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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 August 2020

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Reflection

Some days we walk on water – some days we sink like a stone

Faith has its ups and downs: We see this, almost pictorially illustrated, in the incident of Peter walking on the water. Initially his faith feels strong and he confidently steps onto the sea and begins to walk. But, almost immediately upon realizing what he was doing, he starts to sink. Our own faith works exactly like that, at times it lets us walk on water and at other times we sink like a stone.

Faith works best when we don't confuse it with our own efforts. For example, Donald Nichol, in his book, *Holiness*, shares a story of a British missionary working in Africa. At one point, early on in his stay there, the missionary was called upon to mediate a dispute between two tribes. He had no preparation for this, was naïve, and totally out of his depth. But he gave himself over to the task in faith and, surprisingly, reconciled the two tribes. Afterwards, buoyed by this success, he began to fancy himself as mediator and began to present himself as an arbiter of disputes. But now, however, his efforts were invariably unhelpful. Here's the irony: when he didn't know what he was doing, but trusted solely in God, he was able to walk on water; as soon as he began to wrap himself in the process, he sank like a stone. Faith works like that: We can walk on water only as long as we don't think that we are doing it with our own strength.

When Peter starts to sink he cries out to Jesus for help. The cry of Peter is one that each of us feels the need to cry out at some stage in our life. Jesus trusted Peter's ability to walk to him on the water; otherwise he would not have called Peter to do so. It is Peter who doubts himself. In this moment of realising that he can't do it alone, he calls out to Jesus. One of the enduring images of Jesus is as the one who saves – the Saviour. When the realisation eventually comes to each of us that we can't do it all alone, we need only call on the one who saves.

Resources used: *Walking on Water and Sinking Like a Stone*, by Ronald Rolheiser OMI & *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 Leaving Collection

*A leaving collection will be held on
the weekend of 22-23 August.*



Donations can also be made online at
<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub>

Parish News.....

CANDIDATES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we will not have presentation masses for the children preparing for the Sacraments.

However, this year the children's prayer cards are on a table in the foyer. If you would like to pray for a child, please take a prayer card and record your name against the child's name on the list. Above the table is a display of the candidate's photos so you will know who you are praying for. We, in turn, will let the candidates know who is praying for them.



The SJABookClub is returning! Please bring along for discussion, your favourite read.

All Welcome

St Johns Library – 16 August 3:00pm

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 - 16 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

School of Religion

Classes have resumed

Sunday's 9:15am in the Parish Centre.

For more information, please contact the parish office.

Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 17 August
7:15pm Parish Library



"Be on earth the Heart of God"

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>



Holy Communion

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 or 0428-625-110.

COVID-19 Protocols and Church

For more information:

Poster in the foyer or go to our webpage -

www.stjohnkippax.org.au



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: cgyouth.org.au/myvoice or email youth@cg.org.au for more information.

"Christ-like Leadership"

CCR presents a 2 day seminar with Joe and Julie Chircop from the Servants of Jesus Community.

Where: St Benedicts Church Narrabundah

When: Friday 21 August 5:30pm - 9pm &
Saturday 22 August 9am - 4pm.

Come and learn about Jesus' way of servant leadership! All welcome! Free with collections taken to cover costs. Soup supper available on Fri night, Bring your own Lunch on Saturday. To register call Neda 0415 266 019 or Maida 0423 658 326 or online www.ccract.org.au

Heart Spirituality

The depths of the Heart of Jesus

O Jesus, I believe you when you show your adorable Heart and say:
Behold this heart that has so loved you all!
Yes, I believe you, when you affirm with the Church and the saints that what you feel comes from your Heart, the centre of your love, the inspirer of your self-giving, the throne of your mercy, the treasure of heaven and of earth, the abyss of all virtues, an ocean of goodness, a fountain of life, the source of all graces, the refuge of sinners, the strength of the weak, the perseverance of the just, the hope of the dying, the terror of demons, the sanctification of hearts, the house of God and the gate of heaven and a furnace of love.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p. 194 Paris 1900)

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

Stewardship

Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition of the simple fact that all we have is a gift from God.

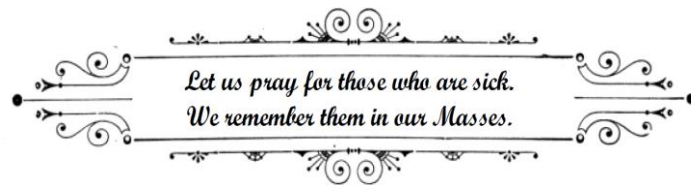
We must always remember that our wonderfully-mysterious God sometimes comes into our lives in the most unexpected ways. Do we stay alert and sensitive to God's presence to receive the instruction and the countless gifts God is always sending us?

It is all too easy to fail to recognize His presence and gifts in our lives. Taking things for granted — friends, family, material gifts, even God Himself — seems to be part of our human condition.

Our family, our friends, our work, our parish — all these things are gifts from God. When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all is a gift from Him, we lose trust in Him, and we do not live out our lives as a grateful response to Him.

When we embrace the stewardship way of life and let go of the tight hold over our money, time and talents, our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us.

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Michael Cizek, Leonard Hill, Keith Jobling, Joyce Olive, Donald Telford, Bona Duffy, Lindsay Guest, Adam Markham, Arthur O'Callaghan, Wesley Perceval, Margaret Cole, Alfred Clynch, Manning Hoy, Dominic Pham, Maria Van Rooy, Indianna Forth, Norman Pentland, Phillip Doran, Denise Smith, Leslie Ferry, Ray Allen, George Brettell, Horst Lawatsch, James Marlor, Iris Schofield, Zenona Skiba, Emily Jacob, William Smith, John Ray

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

The Refugee Advice and Casework Service will present a special film screening of the Australian documentary, **Rosemary's Way**, with all ticket sales supporting RACS' Women at Risk program.

The documentary follows Rosemary Kariuki, a Multicultural Community Liason officer in Western Sydney, who reaches out to isolated migrant and refugee women over the course of a year. We hear their stories, witness their courage, and see them find their voices and confidence in this country - their new home.

Rosemary's Way film screening -

View anytime at home between Monday - Thursday, 10 August - 13 August 2020. Then join a Virtual Q&A and Live Panel Discussion Thursday 13 August at 7.30 - 8.30pm.

When purchasing your ticket, you will receive a private link to watch the documentary anytime between 10-13 August, plus the link to join the live Q&A on 13 August. Tickets can be obtained at

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/film-screening-and-live-qa-rosemarys-way-tickets-114840605342>

Women's Reflection Afternoon,

Saturday 29th August – 2:00pm -4:30pm livestreamed to all corners of the Archdiocese Gather with friends at home or in the parish, wherever you have internet access. Connect with women from Lake Cargelligo to Pambula to hear inspiring talks and participate in short guided prayer experiences. Hosted by the Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce. Register at www.bit.ly/WomensReflectionAfternoon Enquiries email catholic.women@cg.org.au or ring/text Lara on 0429 192 869

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 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, show us your mercy and love,
And grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Readings – 16 August 2020

First Reading	Is 56:1.6-7
Psalm	Ps 66:2-3, 5-6
Second Reading	Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel	Matthew 15:21-28

16 August Reading Roster

5:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30am	Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Terry Fewtrell, Matthew Garton

16 August Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	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 and Anthony Jayawardena

16 August Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	
8:30am	Clyde and Norma Sloan
10:00am	
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	10 Aug	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	15 Aug	VACANT

Church Cleaning:	10 Aug	VACANT
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On a Lighter note

