

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**20 September 2020**

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

## Reflection

### God's Generosity

In today's Gospel, in which the first labourers are paid the same wage as the afternoon workers, what the early birds didn't reckon on was that they could have come much later and got the same deal.

This story was important to the early Church because generations of Jews waited and longed for the Messiah and, like the first workers, they were the first to respond to the call of Jesus and to work in the field of his Kingdom. For some of the early Jewish-Christians, including St Peter, it came as a surprise that the Lord was calling Gentiles to the life and work of Jesus' Kingdom as well.

This story, is a wonderful commentary on how fickle we are and, luckily for us, how extraordinarily generous God is. What we see in ourselves and others is only a glimpse of what God is like. God is so much more: more loving; more forgiving; more compassionate; and more just.

And because God is so much greater than anything we could ask or imagine, we are constantly surprised at how he turns our expectations, our fears and predictions upside down. We constantly look for God in the big and spectacular and he comes to us poor, naked, sick, in prison and hungry. God speaks through the most surprising people at the most surprising times.

That's why those people who have decided that God can only work in certain ways, places, people, institutions and times so often end up at the end of the line when it comes to religious wisdom. God loves and guides the Church, but is not bound by it. God is busy about making sure those who might be last have a chance to come in first.

Rather than resent this, however, let's thank God for being bigger than we are and for being just to all of us, no matter when, or how, we get the Word.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ

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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 – 20 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)

## Funeral Notice

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of  
**Xavier Munoz**

Will be celebrated on 22 September -  
1:00pm

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax  
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Because attendance at funerals is restricted to 100 people, if you would like to attend Xavier's funeral you may book via TryBooking – link below.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BLPXM>

## KIT – The parishioners forum September Edition

Tell us your stories. We haven't had many 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).



## SJACare



*Supporting parishioners in our community*  
During this time of COVID-19 many parishioners are still staying safe at home. If you, or if you know of anyone who is staying at home due to the pandemic, or generally housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or a pastoral visit please contact the parish office.

### FOR SALE

Pride Pathfinder 10DX Scooter  
Solid Tyres. In Good Condition.  
Contact Kathy: 0473 767 877

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**



## 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.

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

Daylight Savings will commence at 2:00am on Sunday 4 October 2020.



Our Saturday Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm Starting 10 October 2020.

Confession will be moved to Saturday 5:00pm – 5:30pm

## Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Spring Plant Stall

Jamison Centre Thursday 24 September,  
8am - 4pm.

There will be a great variety of plants including succulents, natives, exotics, roses, geraniums, lilies, iris, shrubs, strappy plants and trees, to suit all conditions - hardy, ground cover, shade or heat loving, and indoor. To look after our planet please bring your own bags or use one of our recycled boxes. All funds raised will be used to purchase equipment for the care and comfort of public hospital patients.

For further information contact Jan on 0437790980

# Heart Spirituality

## Queen of Apostles

God hungers and thirst to give himself, and he does this especially by grace.

Mary's greatest need and deepest desire is to assist God's outpouring of himself, by communicating grace.

God is an infinitely abundant spring desiring only to pour out its water.

Mary is a blessed channel, desiring only to further this outpouring; and she wants this out of love for us.

Human beings are made to live the life of God; and so throughout our whole being there is this hunger for God that God alone can satisfy.

And so, what a need in Mary to give God to us and to give us to God!

This explains why she is the Queen of apostles.

After God, she is to the utmost of her being living love, living zeal.

Jules Chevalier msc

(Our Lady of the Sacred Heart p. 173)

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

## Stewardship

The Father has given us life, and then sent His only Son to die for us to free us from our sin "debts" and make eternal life with Him possible for us.

Like the servant in the parable, it is impossible to repay this debt. All we can do is thank God by giving Him our whole selves — our outward actions and our inner selves — and by treating our fellow debtors with the same compassion and forgiveness He has shown to us. In fact, Jesus rightfully and justly commands us to "forgive your brother from your heart."

What joy and freedom of heart we find in the stewardship way of life!

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

Let us pray for those who are sick.

We remember them in our Masses.

**Recently Deceased:** *Xavier Munoz Tony Patterson, brother of Fr. Bernie Patterson, From Fr. Tony Percy - Bishop Pat Power's sister Maria has passed away at age 76. Her husband Gordon and three children – Megan, Catherine and Rebecca – are very much in our prayers.*

**Anniversary:** Peter Hill, Allan Biggs, John Haley, Frances Critchlow, Antonio Ahn, Magdalen Ripszam, Marijona Grybaitis, Jana Nassir, Bernard Roberts, Josephine Mulligan, Luke White, Beryl Mannix, Aileen Antcliffe, James Sharah, Zoila Wait, Philip Hazell, Patrick Clarke, Lidia Torelli, Georgina Kukolic, Hok Tung, John Rate msc, Edmond Sarrah, Josephine Sciberras, Vic Puzas, Patricia Tyers, Antonia Prieto, Antonella D'Ambrosio, Victor Bitterman, Bernard Frederick Roberts



## SEASON OF CREATION

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

*Jubilee for the Earth*

*The Catechism firmly states that human power has limits and that "it is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly".*  
Pope Francis Laudato Si' #130

### CHAMPIONS AND SAINTS

History tells that on every continent when famine struck following climate changes it helped drive waves of people to migrate. Right into the 21st century, environmental migrations are causing huge social and economic upheaval. Faced with poverty, overpopulation, war, persecution, repression or drawn by hope filled visions, many forebears of Australians arrived in this land as migrants. In the 1880s Charoline Chisolm worked to find jobs for young migrants. Today the Pacific Calling Partnership helps lobby for people whose island homes are being swamped by rising sea levels.. <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/chisholmcaroline-1894> <http://www.erc.org.au/>

## 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:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
To listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 27 September 2020

First Reading	Ez 18:25-28
Psalm	Ps 24:4-9
Second Reading	Phil 2:1-11
Gospel	Matthew 21:28-32

## 27 September Reading Roster

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Joe Ots
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Ann Reynolds, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

## 27 September Ministers of Communion

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

## 27 September Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	21 Sept	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	26 Sept	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton

Church Cleaning:	21 Sept	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams
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## On a Lighter note

