

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
23 August 2020

Year A
#39.20

Reflection

Am I another Jesus to those I meet?

The question in today's Gospel: 'Who do you say that I am?', is an integral question for our lives. The disciples, reflecting on their experiences with Jesus, offer various possibilities, but it is Peter who says that Jesus is the revelation of God for the world. This is the great profession of faith and the basis on which the Church comes into being.

At some point, if we want our faith to move from being a code of law, a concept, or some excellent ideas to something we can experience, we must take the faith of the Church, which has nurtured us up to now, and make it our own. In doing so, when we encounter Christ, we contribute to the re-founding of the Church in our generation.

Just being part of the 'Catholic crowd' is hardly the challenge Jesus presents to the disciples in today's Gospel. We are commissioned like the disciples to bear witness to Christ's personal love in the workplace, with our friends and in our families.

It's always helpful to be reminded that we might be the only face of Catholicism, or even Christianity, that another person may encounter. The way in which we bind them up or set them free might be the measure by which they judge if the Church is the face of Christ in today's world and whether they could find a home with us.

And it all hinges on that great question which is asked of each of us today: 'Who do you say that I am?' How we answer this question reveals so much, including whether Christ is an idea we like, or the object of our passion.

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Does everyone who sees me, see also the God who revealed himself in Jesus? Am I another Jesus to those I meet? Do they look at me and see Jesus? In the end, my answer to Jesus' question is reflected more in the life I live than in the words I utter.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ, at [LiturgyHelp & Reflection](#), by Frances Hayes, at [God's Word, Daily Reflections 2020](#).

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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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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 -
6 September**

This group is a way for young people to learn about the church and deepen their faith together. Contact

Eoin.Garton@cg.org.au

Parish News.....

Taizé with Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday Monthly
7:30pm – 8:30pm – 4 September.



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.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Vinnies Winter Appeal
Leaving Collection this weekend

Vinnies
changes
lives
everyday.

Show your support and
give to our annual appeal

Donations can also be made online at
<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub>
or by calling 13 18 12.



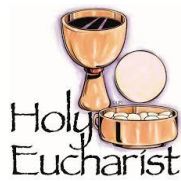
KIT – August Edition

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

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 – Cancelled **Due to lack of response**

The meeting set for **Wednesday**
26 August is now cancelled. Please contact Margaret for more information

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.

National Child Protection Week
6 – 12 September 2020
Celebrating 30 years with the theme
“Putting children first”

KEEPING CHILDREN
SAFE AND WELL
IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

**Together we can
help every child thrive**

We can all...

...speak up if we see something that is
not safe for children

...talk respectfully with children and value
and act on their ideas

...help children thrive by supporting
families

...create places where children feel
safe to live, play and learn

For more information about how to play your part, visit www.napcan.org.au

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
6th-12th September 2020

NAPCAN
www.napcan.org.au

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#puttingchildrenfirst

Heart Spirituality

Created in the likeness of God

The nature of a being is its likeness to God. Its nature is more or less perfect in so far as it more or less resembles God. In fact, it is impossible for a created being not to resemble God; for God is all. Not to resemble God in anything would mean not to exist.

How does God communicate to beings this likeness to himself? By that continual and intimate act called creation. I say *continual* for creation is not a passing act that ceases while the effect continues to exist.

Not at all! When a statue is finished, the sculptor can die, but his work remains.

But if God should cease to create, even merely for an instant, in that very instant the world would be no more. *"To be created means to be continually made by God. Conservation is continual creation"* [Augustine].

Jules Chevalier msc
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p. 281. Paris 1900.)

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

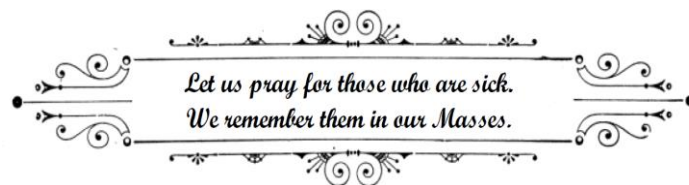
Stewardship

Jesus is getting personal with us today. He poses the same question to each one of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. Surely, we would not hesitate to answer just as Peter did, that Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God.

But do our lives truly reflect this answer? If we really believe that Christ is the Son of God, sent to save us from our sins and lead us to heaven, then we must say so — not just with words, but with our actions. Do my ambitions and priorities in life say that Christ is my Saviour and I am His disciple? Does my budget, my family life, my entertainment say so?

The gifts and blessings that God has given us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — are meant to be used in a manner that says "Christ is my Saviour and I am His disciple." The most eloquent praise we can offer Him is a life lived in grateful response to His unfathomable love. This is the beauty and power of a stewardship way of life.

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Joseph Zuk, Ronald Ryan, Alfred Niquet, Dorothy Hornick, Edmund Kennedy, Majorie Carew, Alexander Aikman, Winifred Bridges, Hedwig Von Straaten, Joseph Weinheber, Bill Fearon, Andres Munoz, Tere Fearon, Anna Yoo, Sheila Dignam, Antonia Mrsnik, Armando Cavuoto, Patrick Sheehan, Gladys Anderson, Virigina Matera, Melinda Davis, Annette Polak, Mary Huon Nguyen, William Wiegold, Philip Smith, Mary Telford, Gaye Walmsley, Susan O'Dwyer, Josephine Smith, Ralph Dunn, William Schofield, Dorothy Hush, Andre Domjan, Ivan Jones, Kathleen MacKay, Collin McEvoy, Anton Mrsnik.

Financial Services Support Officer

We are looking for an enthusiastic, systems minded candidate who has had some two years' experience with bookkeeping, payroll, BAS/GST and financial reporting, preferably using the accounting software MYOB. Applications close on **Monday 31 August 2020**. Please send your application to Matthew.Kelly@cg.org.au

Position Description:

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/position-vacant-financial-services-support-officer/>

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

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 7:30pm – 8:30pm
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, your love is eternal;
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter,
the rock on which I will build my Church;
The gates of hell will not hold out
against it.
Alleluia!

Readings –30 August 2020

First Reading	Jer 20:7-9
Psalm	Ps 62:2-6, 8-9
Second Reading	Rom 12:1-2
Gospel	Matthew 16:21-27

30 August Reading Roster

5:00pm	Paul McGrath, Fay Padarin
8:30am	Judith Deklin, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Nunga Umaru
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Margaret Luck

30 August Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	VACANT
8:30am	VACANT
10:00am	VACANT
6:00pm	VACANT

30 August Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Agnes Pham, Rob Breen
10:00am	VACANT
6:00pm	VACANT

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	24 Aug	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	29 Aug	All Groups

Church Cleaning:	24 Aug	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Nguyen
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On a Lighter note

What do you call a dinosaur that is sleeping?
A dino-snore!

What did the Dalmatian say after lunch?
That hit the spot!