

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**4 October 2020**

**Year A**  
**#45.20**

## Reflection

### Ah-Ha Moments

Matthew's Gospel is filled with 'ah-ha' moments. Written for a generally Jewish audience it reflects on Jesus in light of the history of Israel, the Hebrew Scriptures and the expectations of the Messiah. Jesus was for Matthew's community, and is for us, the 'ah-ha' in world history. By Matthew reflecting on Jesus' life, death and resurrection, things he had previously only wondered about now made sense.

The phrase 'the stone rejected by the builders' originally referred to Israel. Matthew, however, reflects on what happened to Jesus at the hands of the Chief Priests, Scribes and Romans. In a great 'ah-ha' moment he sees that it is Jesus, not Israel, who is the stone rejected by the builders which has now become the key building block of a new edifice.

There are often facets of our personality or character of which we are ashamed or about which we despair. From gossip to greed, past hurts to anger, sexuality to broken relationships. Even though we have worked hard to overcome our worst traits, we can often get discouraged at how un-together our Christian life is.

The parts of our character we most despise could be the most marvelous moments of amazing grace. Nothing is irredeemable to God; nothing has gone too far or become too entrenched. In the Christian life there is no room for shame, only for repentance and starting over. Looking at things we have thought of as only being problems provides us with the greatest potential for 'ah-ha' moments, where the healing and love of Christ enables us to turn our lives around, to demolish all the negative and defeatist self-talk in which we can indulge and rebuild ourselves with Christ, the master builder.

Once we get into the habit of doing this, it's amazing how many 'ah-ha' moments we have as our history ceases to be a problem to be overcome but turns into a challenge to be harnessed for the building up of the Kingdom of God on earth.

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

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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**

# Heart Spirituality

## Harmony between Jesus' Heart and ours

The Son of God wants everyone he has redeemed 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, because the torrent of wickedness does not cease for an instant to flow sadly on through generation after generation of humanity. Constantly in the state of victim, Jesus offers to his Father, in expiation for all the sins of the world, the same sacrifice he offered on the cross.

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 Parish 1900

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

## Stewardship

We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.

By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in the Kingdom of God — we are now “tenants” called to work in the “vineyard” and produce fruit for its owner, our Heavenly Father. This calling is a gift from God to be treasured above all other gifts. Jesus makes it clear that if we squander the gift of salvation, we will lose it. It is a sobering truth.

So let us live each day with a profound awareness of all that we have been given by God. Let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God's glory. We will find peace, joy and purpose as we do.

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

## 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

**Pastoral Visit from Archbishop Prowse**  
Friday 23 October  
9:30am Mass followed by morning tea and talk with parishioners

## Sacrament of Confirmation

We continue to pray for the candidates as they prepare to receive the

Sacrament of Confirmation on

Thursday 29 October and Friday 30 October.

## Baptism During Mass

We are returning to celebrating Baptism during weekend Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays monthly.



As the families will have a number of their extended family and friends attending, available spaces at these masses will be less than usual.

## 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.

## Vinnies Election Statement

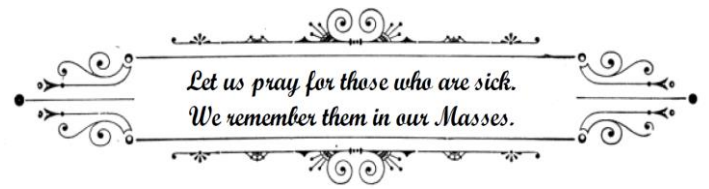
In the lead up to the ACT Election, the St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/Goulburn has released their '2020 Vinnies Election Statement' outlining their priorities for the next ACT Government.

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/>

## KIT September

Has been sent out. If you did not receive the email please contact the parish office.



## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** 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, Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren, Norma Flood, Henryk Jalocho, Verdi Guy, Raymond Dummett, Iosif Szakal, Gwen Jones, John Whigham, Eugenia Wlodarczyk, Connie Thomas.

NEW DATE - ASSEMBLY 1  
**October 3-10, 2021**  
ADELAIDE

NEW DATE - ASSEMBLY 2  
**July 4-9, 2022**  
SYDNEY

**Plenary Council 2020:  
Listen To What The Spirit Is Saying...**

In October 2020, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Plenary Council to be held since the second Vatican Council. In 2018, the entire People of God in Australia began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God, by listening to one another's stories of faith.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the original date of the Assemblies have been delayed. See the new **PLENARY COUNCIL JOURNEY 2020-2022**.

More information can be found at: [Plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://Plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## Calvary Hospital Auxiliary

### Spring Plant Stall

10-11 October (9.00am - 4.00pm)

Belconnen Markets.

A wide variety of plants will be available for sale including indoor, outdoor, succulents, herbs and lots more. All funds raised will be used to purchase equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients.  
Ph: 0437790980



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



## 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 vineyard of the Lord  
is the House of Israel

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I call you friends, says the Lord,  
Because I have made know to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 11 October 2020

First Reading	Is 25:6-10
Psalm	Ps 22
Second Reading	Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel	Matthew 22:1-14

## 11 October Reading Roster

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

## 11 October Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Robert Greig, Marian England, 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

## 11 October Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	5 Oct	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	10 Oct	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard

Church Cleaning:	5 Oct	Debbie & Ted Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan
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## On a Lighter note

Q: What do you call a chicken in the 1960's?

A: A funky chicken.

Q: Why do seagulls fly over the sea?

A: Because if they flew over the bay, they'd be baygulls!