

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
30 August 2020

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Reflection

We do not carry our crosses alone

At the morning parade in Dachau on 22nd July 1943, six prisoners were found to have escaped. Retribution was swift and brutal. Randomly selected, 12 people were hanged. As the other prisoners watched their 12 fellow inmates gasp for breath, someone in the crowd cried out, 'Where is God?' Silence descended on the yard. The 12 bodies were now in spasm, jerking and struggling for breath. As everyone watched, the voice came again, this time more urgently, 'Where is God now?' 'My God', another voice yelled back, 'My God is hanging there'.

This sort of faith is what today's Gospel is all about. Christianity is the only world religion that holds that God took our flesh, suffered, died and was raised to life.

We are invited, by Jesus, to see the burden of suffering in our lives as an opportunity to be faithful to his example. It also gives us an opportunity to be in solidarity with all those who suffer in our world. This is easier said than done. When we suffer in our daily lives, thoughts of others rarely come to mind easily, but it can be consoling to keep our suffering in context and know that we are not facing it alone.

We are encouraged to see that suffering can be an opportunity to grow in love. If we understand our crosses as our particular schools of love, then we learn more about ourselves and God and are able to help others carry their crosses as well.

And while we are invited to take up our cross and follow Jesus, we never do it alone. If we have the eyes to see it and the humility to accept it, Christ, literally, hangs in there with us every step of the way.

Resources used: Homily, by Richard Leonard SJ at LiturgyHelp.com.

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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



First Holy Communion



We congratulate the children who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on Wednesday and Thursday nights. We pray that their desire for Jesus will always be in their hearts.

KIT for August was sent out on Friday 28th. If you did not receive the email please contact the parish office.

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.

Support of the Church in the Holy Land 13 – September

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world the date for the collection has been moved.

The collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land and keep them in your prayers.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Vinnies COVID-19 Winter Appeal

Thanks for generous support to our Appeal last weekend. The \$2451 donated will make a difference in the lives of many people in our local community over coming months. Many thanks.

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

TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL



Mental Health
in Australia Today

“What does your mental health mean to you?”

It can mean different things to different people and our views about it can change as we progress through life. The World Health Organisation defines mental health as:

“Our challenge is to accompany people from the margins into a journey towards the fullness of life and love. We are meant to be in the coalface, in the messiness of it all and at the same time in fidelity to the Gospel... Like Christ in his ministry among the sick and the lost, we are called to meet God in the most unlikely people and places. We, too, must be in that frontier space.”

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/07/03/social-justice-statement-2020-21/>

National Child Protection Week 6 – 12 September 2020

**Celebrating 30 years with the theme
“Putting children first”**



**BEING NEIGHBOURLY
IS GOOD FOR CHILDREN
AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

See the posters in the foyer.

For more information: www.napcan.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

Let's be honest. If we are striving to live the stewardship way of life, it's not going to be easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough. It's the work of a lifetime. But in the end, it's the only work that really matters and the only life that truly satisfies.

Jesus loved (and loves) us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His Word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. And so we must choose: love of self, or love of God and others — which is tough, but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven.

Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be?

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com

Let us pray for those who are sick.
We remember them in our Masses.

Recently Deceased:

Dame Mary Scholtens

Anniversary: 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, Sonia Mewburn, Andrew Jeffers, Wesley Dunn, Patrick Whittle, Joseph Boyd, John Grannall, Michelle Brewer, Alvaro del Busto, Christopher Halloran, Elizabeth Murray, Des Kiley, Sheila Whigham, Giuseppe Scalora, John O'Neill, Leslie Collins, Joan Larkham, Jennifer Kenny, Alice Gibb, Taya Quade, Marie Happ.



SEASON OF CREATION

Jubilee for the Earth

This year, the theme for the season is “Jubilee for the Earth”. We invite you to consider the integral relationship between rest for the Earth and ecological, economic, social and political ways of living. This particular year, the need for just and sustainable systems has been revealed by the far-reaching effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic. We yearn for the moral imagination that accompanies the Jubilee.

September 1st - 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Season Of Creation Global Ecumenical Online Prayer Service

<https://gcm.controlshift.app/events/season-of-creation-global-ecumenical-online-prayer-service>

September 2nd - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Season Of Creation Webinar: A Just Transition For Asia Pacific And Oceania

<https://gcm.controlshift.app/events/season-of-creation-webinar-a-just-recovery-for-asia-pacific-and-oceania>

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 10:00am Parish Centre
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:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
Enlighten the eyes of our heart,
That we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Readings – 6 September 2020

First Reading	Ez 33:7-9
Psalm	Ps 94:1-2, 6-9
Second Reading	Rom 13:8-10
Gospel	Matthew 18:15-20

6 September Reading Roster

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

6 September Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Darren Maharj
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Priscilla Gonsalves
6:00pm	YOUTH

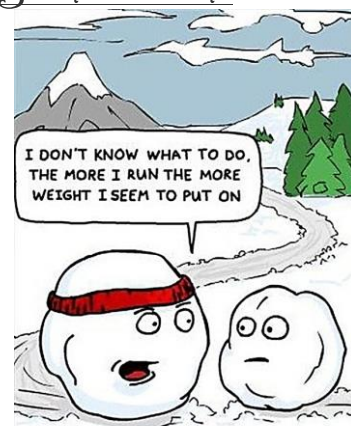
6 September Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	VACANT
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Judith O'Neill, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	YOUTH

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	31 Aug	Gabe Culhane
Grounds	5 Sept	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	31 Aug	Marian England, Sharon Greaves

On a Lighter note



<http://TheFunnyPlace.net>