

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
16 August 2020

Year A
#38.20

Reflection

A persistent voice is heard

The Syro-Phoenician woman considers herself cursed for having a daughter who is tormented by a demon. It is very unlikely that her daughter is possessed by the devil. She probably had a chronic illness that could not be cured. Furthermore, the woman is also considered cursed by others because she is a Gentile, a non-Jew. In fact this story is unsettling and rather unflattering to Jesus on several levels.

Because of her ethnicity and religion the disciples do not think she should ask for anything from Jesus. He seems to concur with them. If it wasn't for the woman's courage and persistence, she would never have got what she wanted. And by Jesus referring to them as dogs, he seems to agree with the contempt with which the Jews held the Gentiles.

It is the woman's quick wit and faith which turns the situation around. She domesticates the racial slur and argues that if she is to be considered a dog she is not a wild one but of the house variety where she should be able to enjoy the leftovers. The power of her insight and the rightness of her cause catches Jesus off-guard, her daughter is healed and everyone is taught a lesson about how the Kingdom of God breaks through in the most extraordinary ways.

This story also tells us of the power of intercessory prayer. The woman goes through her ordeal not for herself but for her daughter. Her faith in Jesus is the vehicle by which someone else's life is enriched. As Christians many of us regularly tell others, whom we know are in need, that we will pray for them.

Through intercessory prayer, we can forget about ourselves and our needs for a while and ask for the needs of someone else. We can learn a lot about a parish from its prayers of intercession.

The best prayer reminds us that we have to get down and get dirty and work to raise up all of God's children to the places of honour which everyone deserves.

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 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.....



KIT – August Edition

will be sent out on Friday 28 August. Tell us your stories.

We haven't had any submissions thus far. How is life different for you? KIT is the parishioner's forum – without your contributions it will not exist. Please send them in to the parish office by 25 August. Thank you – kippax@cg.org.au.



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.

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly

6:00pm – 8:00pm

For more informatin contact the parish office.

Next gathering: Friday 21 August

St John the Apostle Parish Centre



Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 17 August

7:15pm Parish Library



First Holy Communion

Please pray for the 32 children from the parish who are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist.



Due to COVID-19 restriction to numbers in our church, the First Holy Communion Masses will be attended by family only. Thank you for your understanding.

Over 45's is returning !

We will meet on **Wednesday**

26 August for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre.

Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Due to COVID-19 we are restricted in numbers. It is essential you register with Margaret on 6254 4048

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

A male year 12 student at a local Catholic College is looking for accommodation from now until early December. Please phone Parish Office for more details.

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.

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

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

As soon as the Heart of Mary was formed,
the Blessed Trinity took delight in it.

After the Heart of Jesus,
They made it the masterpiece of creation,
and enriched it with every grace.

This abundance of grace did not lie
barren in the Heart of Mary.

Through her faithful response she made it
bear fruit minute by minute,
from the first moment of her existence
until her blessed death.

It the angel called her full of grace
on the day of the Incarnation, before she
had become the Mother of God,
what expression will he use at the end of
her life to denote all the treasures her
Heart contains?

To us also grace is given in abundance.

Do we profit from it?

Let us take great pains to respond to it
faithfully.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Meditations II, p. 668f. Issoudun 1891)

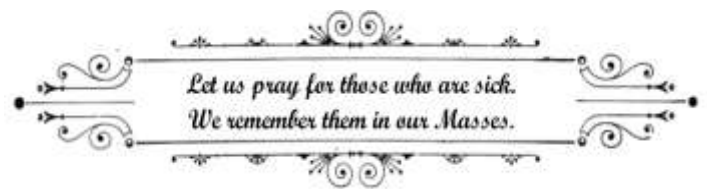
**May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
everywhere loved.....forever!**

Stewardship

God wants to lead us to the joy of heaven
to spend eternity with Him. For that, we
must live in faithful relationship with God
and live our lives as an act of love and
gratitude. In other words, we must allow
God to transform us into saints. This is
what the stewardship way of life is meant
to do. Sometimes, that will feel painful to
us. Often, it will be challenging.

The difficulties that come with the
stewardship way of life will some days
challenge our trust in God. But those are
the days when God is making saints of us.
Let's embrace the hard days during these
difficult times. Live in hope of the eternal
reward God promises and glory in the
deep joy that eventually comes.

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com



Recently Deceased: Paul Harries,
Lidia De Montis

Anniversary: Indianna Forth, Phillip Doran,
Norman Pentland, Denise Smith, Leslie Ferry,
Ray Allen, George Brettell, Horst Lawatsch,
James Marlor, Iris Schofield, Zenona Skiba,
Emily Jacob, William Smith, John Ray, Joseph Zuk,
Ronald Ryan, Alfred Niquet, Dorothy Hornick,
Majorie Carew, Edmund Kennedy, Alexander Aikman,
Hedwig Von Straaten, Winifred Bridges, Anna Yoo,
Joseph Weinheber, Andres Munoz, Tere Fearon,
Bill Fearon, Sheila Dignam

COVID-19 Protocols and Church

For more information:

Poster in the foyer or go to our webpage -

www.stjohnkippax.org.au

Women's Retreat Day

Date: 22 – August

Time: 9.00am and concluding with dinner

Location: St Thomas the Apostle Parish
Kambah, ACT 2902

The retreat is based on St Catherine of Siena's
words "Be who you are meant to be and you will
set the world on fire". This event is both an in-
person event and available online.

For more information please contact
mgl sisters@gmail.com.

"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.**

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

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.



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:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Readings – 23 August 2020

First Reading	Is 22:1-23
Psalm	Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8
Second Reading	Rom 11:33-36
Gospel	Matthew 16:13-20

23 August 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

23 August Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	John Drury
8:30am	Ted Kell, Agnes Pham
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Ruth Blackwell
6:00pm	James Cox, Matthew Garton, Priscilla Gonsalves-Momi

23 August Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	
8:30am	Fay Stephenson
10:00am	
6:00pm	Christine Lacaster

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	17 Aug	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	22 Aug	Matthew Garton, David Pigram, Mike Lavis

Church Cleaning:	17 Aug	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams
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On a Lighter note

