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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 July 2020

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Reflection

Make a difference in the World

We often hear that to fully live out the kingdom message of Jesus is to be counter-cultural. Today's parables are a perfect example of that call. Jesus himself acted in contrast to his cultural context and often used examples in his teaching that flew in the face of cultural expectation.

What does it mean to be counter-cultural today? Our world is driven by an emphasis on the individual; an emphasis on acquisition; an emphasis on consuming. The kingdom parables of today's gospel call us to be the agents of change that 'irritate' in our own small way to make a difference in the world.

Economic systems based on competition, scarcity, and acquisitiveness have become more than a question of economics; they have become the kingdom within which we dwell. That way of thinking invades our social order, our ways of being together, and what we value. It replicates the kingdom of ancient Egypt, Pharaoh's kingdom. It produces a consumer culture that centralizes wealth and power and leaves the rest wanting what the beneficiaries of the system have.

Imagine an alternative set of economic beliefs that have the capacity to evoke a culture where poverty, violence, and shrinking well-being are not inevitable—a culture in which the social order produces enough for all. This departure into another kingdom might be closer to the reality of our nature and what works best for our humanity.

Neighbourliness means that our well-being and what really matters is close at hand and can be locally constructed or produced. To make neighbourliness the centre of our social order requires an act of imagination. It is counter-cultural. It is also a form of social interaction that is built on a covenant that serves the common good.

We moved away from the neighbour as a source of culture, memory, sense of place, and livelihood. The free market consumer ideology has produced a social disorder; people are no longer embedded in a culture that serves the common wealth, the common good.

Resources used: Departing the Consumer Culture, Richard Rohr & Reflection, by Greg Sunter.

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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 mustard seed

It is the smallest of all seeds, the Holy Gospel tells us; but it contains amazing expansive power. The same is true of our Saviour. He appears insignificant to human eyes, despicable, unworthy of attention; but in his nature, heart and person, he possesses infinite strength. In him we find salvation and the graces necessary to make it operative. He gives us the Eucharist, that bread of the strong and source of blessings.

The mustard seed has become a great tree and the birds have nested in its branches. What is this tree? It is our holy religion. It is the Church. There we see vigorous branches, spread everywhere; there they take refuge; the just and the saints, the small and the great, the rich and the poor. In the shade of these branches they have found rest, nourishment, peace and salvation. And from where does this immense tree emerge? From the Heart of Jesus.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Meditations 1, p.247f, Issoudun 1891)

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

Stewardship

The kingdom of Heaven

Today's readings are filled with lessons both cautionary and consoling for the Christian steward. They are lessons of justice, gratitude and love.

So often, the prayers we pray, the service we offer, the gifts we give — in comparison to the immense needs around us — can seem laughably small. But, as Jesus makes clear through the images of yeast and mustard seed, that is not the truth! God sees and "grows" our offerings of time, talent and treasure in ways we cannot begin to imagine.

In justice, in gratitude, in love, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of the kingdom of heaven.

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com

Parish News.....

Sacrament of Penance

*Please continue to pray for the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance on Thursday 30 July.
May they always know the depth of God's infinite love for them.*

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.

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.

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.

Booking for Weekend Mass

trybooking

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

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.

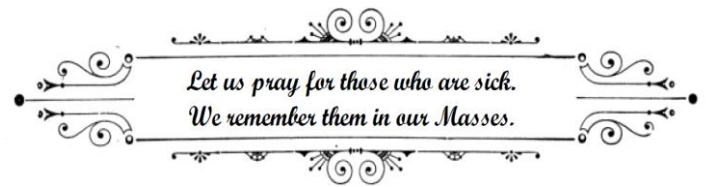
Protocols for entering Church

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.



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Stephen Gorst, Leo Williams, Naomi Slater, Rudi Weiss, Joseph Myatt, Rita Riddle, Isabella Backhaus, Gwendoline White, Sheila Marshall, James Patterson, Dolly Munoz, Queenie Solomonsz Mary Mules, Maria Pedic, Thomas Pinner, Czeslaw Kowalski, Dianne Fraser, Wallace Johnson, Darryl Bremer, Frank Sculthorpe, Debra Niquet, Donald Briggs, Domatilla Mallia, Valentini Vratavic, Therese Van Der Vliet, Carol Thompson, Betty Coughlin, Daniel Keneally, Bernard Coughlin, Jillian McInerney, Adrina Dudok, June Traynor, Mathilde Clemence, Diane Eccles, Nola Faulkner.

Blessing of Ministers - 25/26 July

Parishioners who have volunteered for any ministry on the Time and Talent form will be blessed and commissioned during the mass next weekend.

SJACare



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.

BELCONNEN YOUTH

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in Years 7 to 12

First and Third Sundays
after the 6:00pm Mass

Returning - 2 August

This group is a way for young people to learn about the church and deepen their faith together. Contact Eoin.Garton@cg.org.au;

Taizé with Eucharistic Adoration First Friday Monthly

7:30pm – 8:30pm – 7th August.

Everybody is welcome and encouraged to come along to spend time with our



“Be on earth the Heart of God”

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	1st 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	3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4th 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	3rd 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:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Readings – 26 July 2020

First Reading	1 Kgs 3:5,7-12
Psalm	Ps 118:57,72,76-77, 127-130
Second Reading	Rom 8:28-30
Gospel	Matthew 44-52

26 July Reading Roster

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Joe Ots
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Ann Reynolds, Colleen Reed
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

26 July Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Margaret McMahon, John Drury
8:30am	Ted Kell, Agnes Pham
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Ruth Blackwell
6:00pm	James Cox, Toni Cox, Matthew Garton

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	20 July	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	25 July	David Pigram, Mike Lavis Matthew Garton,

Church Cleaning:	20 July	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams
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On a Lighter note

