

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**13 September 2020**

**Year A**  
**#42.20**

## Reflection

### MSC Missions



In our first reading we have the grim words of vengeance, resentment, anger, hate, dissolution and death. All these things seem to ring true in our world today. However, the reading ends on a high note; "Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant ..." If we remember these and live by them, in the Spirit, we can overcome and live with all the rest. Our Psalm reminds us; "The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion."

Our MSC Mission Office aims to live by this kindness and mercy, to show the compassion of Jesus Christ. Many people are much worse off than we are, even in this difficult time of the pandemic. These people often lack water or the water is polluted or distant; they strive to find money for school fees and material; they lack health facilities; often our missionaries struggle with everyday needs and the demands of their pastoral work. On top of this they have the problems of Covid and Ebola. For social and cultural reasons, they live close together in extended families and villages, making pandemic preventative measures impossible.



Roger Purcell msc  
Director

Through our Projects we seek to assist them in all these areas of difficulty. We need your generous support to continue to carry this out. Our aim is to give a "hand up", not a "hand out", to enable people to have the opportunity of a better life.

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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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### The MSC Mission Office acts:

- by analysing the causes of injustice and poverty;
- by seeking remedies;
- through raising awareness and support



<https://australia.mscmission.org/donate>



**KIT** –

## September Edition

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 September. Thank you – [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au).

## Sacrament of Confirmation



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.

## 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**



Fr. Michael is on leave and will return at the end of the Month.

## 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**



## At the 10:00am mass Sunday 20 Sept

we will welcome into our community, Iain Forsyth, Rebecca Neiberding, Jennifer Wheatley, Louise Bulfin.

Iain and Jennifer will be fully initiated into the Body of Christ through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Rebecca and Louise will be received into our Catholic community through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. As they will have a number of their family and friends attending available spaces at this mass will be less than usual.

Would you please continue to pray for Iain, Rebecca, Jennifer and Louise as they embark on this life changing faith journey.

## TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Mental Health  
in Australia Today

*"What does your mental health mean to you?"*



### Social Justice Payer

*Jesus, you invite us all into the fullness of life. May we support one another to flourish in body, mind and spirit. Strengthen our commitment to ensure that nobody falls through gaps in our systems of care.*

*People called you mad. Help us to recognise you in those who suffer mental ill-health today. Show us how to eliminate stigmatisation of mental ill-health from our parishes, schools, communities and organisations.*

*You drew near to those who were suffering in body or mind. May we too feel your nearness when we struggle with mental health challenges. May we be one as members of Your Body.*

*You invite us to share in your ministry of love and true compassion. May we be empowered by your Spirit to reach out to all people in need. May we build communities of welcome and inclusion.*

**Amen**

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

# Heart Spirituality

## Harmony through reparation

The Son of God wants everyone to be associated in his work of reparation, so that there might be harmony between his Heart and ours.

The work of reparation did not stop on Calvary.

It continues on our altars. Jesus offers to his Father, in expiation for all the sins of the world, the same sacrifice he offered on the cross. His adorable Heart, through his death and resurrection, repairs unceasingly the offenses committed.

On the table of sacrifice or in the tabernacle, Jesus Christ utters a cry, not of vengeance or of justice, but of mercy and pardon.

Jules Chevalier msc  
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p. 217, Paris 1900.

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

## Stewardship

### Conversion of Heart

Today's readings call us to look inward to the state of our hearts, those aspects of ourselves that cannot quite be quantified or measured, but which are the deepest part of us — our thoughts and emotions.

As Christian stewards, we recognize that all we have and all that we are is gift from God, and we live our lives in a grateful response to such extravagant love. This calls for continuous conversion of heart. The practices of giving a portion of our time, our talents and our treasure are essential steps on the path to conversion. But they serve an even deeper purpose than helping us remember our good intentions. They open our minds and hearts to ever-deepening surrender to the Lord, who has given us every good thing.

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

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

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Susan Ferguson, Honoria Kelly, Kathleen Wiltshire, Cedric Pratt, Denise Busch, Mary Prosper, Raymond Free, Graham Ottewill, Robert Caskie, Pauline Jones, Therse Le, Don Nicol, Peter Hill, Allan Biggs, John Haley, Antonio Ahn, Frances Critchlow, Magdalen Ripszam, Jana Nassir, Bernard Roberts, Marijona Grybaitis, Luke White, Josephine Mulligan, Beryl Mannix, Aileen Antcliffe.



## SEASON OF CREATION

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

### Jubilee for the Earth

**recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change ... We need to experience a conversion, or change of heart**

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #218

## MYSTICISM

Combining the insights of ecology and scriptural scholarship helps reveal depths of spirituality in the Lord's Prayer. Vicky Balabanski writes that the Our Father is like a window into Christian living - its petitions are about bread, debt and our being put on trial. Earth is our focus if we believe all people and species need food; our overuse of Earth resources puts us into a debt which must be paid; un-serviceable loans and overdevelopment test nature's life support systems has the Planet charge us with abuse. The mysticism of the Our Father embraces Earth. *Readings from the Perspective of Earth p151, ed. N C Habel, 2000.*



### "Our Power" Documentary Screening

Our Power is an investigative documentary by Probe Productions, Inc. that digs into the socio-environmental, as well as the policy context of the Philippines' dependency on coal as a main source of energy, and how the industry affects our climate and the lives and future of every Filipino.

HOSTED BY Living Laudato Si' Philippines

Monday, September 14, 2020

3:00 PM HKT - 5:00 PM HKT

(Hong Kong Time is 2 hours behind Canberra Time)

## 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 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 <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:

The Lord is kind and merciful;  
Slow to anger and rich in compassion.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
Love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

## Readings –20 September 2020

First Reading	Is 55:6-9
Psalm	Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Second Reading	Phil 1:20-24, 27
Gospel	Matthew 20:1-16

## 20 September Reading Roster

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

## 20 September 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 Jayawardena, Anthony Dunicliff-Hagan

## 20 September Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	14 Sept	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	19 Sept	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	14 Sept	VACANT

## On a Lighter note



"You caught a virus from your computer and we had to erase your brain.  
I hope you've got a back-up copy!"