

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**6 September 2020**

**Year A**  
**#41.20**

## Reflection

### Love of Neighbour love of self

‘What do you like best about yourself?’

This question cuts to the heart of both today’s second reading and Gospel. ‘You must love your neighbour as you love yourself.’ We cannot say in the same breath, ‘I hate myself, but I am a good Christian.’ For St Paul, love of self was not indulgent, but the cornerstone of our mission to love as Jesus loves us. Paul knew the difference between self-love and self-adoration. Our love of God is expressed in the healthy and appropriate esteem we have for ourselves.

We are loved sinners. St Ignatius Loyola who in the Spiritual Exercises saw that it was precisely as sinners that God loves us. He saw that one of the greatest gifts the Lord can give us is when we see our sinfulness for what it is, but are not overwhelmed by it, and that we experience the power of God’s love for us who calls us to walk as children of the light.

Jesus in today’s Gospel attends to the destructive side of our human nature. Jesus teaches us that those who do not love their neighbour as they should, are to be treated with dignity and respect and offered every opportunity to seek forgiveness until it is clear they can no longer be a part of the Christian family.

The challenge and hallmark of the Christian life is the way in which we live out God’s love and forgiveness. And, although the Christian community should be the last group to exclude anyone, even we have to have our boundaries. Sometimes this involves holding others to account for what they say and do, especially if they claim to be a follower of Christ. The love and forgiveness of God does not mean that ‘anything goes’. It is a love that calls for constant conversion. We can witness to it only to the degree that we have experienced it, from God, from others, and in the way we love and forgive ourselves.

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

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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](mailto:Eoin.Garton@cg.org.au)

## Parish News.....



### CANDIDATES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The children of the parish have started their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 29/30 October 2020.

Next weekend the children's prayer cards will be 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.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

#### *Bless Every Father*

*Loving God, bless every father and everyone who has a fathering role with your*

*spiritual blessings today. Let him know he is not alone in the tasks you have given him to provide for and support those under his care. May you bless him today, on special days, and for all the days of his life. Amen*



#### **MSC MISSIONS**

We welcome Fr. Roger Purcell msc who will be in our parish next weekend 12/13 September.

There will be a collection for

**MSC Missions** after all masses.

#### SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly

6:00pm – 8:00pm



For more information contact the parish office.

Next gathering: Friday 18 September

St John the Apostle Parish Centre



#### **Pins & Needles Craft Group**

Monday 21 September

7:15pm Parish Library

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank you all for your love and support and messages of condolence on the death of my uncle, Arockia Samy. It has been a great comfort to me at this very sad time. Fr. Michael msc

### SJA BOOK CLUB

We encourage anyone interested in joining us to come along for a meeting.

**We are reading: *Foreign Correspondence* by Geraldine Brooks**

**St Johns Library – 20<sup>th</sup> September - 3:00pm**

### 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](http://www.napcan.org.au)

# Heart Spirituality

## Compassion

Our love of neighbour should be tenderhearted and compassionate. Let us not close our heart to pity, when along life's road we come across a person wounded by sorrow, bruised by ingratitude, calumny or sin, prostrate in the mud of a disorderly life, or a poor person lacking everything, or a needy family. Let us draw near to these unfortunate people, and do everything in our power to comfort them.

Do we conduct ourselves in this way?

Jules Chevalier msc  
(Meditations II, p. 259 Issoudun 1891)

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

## Stewardship

Today's readings are all about relationships. Among the many lessons we have learned from the global pandemic is the deep importance of the relationships and communities in our lives. Our families, neighbours, friends and parish family need us, and we need them to be our best selves.

Love is the overarching principle that guides us to be good stewards of our relationships and communities.

True love means seeking the good of the other. Sometimes, love requires us to speak up when it would be easier to remain silent — other times, love calls us to keep our mouths shut when we would prefer to "put someone in their place."

Christian stewards, God has designed us in such a way that we must help each other on the journey towards heaven. Let us take care to steward our relationships well.

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

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

**Recently Deceased:** Toni Clark,  
Arockia Samy (uncle of Fr. Michael)  
Barry Cormack (brother of Lyn Adamik),

**Anniversary:** 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, Susan Ferguson, Honoria Kelly, Kathleen Wiltshire, Cedric Pratt, Denise Busch, Mary Prosper, Raymond Free, Graham Ottewill, Robert Caskie, Pauline Jones, Therese Le, Don Nicol



## SEASON OF CREATION

[seasonofcreation.org](http://seasonofcreation.org)

### Jubilee for the Earth

***the natural environment has been gravely damaged by our irresponsible behaviour. ... The misuse of creation begins when we no longer recognize any higher instance than ourselves.***

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #6

#### LOCAL CULTURE

A 'bush', country or coastal background has helped forge the Australian culture and language, even for city dwellers. Poets capture these cultural characteristics. The forest, wilderness and oceans give images to express both the reality of place for Australians and common yearnings.

*I love a sunburnt country,  
A land of sweeping plains,  
Of rugged mountain ranges,  
Of droughts and flooding rains.*  
Dorothea Mackellar My Country

<http://www.dorotheamackellar.com.au/archive/mycountry.htm>



Laudato Si' Online Retreat:  
An Introductory Immersion  
12 Sep 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

<https://gccm.controlshift.app/events/laudato-si-retreat-an-introductory-immersion>

## 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 <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:

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God was in Christ,  
to reconcile the world to himself;  
And the Good News of reconciliation he  
has entrusted to us.  
Alleluia!

## Readings –13 September 2020

First Reading	Sir 24:30 – 28:7
Psalm	Ps 102:1-4, 9-123
Second Reading	Rom 14:7-9
Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35

## 13 September Reading Roster

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

## 13 September Ministers of Communion

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

## 13 September Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	7 Sept	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	12 Sept	Allan Laycock Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard

Church Cleaning:	7 Sept	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne
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## On a Lighter note

### CHESS PEACE

by Tony Sullivan



\*"Maybe you need to accept that you are just a pawn in the grand scheme of things!"