

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**2 August 2020**

**Year A**  
**#36.20**

## Reflection

### Abundance & God's Providence

Nothing, and no one, can separate us from God's love. When we feel separated from God we may have walked away from him, usually through destructive behaviour that sets up and maintains distance between us and the source of our faith, hope and love.

Today's gospel story of the loaves and fish is all about the *plenty* of God's kingdom, the abundance of God's goodness.

Too often we focus on the miracle of transformation that occurs in Matthew's Gospel when all he tells about the actual miracle is that Jesus 'breaks and shares'. Matthew is more interested in the leftovers than he is in the miracle itself. From five loaves and two fish we are told twelve baskets of scraps are left over.

For us today this story also has consoling resonance. Matthew is telling us that Jesus sees our need, does not turn us away, comes to where we are, as we are, and recreates us through the abundance of his love, so we can be signs of His kingdom in the world.

It's all about abundance. Our God has abundantly provided for us so that we can abundantly provide for all the world which is given into our care. 'Those to whom much is given, much is required.' The problem is that when we look around we see that while some of us have so much, others have nothing at all.

If this reality doesn't move us to a change of heart and right action then we have not understood the story of the loaves and the fish, that God's goodness is never intended for a select few.

Sometimes people look at the poverty in the world and think, 'How could God allow that?' This question can cause us to feel distant from God, but in light of what God has given us and our ability to share from this abundance, when we think like and feel like this, guess who has moved away from whom?

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

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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

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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 Sacred Heart & The Eucharist

By his incarnation, the Son of God gave himself to the world. He appeared among us with a heart full of compassion, love and mercy.

Impelled by his Heart, burning with love for us he will institute a sacrament in which he will be really, substantially present until the end of the ages.

The Eucharist is the centre of the Sacraments that communicate to us the power of our redemption. It is a mysterious abyss where resides the source of all graces.

It is the pledge of our resurrection and of our glorification in heaven. It is the glory of the Church, the profound symbol and active centre of its unity.

The holy Eucharist is the masterpiece and the ultimate limit of the love of the Heart of Jesus for us. It comes from this Heart like a river from its source.

Jules Chevalier msc  
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p. 214f Paris 1900)

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

## Stewardship

Today's readings should inspire the Christian steward with deepened gratitude to our God who loves us with such fierce and tender love. We must make an intentional response every day to return love for Love.

In this passage we see Jesus generous and compassionate love for the people. He remains with them, ministering to and teaching them well into the evening. To feed their hunger he provides the miraculous abundance of food out of the few loaves and fishes the disciples could round up.

What a privilege for those disciples to participate in Christ's miraculous plan for His people. This privilege is ours, too, as Christian stewards. Let us make a grateful response to such amazing love.

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

## Parish News.....

### School of Religion

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

For more information, 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**

### Our next gathering - 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](mailto:Eoin.Garton@cg.org.au)

*RCIA will re-commence on  
Tuesday 11 August.*

*Please continue to keep our  
RCIA candidates; Louise Bulfin,  
Iain Forsyth, Rebecca Neiberding  
& Jennifer Wheatley, in your prayers.*



### Taizé with Eucharistic Adoration First Friday Monthly

**7:30pm – 8:30pm – 7 August.**

Everybody is welcome and encouraged to come along to spend time with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving to refresh our souls. There will be periods of reflective music (Taizé) and silent adoration.



### Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 17 August  
7:15pm Parish Library



SJA Men's Group  
Meeting Monthly  
6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Next gathering: Friday 21 August**

**St John the Apostle Parish Centre**



## MY VOICE

My Voice seeks to realise the Archdiocesan three year vision for youth: belong, believe and become. It involves children in articulating their rights and responsibilities within the Church. The project is designed for students in Years 4 to 7. If you would like to participate in the survey, go to: [cg youth.org.au/myvoice](http://cg youth.org.au/myvoice) or email [youth@cg.org.au](mailto:youth@cg.org.au) for more information.

### Laudato Si, Pope Francis' letter "On Care for Our Common Home"

Commencing August/September an ecumenical group of participants will look together each fortnight at *Laudato Si, Pope Francis' letter "On Care for Our Common Home"*. You can register interest in obtaining further information in taking part at [BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au](mailto:BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au) or 0428-625-110.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> June** Go to: [bit.ly/cm2020event](http://bit.ly/cm2020event)

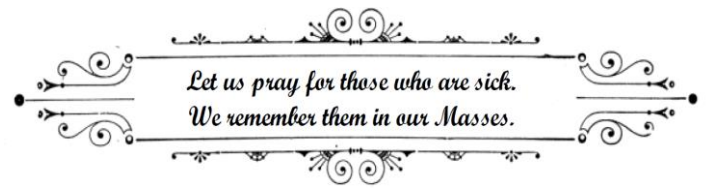
### Feast of The Assumption of Mary Saturday 15 August

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). <https://www.trybooking.com/BKOYA>

### COVID-19 Protocols and Church

For more information:

Poster in the foyer or go to our webpage - [www.stjohnkippax.org.au](http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au)



### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Andrew Kenna, John Connelly, Merle Maloney, Benito Berces, Caleb Heddle, Marie-Louise Uhr, Evelyn Guy, Lorraine Rickard, Denes Bogsanyi, Edward Carr, Christine Robinson, Basil Smith, Maryte Puzas, Joan Hafner, Michael Cizek, Leonard Hill, Keith Jobling, Joyce Olive, Donald Telford, Bona Duffy, Lindsay Guest, Adam Markham, Wesley Perceval, Arthur O'Callaghan, Margaret Cole, Alfred Clynych, Manning Hoy, Dominic Pham, Maria Van Rooy



*To Maureen Craddock and Norma Sloan who baked cupcakes for the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Penance on Thursday night.*

**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](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au). KIT monthly for July has been sent out. Next issue - 31 August.

### Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross

[Mary Mackillop] 8<sup>th</sup> 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"*

<https://www.trybooking.com/BK0XX>

### 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.

**"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 4:00pm – 4:30pm
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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
He answers all our needs.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
But on every word that comes from  
the mouth of God  
Alleluia!

## Readings –9 August 2020

First Reading	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a
Psalm	Ps 84:9-14
Second Reading	Rom 9:1-5
Gospel	Matthew 22-33

## 9 August Reading Roster

5:00pm	Mary French, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Mariana Rollgejser
10:00am	Erin Trevaskis, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, VACANT

## 9 August Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Margaret Conlon, Marian England, Robert Greig, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Brian Green, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh, Peter Polkinghorne, Fay Stephenson
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Frank Colley, Margaret Gill
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Margaret Curry, Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck

## 9 August Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	3 Aug	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	8 Aug	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard

Church Cleaning:	3 Aug	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne
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## On a Lighter note

I came across a broken escalator the  
other day  
All I could do was stair.