

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**27 September 2020**

**Year A**  
**#44.20**

## Reflection

### The Christian walk and talk

The preaching of Jesus attracted all sorts of people who lived at the fringes of, or were oppressed by, Palestinian society. Jesus' message was especially attractive to them. Tensions among the huge variety of Jesus' disciples, between the rich and the poor, men and women, the Jews and Gentiles, the socially respectable and those with outrageous backgrounds continued after his death throughout the next decades, during which the Gospels were written.

It's hard for us to imagine what a diverse and scandalous group in many respects, the first fathers and mothers of our faith were seen to be. Imagine, if you will, the fuss that would still be created if the local bishop was seen constantly dining with women in prostitution, drug dealers or known terrorists. People would be outraged, but the bishop would be doing nothing short of following Jesus' example. This situation gives us a little insight into how affronted the Chief Priests and Pharisees were by Jesus and, in turn, by his disciples' behaviour.

For Jesus there was never a lost case, or a person beyond help. He didn't just spend time with the poor and broken of his society, but offered them a new way of life, an opportunity to start again and redemption from their destructive behaviour. He went to where they were, as they were.

The Christian walk and talk is meant to have a profound impact on our daily lives, our concerns, our priorities and compassion. So much so that if, over a period of time, what we celebrate here each Sunday makes no inroads into our family life and workplace, our professional life, our business practices and our relationships, then we should ask ourselves what we are doing here.

And, what's worse, we could even miss the on-going revelation of Christ's presence in the poor, weak and vulnerable of our own society. We constantly look for Christ in the spectacular and the wonderful and he comes to us in the least of our brother and sisters.

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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## PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE

### Labour Day Holiday

October 2020						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

The parish office will be  
closed on  
**Monday 5 October 2020**

## Parish News.....

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

## KIT – The parishioners forum September Edition

The September edition will be emailed out on Wednesday 30 September.



KIT is the parishioner's forum – without your contributions it will not exist.

Tell us your stories. How is life different for you? Please send them in to the parish office by

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

## MSC Missions

Please accept our sincere gratitude towards the parishioners for their wonderful generosity and support to the MSC Mission Office .

A total of \$2098.70 was raised.



## 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.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

*We continue to prayer for the candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 29 October / Friday 30 October.*

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

# WARNING BIRD NESTING AREA

## BIRDS MAY DISPLAY AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

There is a family of plovers on the church grounds. They swoop to protect their young.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC  
MIGRANT & REFUGEE OFFICE

106<sup>th</sup> World day of Migrants and Refugees  
27 September 2020

*Like Jesus Christ, forced to flee.*

*Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating internally displaced persons.*

More information at:

<https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/>

## 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 –  
4 October**

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)

### Vinnies Election Statement

In the lead up to the ACT Election, the St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/Goulburn has released their '2020 Vinnies Election Statement' outlining their priorities for the next ACT Government.

With over 1500 people experiencing homelessness in the ACT, and community housing at breaking point, Vinnies is committed to advocating for systemic change to combat poverty and homelessness. The full statement may be accessed on

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/>

# Heart Spirituality

**Without grace our life is empty**

Grace and glory, that is our end. Souls need grace, and they do not have it. Once could say that the world is in a state of damnation.

It suffers from this less than in hell, but it does suffer.

What should be done to heal and save the world?

We have to make the world know, love and embrace devotion to the Sacred Heart. That will give it everything it lacks. It is the only remedy, given by God himself, to heal the nations of our time and put them back on the way of salvation that they have abandoned.

Jules Chevalier msc  
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus. p. 285f Paris 1900 )

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

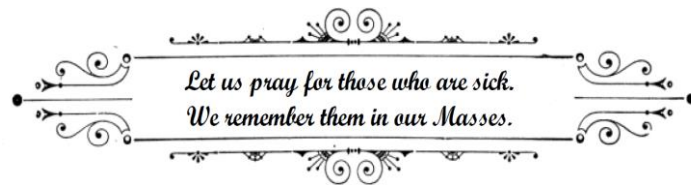
## Stewardship

Today's readings challenge the modern-day disciple to imitate more fully both the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is, after all, the point of our stewardship way of life.

Paul exhorts us, "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." Whether we are at work or school or within our own homes, our actions should be focused on others first in imitation of Christ, who is always perfectly focused on others.

But there is another reason for seeing others as more important than ourselves, a reason that will help us to become better stewards. It is the recognition that the "others" in my life — whether my spouse and children, my next-door neighbour, or even the co-worker that gets on my last nerve — all these others are gifts from God, to be treasured and nurtured for God's glory.

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



## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** James Sarah, 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, Victor Bitterman, Antonella D'Ambrosio, Bernard Frederick Roberts, Robert Smith, Martino Salvaneschi, Anne Bynum, Maxine Kennedy, Fred Aschenberger, Patricia Richardson, Gaeto Vella, Renee Tozer, Wendy McCarthy, Agustin Fernandez-Budiel, Frederick Jackson, Norma Hall, Lillian Templeton



## SEASON OF CREATION

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

*Jubilee for the Earth*

*actions can restore our sense of self-esteem; they can enable us to live more fully and to feel that life on Earth is worthwhile*  
Pope Francis Laudato Si' #212

## ECOLOGICAL INSIGHT

Ecological scientists and environmental activists are often accused of neglecting people. This is a rash charge. Many fully support the insight that to care for Earth is to care for the poor. Credible scientists hold that the ecologically sustainable use of water and oceans, agricultural land and forests is the only way to protect the rights of vulnerable people and future generations. Scientists call for long term planning rather than short term profits. The word 'development' is increasingly replacing the word 'ecological' when addressing sustainability. This tyrannical economic takeover of the word poses a danger.

<https://www.environment.gov.au/about-us/esd/publications/national-esdstrategy-part1>

## 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

Answer to the riddles: NOON Heroine

### 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:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 4 October 2020

First Reading	is 5:1-7
Psalm	Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20
Second Reading	Phil 4:6-9
Gospel	Matthew 21:33-43

## 4 October Reading Roster

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

## 4 October Ministers of Communion

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

## 4 October Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	28 Sept	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	3 Octo	VACANT

Church Cleaning:	28 Sept	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Nguyen
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## On a Lighter note

**Riddle:** What 4-letter word can be written forward, backward or upside down, and can still be read from left to right?

Answer: hidden in COMPACT

**Riddle:** What word in the English language does the following: The first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four letters signify a great, while the entire word signifies a great woman. What is the word?

Answer: hidden in COMPACT