

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**9 May 2021**

**Year B**  
**#24.21**

## Reflection

### Christian Love is Sacrificial

Christianity is the only world religion to believe that our God took our form and died out of love for us so that we might understand the love God has for us, and the love we are called to have for each other.

It isn't, however, just any old love Christ calls us to practice. It is not about a fleeting feeling or having a warm fuzzy inside. Jesus tells us today that the character of Christian love is the degree to which it is sacrificial. The people we love are those for whom we are prepared to sacrifice something of ourselves, and maybe everything.

The goal of the Christian life is to love everyone however the reality is we don't. So what of those people we don't love? It's perfectly acceptable to like, enjoy, be fond of, respect, admire and be grateful to others, and not love them. There are a very few people for whom most of us would be prepared to lay down our lives. This criteria, sorts out our intimates fairly quickly.

Human beings can only truly love people. Jesus did not die for an ideology or an institution. He was put to death because of his uncompromising love for all humanity everywhere. In today's Gospel Jesus gives us a model of how to love. Just when we might expect to find him using the analogy of a family, he talks about us being his friends.

A true friendship is mutual. Jesus loves us, his friends, enough to know us, be available to us, challenge and forgive us. And his love is mutual. The only thing stopping us from having a deeper relationship with Christ is our desire for it.

No one promised that the Christian life would be easy. All we have is our brother Jesus and all our friends, our family in faith, to support us in every loving sacrifice we make.

Resource 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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17 June 2021

Arboretum

Please support  
**Ted Kell**  
as he undertakes his  
9<sup>th</sup> Sleepout

Thank you

*Norma Barakat and Kirsty Vera*

for the planning and organising of the  
Parish Picnic held on Sunday 2 May.

### What is your Mother Tongue?

On Pentecost Sunday - when the Apostles spoke in tongues - we would like to hear prayers from many different languages being offered from our ambo. Are you a parishioner whose mother tongue is not English? Please let me know if you would read a prayer in your first language at your Mass on the weekend of 23 May – Pentecost Sunday. The English version will be on the overhead so that the congregation can understand. Please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au).  
*Mary French*

### Commissioning and Blessings of Ministers

**Pentecost Sunday  
23rd May - All Masses**

all those who are taking on ministries June 2021-May 2022, will be commissioned and blessed after Communion.



We encourage anyone interested in joining us to come along for a meeting.

**We are reading: *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*  
by Christy Lefteri**

**St Johns Library – 15 May - 3:00pm**

**FEAST of the SACRED HEART of JESUS**

**Vigil Mass - Thursday 10 June  
5:30pm**

followed by supper

**to book for the Vigil mass use the link below**  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BQZAH>

**Friday 11 June - 9:30am Mass**  
No booking required

### Pins & Needles Craft Group

17 May 2021

7:15pm Parish Library



### Sacrament of Confirmation:

The children of the parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be presented to the parish at masses this weekend 8/9 May. The children will hand their prayer cards to parishioners asking them to pray for them.

The Sacrament will be celebrated on  
Thursday 3 and Friday 4 June.



### Mother's Day Blessing

May those with children feel appreciated,  
May those grieving empty arms be comforted,  
May those mourning and missing the one who gave them life  
Be wrapped in goodness and love today.

*Tamara Rice*



### Women's Prayer/Sharing Groups

Are you looking for an avenue of prayer and sharing the faith journey with a group of friends online or face to face? contact us: [calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com](mailto:calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com)

"Call to Connect" catholic women's ministry can help you with free Starter Kits. More information here available at <https://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/womens-prayer-groups/>

**SJA Men's Group**  
Meeting Monthly  
6:00pm – 8:00pm



For more informatin contact the parish office.

**Next gathering: Friday 21 May**  
St John the Apostle Parish Centre

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

# Heart Spirituality

## Love of relatives and friends

True love is willed by God, even if it brings the lover to crucifixion for the sake of the beloved.

God will love with all the strength with which he wills his own existence, for he is its model and source.

Hence the words of Saint Augustine: "Love, and do what you will!"

This is very true.

If our will is moved and directed by true love, what other law does it need?

Our affections will continue in heaven.

Jules Chevalier msc -  
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus Paris 1900 (p.347)

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

## Stewardship

Our readings today call us to love as Christ loves. In our Gospel, Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you." The ways Jesus has loved us and continues to love us are endless.

We are called to imitate this love. And He tells us the greatest way to do this when He said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

It is difficult to live that out in our humanity. Yet, it is made much easier when we faithfully love Christ. The fact of the matter is, as our love for Christ increases, so too does our capacity to love others.

Christ's command to love others may seem daunting. Yet, Christ would never ask something of us that we cannot live out. All we need to do is take baby steps. Ask yourself, "How can I better love Jesus right now?" for it is in loving Christ that we will better love others, and it is in loving others that we love Christ Himself.

[www.catholicsteward.com](http://www.catholicsteward.com)

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

## Recently Deceased:

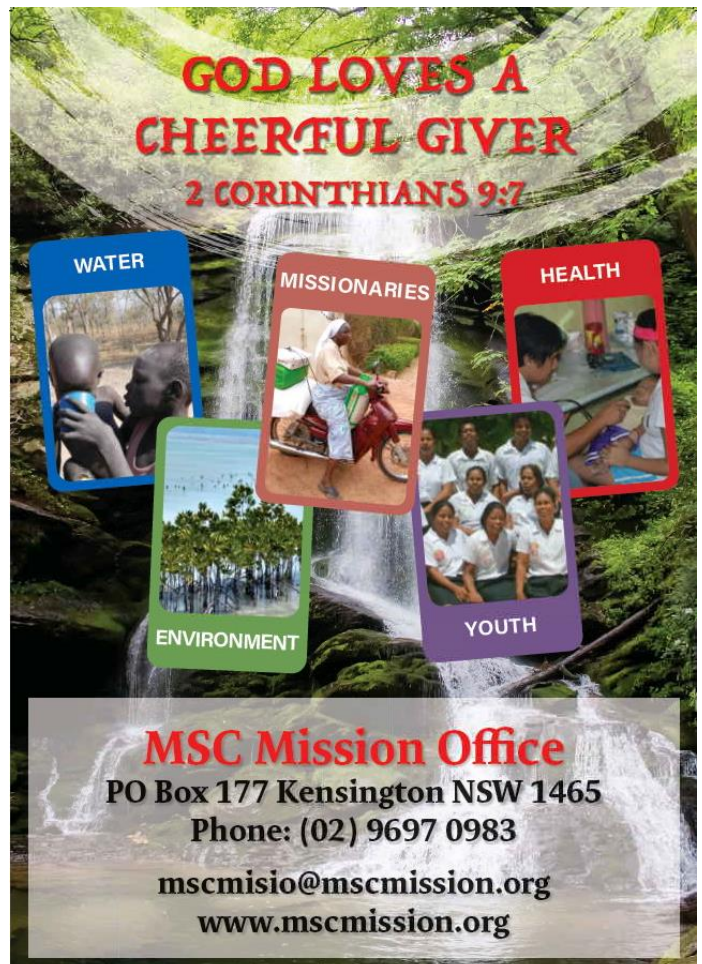
**Anniversary:** Ruth Lloyd, Jack Draper, Robert Griffiths, Matthew Ray, Helen Kelly, Andrew Harker, Lawrence Southwick, Jeremy Hope, Zeffirina Penfold, Kenneth Brennan, Harrison Wroe, Krysta Lindstrom, Antonia Gladwish, Pat McLindin, Kevin Crossley, Sarah Sealey, Betty Cowman, Edna Hamilton, Robert Donovan, Elena D'Ambrosio, Hemult Wanda, Bryan McGurgan, Emma Caskie, Denis Hogan, Daphne Parnell, Ella Dimitres, Sandra Miniotas, Anne Ots, Neil MacFarlane, John Loadman, Bernard Gibson, Caleb Shaw, Gloria Fleming, Tom Stewart

## DEANERY PLENARY ZOOM MEETING

Register for the Northern Deanery Plenary Zoom meeting taking place at 5pm Friday 28 May 2021. Register at

<https://cgcatholic.org.au/plenary/>

All participants will need to have read the Working Document "Continuing the Journey" available at [plenary.council@catholic.org.au](mailto:plenary.council@catholic.org.au)



**GOD LOVES A  
CHEERFUL GIVER**  
**2 CORINTHIANS 9:7**

WATER  
MISSIONARIES  
HEALTH  
ENVIRONMENT  
YOUTH

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## 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 Bean Origin Belconnen
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**



Check in CBR App is mandatory  
<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/business-and-work/check-in-cbr/information-for-businesses#Using-the-app-at-your-business-or-venue>

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations  
his saving power.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
And my Father will love them and  
we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 16 May 2021

First Reading	Acts 1:1-11
Psalm	Ps 46:2-3, 6-9
Second Reading	Eph 1:17-23
Gospel	Mark 16:15-20

## 16 May Reading Roster

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

## 16 May Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Marian England
8:30am	Clyde Sloan, Peter Polkinghorne
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Eoin Garton, Chitra Jayawardena

## 16 May Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Marie McKie
8:30am	Norma Sloan
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	9 May	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	15 May	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	10 May	VACANT

## On a Lighter note

