

Reflection

The Kingdom of Heaven

The Reign of God is Jesus' message, but he never describes it literally. He walks around it and keeps giving different images of the Real. For example, the mustard seed is very small and insignificant, and the kingdom is "like" that. Pliny the Elder, a contemporary of Jesus, wrote an encyclopaedic book called *Natural History*, in which he describes all the plants that were known in the Mediterranean world. He says two main things about the mustard plant: it's medicinal, and it's a weed that cannot be stopped:

Mustard . . . with its pungent taste and fiery effect is extremely beneficial for the health. It grows entirely wild, though it is improved by being transplanted: but on the other hand when it has once been sown it is scarcely possible to get the place free of it, as the seed when it falls germinates at once.

The two images on which Jesus is building in this parable of the mustard seed are a therapeutic image of life and healing, and a fast-growing weed. What a strange thing for Jesus to say: "I'm planting a weed in the world!" Jesus' teachings of nonviolence and simplicity are planted and they're going to flourish, even wildly so. The old world is over.

The virtue for living in the in-between times Jesus calls "faith." He is talking about the grace and the freedom to live God's dream for the world *now*—while not rejecting the world as it is. That's a mighty tension that is not easily resolved.

There are always two worlds. The world as it is usually, operates on power, ego, and success. The world as it could be, operates out of love. One is founded on dominative power, and the other is a continual call to right relationship and reciprocal power. The secret of this Kingdom life is discovering how we can live in both worlds simultaneously.

Taken from: *The Kingdom Is like a Mustard Seed*, by Richard Rohr OFM

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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

The Parish Office will be
closed on

Monday 14 June 2021

for the
Queen's Birthday Holiday



Please support
Ted Kell
as he undertakes his
9th Sleepout

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/sponsor?kw=ted+kell>

Pins & Needles Craft Group

21 June 2021

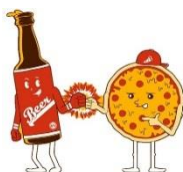
7:15pm Parish Library



SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly

6:00pm – 8:00pm



For more informatin contact the parish office.

Next gathering: Friday 18 June

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast Tuesday – 22 June - 7:30am



Bean Origin

5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen

Over 45's will meet on **Wednesday 30 June** 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 the parish office

Catholic Theological College free online Open Day Information Sessions “Getting Started in Theology” in June

Attend one of our 3 online sessions

Book via our website:

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/open-days/>



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Mental Health Education: supporting young people to thrive 15 June - 5:45 pm

Speaker: Ms Heidi Prowse, CEO, Mental Illness Education ACT, at the ACU Canberra Campus, 223 Antill Street, Watson.

To register or for further information please email OCD.Canberra@edu.acu.au. This is a free public lecture.

Alan Tongue – Man of Christian Faith 23 June - 7:30pm

Alan Tongue, former Canberra Raiders player (2000-2011) and captain, creator of innovative programmes for teenagers and now NRL ambassador will be the next guest speaker at the North Woden Parish of the Transfiguration Parish Pastoral Council talk series, Parish Centre, Strangways Street, Curtin. Refreshments will be served. All welcome. Register: E wodennorth@cg.org.au or P 6281 3999.

Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) – Widows Group

Many years ago, the Knights of the Southern Cross had a “Widows Group” whose KSC husbands had passed away. The Group used to meet and have lunch or morning tea in order to support each other.

The KSC would like to contact all KSC widows from every parish in the Canberra area who might like to get together informally on a monthly basis to renew friendships. You supported your husbands while they were members and we would like to show our appreciation. If you are interested, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Bob Perkins on 6231 8472 or e-mail. perkins.family@aapt.net.au

Heart Spirituality

The mustard seed

The mustard seed has become a great tree and the birds have nested in its branches. What is this tree? It is the Body of Christ – The Church. There we see vigorous branches, spread everywhere; taking refuge there are the just and the saints, the small and the great, the poor and the rich. In the shade of these branches they have found rest, nourishment, peace and salvation. And from where does this immense tree emerge?
From the Heart of Jesus.

Jules Chevalier msc -
Méditations 1, p. 247f. Issoudun 1891

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

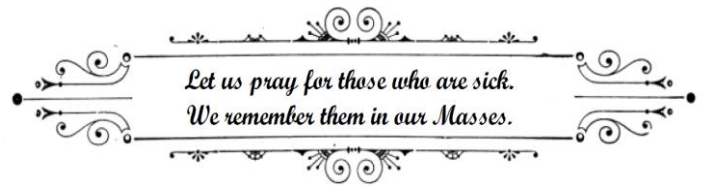
Stewardship

As we enter back into Ordinary Time, our readings today remind us that heaven is our true home and that we cannot make it there without God's assistance.

We often go through life wanting to be in control. We try to solve all our problems, as we think, "I can do it myself." We cling to our own ideas by putting certain events, future plans or even day-to-day moments into a perfect little box, "This is the way I want it." We can even push back in moments of suffering by trying to find every possible way to get out of it. We are "in control."

Imagine what life would be like if we surrendered a little more. What if we opened our clenched hands to God and said, "Thy will be done"?

We need God, all we need to do is surrender. To help us on this journey of total surrender, try starting each day with a prayer of surrender, "Lord, I give You this day and all that You have in store for me, my family and friends." With the guidance of the Lord, surely we will make it home to heaven.



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Ilona Ham, Elsie Dickason, Robert Scarr, Wendy Hawes, James Webb, Ingrid Soria, Marie Tyack, Mavis Southwick, Sheila Phillips, George Carney, Ann Joyce, Kerry Montgomery, Maureen Ashley, Josef Zabar, Helen Heindl, Francis Quinn, John McAppian, Christopher Robinson, Vivienne Thompson, Eileen Gehrig, Lucy Wilcott, Philip Donoghoe, Robert Cocks, Joan Loughry, Ursula Sweeney, June Henshaw, Adrian Uhr, Giovanni Scalora.

Sacrament of the Eucharist

Formation Evening for Parents

Monday 21 June 2021

7:00pm – 8:30pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

The families of children in year 3 enrolled at St John the Apostle Primary school and the families of children enrolled in the sacramental program at the Parish School of Religion have been invited to prepare their children for the reception of the sacrament. If you have a child who is not at the primary school or enrolled in the Parish School of Religion and is in year 3 or above and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist this year, please contact the parish office by Tuesday 15 June.

KIT – DOWN MEMORY LANE

As we journey towards the parish's 50th Anniversary – 26/02/2022, we are asking you to tell about your life at St John's through your stories, reflections or photo's – Celebrations, Baptism's, Weddings, Parish events, Antioch, St John's Got Talent, anything.... Whether you have been in the parish a long time or a short time all contributions will be gratefully received. Looking forward to hearing from you!
Email: kippax@cg.org.au;

"Be on earth the Heart of 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

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 st 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 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th 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 rd 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 1st & 2nd 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:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower;
All who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Readings – 20 June 2021

First Reading	Jb 38:1, 8-11
Psalm	Ps 106:23-26, 28-31
Second Reading	2 Cor 5:14-17
Gospel	Mark 4:35-41

20 June Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Judy netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Libby Kain, Joe Ots
6:00pm	Matthew Garton, Terry Fewtrell

20 June Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Janet Almond, Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Theresia Suh
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, James Cox

20 June Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Carol Moore
8:30am	Clyde & Norma Sloan
10:00am	Marie Flint
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	20 June	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	19 June	VACANT

Church Cleaning:	14 June	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams
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On a Lighter note

