

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**The Ascension of the Lord**  
**16 May 2021**

**Year B**  
**#25.21**

## Reflection

### The Ascension's Promise

The Ascension promises us that just as the Father raised Jesus from the dead, so too the Father, Son and Spirit will welcome us into heaven as well, to be at Christ's right hand for eternity. This parable demonstrates the point.

In 1939 a father and son were famous art collectors. When World War II broke out, the son volunteered. In 1944 the son died in battle while rescuing another soldier. A year later, a young man came to see the father. 'Sir, you don't know me but I was with your son when he died. I want you to know he didn't suffer.'

'I know you both loved art, and though this isn't much, I want you to have it.' He gave the father a package. Inside was a portrait of the son. It was rough work, but the father welled up with tears. 'It was the least I could do for your son because he saved my life.'

A few months later, the father died. At the art auction which followed, investors gathered from around the world. The first item up for bid was the portrait of the son.

The auctioneer tried to start the bidding, '\$200 ... \$100 ... Any bids? Any at all?' The investors called out, 'Skip this one. Where are the Rembrandts?' Just then a man spoke up from the back. 'I'll give you ten dollars for the painting. It's all the money I have.' It was the gardener at the father's estate. So the auctioneer brought down his gavel. 'Sold for ten dollars!' An investor called back, 'Can we now get on with it?'

But the auctioneer continued, 'The auction is over. According to the will, whoever bought this painting would inherit the estate, including all the art.'

No matter what they said the wealthy investors couldn't buy their way into the inheritance. Only the one who had the eyes of love, and knew what he was looking at, inherited everything the Father and Son had to offer.

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

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17 June 2021  
Arboretum

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

## Pins & Needles Craft Group

17 May 2021

7:15pm Parish Library



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### Liturgy of the Word with Communion

On Wed 19 May & Thurs 20 May  
there will be **NO** 9:30am mass.

Frs. Kimi and Michael will attend the  
Archdiocesan Clergy Assembly  
from Tuesday 18 May to Thursday 20 May.

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### 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

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## St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast Tuesday – 25 May - 7:30am



**Bean Origin**

5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen

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**Over 45's** will meet on **Wednesday  
26 May** for Mass at 9:30am, followed by  
morning tea in the parish centre. Please come  
and join us, you are all most welcome. Please  
bring a plate to share.

Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

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### 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  
followed by morning tea

No booking required for the 9:30am mass

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

## DEANERY PLENARY ZOOM MEETING

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

<https://cgccatholic.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)

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### 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/>

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### Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Bookfair 19-20 May

The Auxiliary is holding a Book Fair on Wed &  
Thur from 8am-4pm on both days. We have a  
great selection of paperbacks, novels, cookbooks,  
children's books, biographies and more.  
Nothing over \$2! All funds raised go towards the  
purchase of equipment (eg defibrillators, trolleys,  
stryker chairs) for the care and comfort of Calvary  
Public Hospital patients and staff. Come to the  
Main Foyer, Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce.

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### Laudato Si Jubilee

Archbishop Christopher will mark the Vatican's  
Laudato Si Jubilee & Laudato Si week with a tree  
planting and Liturgy of the Word outdoors at  
**St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla, 21 May - 10:30am.**  
This ecumenical gathering will also inaugurate an  
archdiocesan-wide Laudato Si, Caring for  
Creation movement. Tel: 0428625110.

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### Our Health Ahead: Opportunities & Challenges for Community Health & Wellbeing 8 June - 5:45 pm

As part of the Blackfriars Series, Ms Heidi Prowse,  
CEO, Mental Illness Education ACT, will be  
speaking on the topic of 'Mental health education:  
supporting young people to thrive' at the ACU  
Canberra Campus, 223 Antill Street, Watson.

To register or for further information please email  
[OCD.Canberra@edu.acu.au](mailto:OCD.Canberra@edu.acu.au). This is a free public  
lecture.

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# Heart Spirituality

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## The Ascension

Jesus told his disciples: it is for your own good that I am going to my Father, because I go to prepare a place for you, and to send you the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth who will teach you everything [John 16:7].

The role of Jesus in heaven is the role of a mediator who never ceases to plead on our behalf and to cry aloud for God's mercy upon us: mediator between God and humanity [1 Tim 2:5]. "Jesus entered heaven itself, so that he could appear in the presence of God on our behalf" [Heb. 7:25]. Knowing our weakness and the dangers we incur here, he asks without ceasing for the graces we need: living forever to intercede for us [Heb. 7:25]. Since Jesus' Heart is full of love for us, let us ask him to bless and protect us.

Jules Chevalier msc -  
Méditations 1 p. 609f, Issoudun 1891.

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

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## Stewardship

Our readings today remind us that we are called to be set apart as disciples of Christ. In our Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that as Christian disciples, we do not belong to the world. We belong to our Loving and Gracious God. How we spend our time, what we do with our talents and how we spend our treasures are a good reflection of who or what we belong to.

Being a disciple of Christ will not always be easy, as our early disciples experienced. We are called to live in this world and to not become consumed by it. We need to keep our minds and hearts fixed on our goal — eternal life.

Jesus' ascension is a good reminder for us that we, too, are called to heaven. Let us strive to live our lives as a reflection of this goal in mind.

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



**Recently Deceased:** Michael Wilson

**Anniversary:** 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 Loadsmen, Bernard Gibson, Caleb Shaw, Gloria Fleming, Tom Stewart, Edward McGregor, Michael Logan, James Ohlin, June McCall, Hermine Raeuscher, David Pinner, Christopher Boyldew, Stan Niemiec, Gloria Harris, Suzana Katavic, Thomas Flynn

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## Heart Centred Parish Ministry

### TIME ● TALENT ● TREASURE

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also* (Matt. 6:31).

Do you have a sense that God is calling you to something else?

Do you know how God wants you to help make his kingdom a reality "on earth as it is in heaven"?

Are you new to the parish and do not know how to become involved in our community?

By Baptism "we are members one of another" (Eph 4:25). This Body of Christ transcends all cultures, because "by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body" (1 Cor 12:13).

Everyone is invited to live their Baptismal call and continue Christ's mission here at St John the Apostle Parish?

There are brochures and forms in the foyer inviting you to consider becoming involved in a ministry. Please complete a Time, Talent, Treasure form and a member of that ministry will make contact with you. Thank you.

### Love in Action = Service

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#### Sacrament of Confirmation

Please continue to pray for our thirty-four Confirmation Candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament on the 3 & 4 June. *Come Holy Spirit fill them with your gifts and enflame their hearts with God's love. Amen*



## 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:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always,  
until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

## Readings – 23 May 2021

First Reading	Acts 2:1-11
Psalm	Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34
Second Reading	1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13
Gospel	John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

## 23 May Reading Roster

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Joe Ots
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Ann Reynolds Libby Kain/Colleen Reed
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

## 23 May Ministers of Communion

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

## 23 May Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Judy Netting
8:30am	Fay Stephenson
10:00am	Libby Kain
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	16 May	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	22 May	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	17 May	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams

## On a Lighter note

