

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**15 November 2020**

**Year A**  
**#51.20**

## Reflection

### Women's leadership, commitment and faith

As Catholics we have no problem with the time-bound nature of the Bible. In fact, we appreciate it, believing that the scriptures deserve to be read within their context, and also need careful interpretation. And while the Catholic Feminist Association may not choose to have today's first reading as the opening text at their next convention, we would be mistaken to hear it only in terms of our world today.

The Book of Proverbs is a distillation of sayings and teachings which had grown up over hundreds of years, most probably from Rabbis and Scribes. It's only in the context of an agrarian society that the power of this text makes sense.

Until quite recently, women in Palestinian society, and in wider society for that matter, were considered the 'possessions' of their husbands. They could be bought, sold, divorced, or killed without any appeal to the law. Wives in this society had no legally recognised human rights. By contrast, then, this text from the Book of Proverbs, which can seem so old-fashioned to us, was a liberating text in its day. A woman's right to work is not only defended, but also extolled. She is praised for her creativity, wisdom, goodness, strength, sense of justice, generosity, joy and faith. It is almost possible that Jesus had women in mind when he shared the parable of the talents in today's Gospel.

What can often get lost in the debates about who should be ordained in today's Church, is that women have always and still 'lead' the Church in powerful and long-lasting ways. From the extraordinary abilities of religious and lay women in Catholic welfare, education, healthcare, overseas missions and theological reflections, to wives and mothers whose daily witness to the fidelity and goodness of God, this all reveals in innumerable ways the power of the parable of the talents. The reality is that if it were not for women's leadership, commitment and faith, it would be hard to see how the Church could survive.

Some feel as though their particular contribution to the life of the Church has not been fully realised. All we can hope and pray for is that we may find ways to use everyone's talents for the building up of the Kingdom of God, and that we may see that everyone's contribution, irrespective of gender, is precious and worthy of praise.

Resources used: Homily, by Richard Leonard SJ at LiturgyHelp

**"Be on earth the Heart of God"**

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### MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

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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## Singing at Mass



**During the season of Advent commencing**

the weekend of 28/29 Nov, we will reintroduce congregational singing at mass. The 8:30am mass will not have singing.

# THANK YOU

We thank Kirsty Vera who volunteered her time in the parish office at the front desk while Sharon was on annual leave.

## SJA BOOK CLUB

We encourage anyone interested in joining us to come along & give it a try.

**We are reading:**

*The Ruin by Dervla McTiernan*

St Johns Library – 15<sup>th</sup> November - 3:00pm

## Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 16 November  
7:15pm Parish Library



## SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm

For more information contact the parish office.

Next gathering: Friday 20 November

St John the Apostle Parish Centre



## SJA Women's Breakfast



7:30am Tuesday – 24 Nov 2020

*Lucky Shot Espresso Bar*

Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX

## PARISH BOOKSHOP



Columban Calendars 2021 \$ 9.00

Majellan Christmas Cards \$ 7.00 (Pk. 10)

## VIDEOING OF SUNDAY MASS

Mass will not be filmed this weekend 15/16 November and therefore not available on YouTube. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you.

## Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Once again Vinnies will provide Christmas hampers to families in our local area that are struggling to make ends meet. The Appeal will commence on the first weekend of Advent, 28 -29 November. Gift cards and food cards will be available.



## Giving Tree

Parishioners can sign-on to help with hamper packing and delivery. There will be some changes to operations this year in accordance COVID-19 safe operating procedures.

For more information contact  
Mike Blyth 0419818410.

## Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Stall

Date: 28-29 November  
Time: 8.00am – 5.00pm  
Venue: Belconnen Fresh Food Markets  
with a huge range of Christmas gifts and homemade goodies will be available.



## Concerned Catholics

Public Zoom Forum: 5:00pm-6:30pm  
Thursday 26 November 2020

*The Pope's Revolution:  
The Implications of Laudato Si*

SPEAKERS Dr Trish Hindmarsh (Tasmania)  
Dr Paul Collins (ACT)

Contact: [concerned.catholics.cangbn@gmail.com](mailto:concerned.catholics.cangbn@gmail.com)

## KIT @ Kippax

Calling all budding photographers

Please send photos in to the parish office in a jpeg or png format.

[kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

It is your contributions that keep KIT going.





# Heart Spirituality

## The excellence of the Heart of Jesus

O Sacred Heart of Jesus! Who will ever comprehend your greatness, the immensity of your love, the ardour of your zeal for the glory of the Most High, your submission to his will and your grief at the sight of the outrages committed against his divine Majesty! Who will make known the dispositions of this adorable Heart: its love, gentleness, compassion, patience, mercy?

Who will ever be able to express to what degree of perfection the Heart of Jesus possesses all the virtues that we customarily admire most, like courage, strength, constancy, generosity?

In this divine Heart, everything is ineffable, everything is beyond comprehension, because it is the Heart of a God.

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

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

## Stewardship

We are reminded today that we will each be called to give an account for the gifts God has given us — our physical, intellectual and material gifts — as well as the gift of time itself.

The first two servants in the parable double what had been entrusted to them. The third servant reacted to this responsibility with fear — He hid his master's talent, burying it in the ground. He took the safe way, the easy way out. What a tragic response!

Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us — Time, Talents and Treasure — in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear these words from our Father: "Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy."

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:

Maria Van Audenaerde, Brenden Keir, Cornelia Onstenk, William Castle, Richard Witrzens, Gloria Hunter, Maria Wegener, Jamie Gruber, Kathleen Randall, Garry Marsh, Fransien Ashauer, Nell Clarke, Matthew Biggs, Joey Griffiths, Marie Corr, Nelson Canas, Irene Collbourne, Corstianus Slusser, Patricia McGee, Honorio Arranz, Dorothy Lenihan, Mary-Ellen Roots, Krissy Thomas, Herbert Gallagher, John Welfare, John Patterson, Winifred O'Neill, John Burns, John Costelloe, Susan Sutch, Darren O'Brien, Leslie Lincoln, Conelly Andrae.

## Christmas Masses 2020 Thursday 24 December [Vigil]

- ✘ Family Mass - 5:00pm & 7:00pm
- ✘ Youth Mass - 9:00pm
- ✘ Midnight Mass [Carols at 11:30pm]

## Friday 25 December

- ✘ Christmas Morning -9:00am.

## COVID-19 means we need to organise Christmas masses differently this year:

- ✘ there are 2 family masses this year— 5:00 & 7:00pm.
- ✘ if families are booked and seated together our church can accommodate a maximum of 130 individuals at the family masses.
- ✘ families will be allocated designated seating, which requires that you book & register the total number of family members attending.
- ✘ the remaining vigil and Christmas day masses will revert to 100 attendees for each mass with our usual seating arrangements.
- ✘ Christmas mass bookings via TryBooking will be sent before Friday 20th November.



## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

## 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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Be watchful and ready:  
You know not when the  
Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

## PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 10:00am
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

## **Readings –22 November 2020**

First Reading	Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalm	Ps. 22:1-3, 5-6
Second Reading	1 Cor. 15:20-26, 28
Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46

## 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

## **22 November Reading Roster**

6:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Joe Ots
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Ann Reynolds, Colleen Reed
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

## **22 November Ministers of Communion**

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

## **22 November Hospitality Roster**

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	16 Nov	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	21 Nov	VACANT

Church Cleaning:	16 Nov	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams
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## **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**

## On a Lighter note

*A Jesuit, a Dominican, and a Franciscan were walking along an old road, debating the greatness of their orders. Suddenly, an apparition of the Holy Family appeared in front of them, with Jesus in a manger and Mary and Joseph praying over him. The Franciscan fell on his face, overcome with awe at the sight of God born in such poverty. The Dominican fell to his knees, adoring the beautiful reflection of the Trinity and the Holy Family. The Jesuit walked up to Joseph, put his arm around his shoulder, and said, "So, have you thought about where to send him to school?"*