the attendance sheet in the foyer.

COVID-19 Restrictions - Singing

There is to be no singing at Mass until further notice. This includes singing the Gospel Acclamation.

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



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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower;
All who come to him will live fore ever.
Alleluia!

Readings –19 July 2020

First Reading	Wis 12:13,16-19
Psalm	Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Second Reading	Rom 8:26-27
Gospel	Matthew 12:24-43

19 July Reading Roster

6:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Terry Fewtrell, Matthew Garton

19 July Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Maresa Laird, Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Clyde Sloan, Peter Polkinghorne
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Eoin Garton, Chitra Jayawardena, Anthony Dunicliff-Hagan

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	13 July	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	18 July	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	13 July	VACANT

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Supporting parishioners in our community

If you, or if you know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or a pastoral visit please contact the parish office.

Strange Facts

"Bluetooth" technology was named after a 10th century king, King Harald Bluetooth. He united Denmark and Norway - just like the wireless technology united computers and cell phones.