

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26 July 2020

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Reflection

You are God's Treasure

If we believe in heaven and free will, it has to be logically true that hell exists and that, consistent with some people's free, knowing and serious rejection of God and of love all their lives, these choices will destine decisions made for, and by, them in the next world as well.

There are two major differences, between how we used to speak about heaven and hell and what we say now. Just as we know the treasure hidden in the field or the pearl of great price are metaphors for heaven, rich and wonderful ones at that, they remain images that enable us to grasp an unimaginable concept. So it is with hell. How can we imagine life without love and God? We have learnt that our guidebook regarding hell needs to be more circumscribed about what that destination or state of being holds. All we can confidently say is that hell is non-God.

The second change is that we are more careful about being so confident in regard to who is going there. Jesus tells us that God wants all humanity to be saved. We can't take that seriously and then have people slip into hell for a small infringement of the rules.

If we read today's Gospel in a different way, it can be a commentary on what God has done for us. Humanity can be seen as the treasure in the field that God has sold everything to own. We are the pearl of great price that God has moved heaven and earth to possess and we are the fish caught up in the net of God's love.

Our God is the one who became one like us, in Jesus the Lord, so that we might know, love and serve him. That's what today's Gospel is all about.

Resource 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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School of Religion

Classes will resume on
Sunday 2 August - 9:15am
in the Parish Centre.

For more information, please
contact the parish office.



Heaven

Heaven is the coming together of every possible joy. Supreme happiness of the mind: we shall see God in himself and in his creatures; they will appear so beautiful, so glorious, so perfect, that nothing in this world can give us an idea of it.

Supreme happiness of the heart: we shall love God with indescribable love. With God, in God and for God, we shall love all his works, especially his elect, the angels and the saints.

God is infinite, inexhaustible, he can give of himself forever without impoverishing himself. Since he is infinitely good, that is what he wants to do forever. Forever! We should meditate on that word: the eternity of heaven.

Jules Chevalier msc
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 360. Paris 1900

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

Stewardship

The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. Today's readings show us the critical importance of recognizing the kingdom of heaven in our midst and prioritizing our lives in order to obtain it. In today's gospel passage the kingdom of heaven is somewhat "hidden." We must intentionally search for it amidst the noise of the world that bombards us. We need wisdom to recognize it. Yet, our Lord reminds us that His kingdom is meant for everyone and He wants us to find it! He says, "It is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind."

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.

[Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com](http://TheCatholicSteward.com)

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Sacrament of Penance

Please 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.

Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross

[Mary Mackillop] 8th August

Our parish will celebrate this feast with mass on Saturday 8th August 10:00am.

Mary and her sisters shared the life of the poor, offering special care to destitute women and children.

"Pray to be ever ready for God's will, even when it takes you by surprise"

The TryBooking link has been sent out.

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.

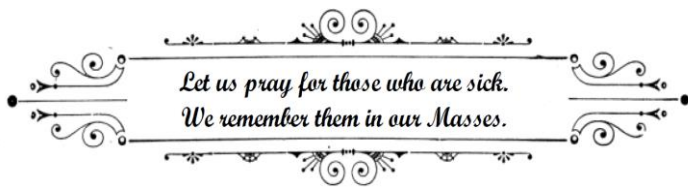
Weekend Mass Attendance

The number of parishioners returning to weekend Masses is increasing.

If you have booked to attend and are not in attendance at the commencement of mass, your place may be allocated to someone who is waiting to attend.

READERS NEEDED

We are still looking for new readers for some of our Sunday Masses. If you feel called to serve in this ministry please let us know. You will be well supported with training and ongoing contact. If you are 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 and Church

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. Contact the parish office for more information.

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

Recently Deceased: Denis Kenny,
[brother of Judy Kenny]

Anniversary: 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,
Andrew Kenna, John Connelly, Merle Maloney,
Benito Berces, Caleb Heddle, Marie Uhr,
Evelyn Guy, Lorraine Rickard, Denes Bogsanyi,
Edward Carr, Christine Robinson, Basil Smith,
Maryte Puzas, Joan Hafner.

Feast of The Assumption of Mary Saturday 15 August

Masses will be celebrated **at 10:00am**.

Along with Christmas Day, the Feast of the Assumption is the only day of obligation in the liturgical calendar (apart from Sundays).

The TryBooking link will be sent out next week.

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

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.

National Men's Gathering 15 August 2020

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now an online event for registered participants. The program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

Registration: Available from Monday 29th June
Go to: bit.ly/cm2020event

Young Adults Spring Ball – 9 October 2020

Canberra Catholic Students and Young Professionals have been working on a Spring Ball at the Albert Hall, Canberra.

With the unfolding COVID-19 situation, the date may have to be moved, but if you register your interest here before the end of July <https://cgcatholic.org.au/canberraspringball/> you will be updated on any change of details. For more information visit the Canberra Spring Ball event page on Facebook or contact Belle Joseph on 0412 689 976

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:

Lord, I love your commands.

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 – 2 August 2020

First Reading	Is 55:1-3
Psalm	Ps 144:8-9,15-18
Second Reading	Rom 8:35, 37-39
Gospel	Matthew 14:13-21

2 August Reading Roster

5:00pm	Mick Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O'Heir, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Frank Colley, Libby Kain
6:00pm	YOUTH

2 August Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Judy Netting, Helen Kennedy
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Priscilla Dryden
6:00pm	YOUTH

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	27 July	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	1 August	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	27 July	Joseph Le Van Hai Sam Van Nguyen

On a Lighter note



That's just my security blanket!