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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
25 July 2021

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25 July 2021 - The First World Day for
Grandparents and The Elderly

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord,
for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life and
for those that are still ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which
You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the
earth.

Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age.

Amen.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

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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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A Blessing for Grandparents

Dear God

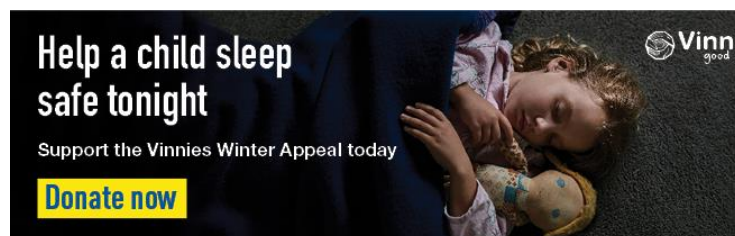
bless our grandparents
with long life, happiness,
and health.

May they remain constant
in your love
and be living signs
of your presence
to their children and
grandchildren.

Amen

Vinnies Winter Appeal 2021

The focus of the St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal is preventing homelessness, especially for children. Withdrawal of government supports for families and individuals to help them through the COVID-19 pandemic is contributing to a rise in poverty and an increasing risk of homelessness. Households are experiencing housing stress, with some tenants unable to sustain rent payments. There will be a leaving collection after all Masses this weekend. Your generosity is appreciated. Receipts can be issued and online and credit card donations can be made. Contact Mike on 0419818410 for more information.



Inaugural Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public & Political Life – 26 August

Speaker: John Anderson

Venue: Parliament House, Canberra

Tickets: \$30 www.tfo.org.au

Enquiries: jeanie.alberto.cg.org.au;

Ph: 6239 9801

Christians for an Ethical Society Forum Dinner for 2021

Topic: The Role Of The Media In Australia Today

Guest speaker: Genevieve Jacobs

Date: Tuesday 17 August 2021

Time: commencing at 6pm

Venue: Hellenic Club Woden

Cost: \$55 per person for a 3 course meal (cash bar)

Please register by emailing admin@ces.org.au including any dietary requirements.

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

The tax receipts have been emailed out. If you do not have an email address and would like a copy of your tax receipt, please contact the parish office.

St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast Tuesday – 27 July - 7:30am



Bean Origin

5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen

Sacrament of The Eucharist

Please continue to pray for our twenty-eight Eucharist Candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament on the 29 & 30 July.

Taizé with Eucharistic Adoration First Friday Monthly

7:30pm – 8:30pm – 6 August

Everybody is welcome and encouraged to come along to spend time with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving to refresh our souls.

There will be periods of reflective music (Taizé) and silent adoration.



Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

is celebrated on the last Friday of each month after the 9:30am mass.

Next anointing will be 30 July.

KIT – DOWN MEMORY LANE

As we journey towards the parish's 50th Anniversary – 26/02/2022, we are inviting you to share your St John's stories through reflections or photo's of Celebrations, Baptism's, Weddings, Parish events, Antioch, St John's Got Talent, etc.... Whether you have been in the parish a long time or a short time all contributions are gratefully received. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Email: kippax@cg.org.au;

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported me in the recent Vinnie's CEO Sleepout. Over \$5,500 was donated. Donations can still be made until the end of August, thank you. Ted Kell

Heart Spirituality

Created in the likeness of God

The nature of a being is its likeness to God. Its nature is more or less perfect in so far as it more or less resembles God. In fact, it is impossible for a created being not to resemble God; for God is all. Not to resemble him in anything would mean not to exist.

On the other hand, the more one is the more one resembles him.

How does God communicate to beings this likeness to himself? By that continual and intimate act called creation. I say continual for creation is not a passing act that ceases while the effect continues to exist. "To be created means to be continually made by God. Conservation is continual creation" (Augustine).

Jules Chevalier msc -
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 281. Paris 1900

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

Stewardship

Give our Best to God

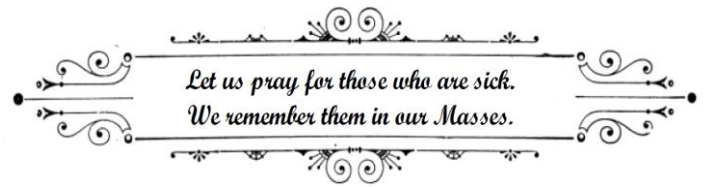
The servant and the little boy in our readings today are excellent examples for us as Christian stewards. The servant gave the very best of what he had, and the boy gave all that he had, then God did the rest.

We are called to give God adequate time each day. If we don't plan for this time, likely, He won't get any. We need to find what works best for us so that God can become a more significant part of our daily lives. We are also called to put our gifts and talents to good use too. The servant and the boy teach us that it is not up to us to decide how our gifts will affect others. God will do that. All we need to do is to give it well.

Lastly, the servant reminds us that we are called to give the first fruits of our treasures. It is easy to give something; it is difficult to give the finest gift. Giving our best requires us to reevaluate our priorities in life.

Let us spend some time evaluating our relationship with God by asking, 'what is my very best, and am I giving it to God?'

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Recently Deceased: Anthony Ganley

Anniversary: Czeslaw Kowalski, Wallace Johnson, Dianne Fraser, Darryl Bremer, Frank Sculthorpe, Debra Niquet, Donald Briggs, Domatilla Mallia, Valentini Vratarić, Carol Thompson, Therese Van Der Vliet, Betty Coughlin, Daniel Keneally, Bernard Coughlin, Jillian McInerney, Adrina Dudock, June Traynor, Mathilde Clemence, Diane Eccles, Nola Faulkner, Andrew Kenna, John Connelly, Olive Cockroft, Merle Maloney, Benito Berces, Caleb Heddle, Marie Uhr, Evelyn Guy, Lorraine Rickard, Denes Bogsanyi, Edward Carr, Christine Robinson

Mass Intentions the week of 26 July – 1 August

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| Mon 26/07 | Available [contact the office] |
| Wed 28/07 | Available [contact the office] |
| Thur 29/07 | Evelyn Guy |
| Fri 30/07 | Available [contact the office] |

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| Sat 31/07 | |
| 5:00pm | Pippo Schiera & Anna Pisciotta |

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| Sun 01/08 | |
| 8:30am | Available [contact the office] |
| 10:00am | Doug & Juliet Boer |
| 6:00pm | Available [contact the office] |

To ensure that a mass time is available please telephone the parish office to make a booking.

The Marriage Course

You're invited to a short, fun course of 7 sessions designed to strengthen your relationship. The course begins on Thursday 29th July and runs Thursday weekly via Zoom 7:15pm-9:15pm

Whether you've been together six months or forty years, married or in a long-term relationship, in a good place or struggling, *The Marriage Course* offers practical support and ideas to strengthen your relationship, in a fun-pact format offered online in the comfort of your home *via zoom*.

The course is open to any couple in a committed relationship. Watch this short trailer to find out more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qba2wYpXgUs>

Link to Register for the course:

<https://cgcatholic.org.au/the-marriage-course-st-john-the-apostle/>

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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| Baptisms | 1st & 3rd Sun during Mass |
| Reconciliation | Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm |
| Sacramental Program | Contact Parish Office |
| School of Religion (Parish Centre) | Sunday 9.15am during school term |

PRAYER LIFE

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

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| Over 45's | <i>Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea</i> |
| Pins & Needles | <i>3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i> |
| Book club | <i>3rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library</i> |
| Women's Breakfast | <i>4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen</i> |
| Youth Group | <i>AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre</i> |
| Men's Group | <i>3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i> |

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:

The hand of the Lord feeds us;
He answers all our needs

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people
Alleluia!

Readings – 1 Augut 2021

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| First Reading | Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 |
| Psalm | Ps 77:3-54, 23-25, 54 |
| Second Reading | Eph 4:17, 20-24 |
| Gospel | John 6:24-35 |

1 August Lector Roster

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| 5:00pm | Paul McGrath, Fay Padarin |
| 8:30am | Elizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir |
| 10:00am | Robin Williams, Frank Colley |
| 6:00pm | YOUTH |

1 August Ministers of Communion

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| 5:00pm | Joy McInerney, Judy Netting |
| 8:30am | Carmel Screen Pat Cowburn |
| 10:00am | Pat Sheppard, Arie De Bear |
| 6:00pm | Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck |

1 August Hospitality Roster

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| 5:00pm | Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena |
| 8:30am | Rob Breen, Carmel Screen |
| 10:00am | Libby Kain, Margarete Gill |
| 6:00pm | Christine Lancaster |

Weekly Rosters

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| Altar Society: | 25 July | Margaret Stanford |
| Grounds | 31 July | ALL GROUPS |
| Church Cleaning: | 26 July | Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Van Nguyen |

On a Lighter note



"Of course I can eat donuts on my diet.
My doctor says nuts are good for me!"