

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

1 August 2021

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Reflection

Jesus - Bread of Life

At the start of today's Gospel, the crowd has caught up with Jesus again and appears to be looking for a repeat performance of the miraculous feeding. Jesus accuses them of simply wanting more food and not being alert to the truth of the sign they had witnessed. The crowd asks what they must do to accomplish the works of God and Jesus answers fairly bluntly, Believe in me!

In response, the people demand a sign from Jesus: produce manna from heaven as Moses did during the Exodus. In fact, manna from heaven is one of the signs of the coming of the Messiah that is foretold by the prophets. So, in their own way, the people are asking Jesus to demonstrate to them that he is the Messiah. Jesus, however, explains that it was not Moses who produced the manna, but God. In Jesus, God has already produced the sign – the Bread sent down from heaven. There is no need for Jesus to produce such a sign; the sign has already been produced by God. It is up to the people – and us – to recognise God's gift of life-sustaining nourishment that is Jesus.

In the Eucharist, we continue to celebrate Jesus as the Bread of Life – the sustaining gift of God that 'gives life to the world'.

Christ is present in the Eucharist in many forms: in the people gathered; in the celebrating priest; in the Word proclaimed; and in the consecrated bread and wine – the Body and Blood of Christ. In relation to receiving Christ through the reception of communion, St Augustine wrote, 'Be what you see, and receive what you are.' We not only receive the Body of Christ through Eucharist, we are called to be the Body of Christ because of what we have received; and we receive the Body of Christ because we are already part of the Body of Christ.

Resources used: Reflection, by Greg Sunter

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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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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.



First Holy Communion



We congratulate the children who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on Thursday and Friday nights. We pray that their desire for Jesus will always be in their hearts.

Kippax St Vincent de Paul Conference

Next meeting: Monday 2nd Aug - 7:30pm

Anyone interested in the good works of local Vinnies is welcome to attend.

Contact: Mike 0419 818 410



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

**We are reading: *The Court Reporter*
by Jamelle Wells**

15th August September - 3:00pm

Copies of the book are available at the parish office

***Relax, Review, Reflect
Faith and film***

***Friday 27 August at 7:30pm
Parish Library***



To register your interest or for more information, please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au

**WARNING
BIRD NESTING AREA
BIRDS MAY DISPLAY
AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR**

There is a family of plovers on the church grounds. They swoop to protect their young.

Inaugural Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public & Political Life – **POSTPONED Until August 2022**

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.

BOOK FAIR

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Book Fair on Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19 August, 8am-4pm, in the Main Foyer, Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce. Find a great selection of paperbacks, novels, cookbooks, children's books, biographies and more.

Nothing over \$3! All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of public hospital patients and staff.

First Friday Fireside Chats

6 August - 1:30 pm

**Canberra Catholic Bookshop
55 Franklin St. Manuka**

Monsignor John Woods - Parish Priest of Transfiguration Parish North Woden, will share on his experience as the Chaplain to the Canberra Raiders and will offer a new take on the 'theology of the body' at our next First Friday Fireside Chat series - Sports, Faith and Life

Position Vacant

The South Belconnen Parish is seeking a **Parish Sacramental Programmes and Administration Coordinator**, 10-12 hours per week, to commence duties as soon as possible. For skills and experience required, please visit contact the parish office belconnensouth@cg.org.au or visit cg.org.au/belconnensouth. Applications must be submitted by email by 19 August 2021.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

The Sacred Heart – God’s gift of himself

The Word proceeds from the unfathomable depths of the Heart of God who generates him equal to himself. God is love itself. This infinite love that constitutes the very depths of God, and forms his nature, has enclosed itself in a human heart, the Heart of Jesus.

It is through the Heart of Christ, that the love of God, God himself, pours himself out on the world and on the human race. How? God communicates and gives himself by grace. This communication, this gift, is not just a figure of speech; it is a fact. We really share in his nature; we possess him personally and really.

Jules Chevalier msc -
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 277. Paris 1900

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

Stewardship

Work for Lasting Happiness

Often, we live our lives striving for temporary happiness. But today, Jesus reminds us to “not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life.”

We all have the need to be satisfied. It is in our humanity. And in that incompleteness, we grab at what surrounds us to satisfy our hearts. It could be the next job promotion, the comforts in our homes, the next trip we plan to take. The list goes on. We might think to ourselves, ‘then I will be happier.’ Or maybe we don’t even realize how we are relying on those things or events in our lives.

And while many of those things are good and bring us joy, they are only a small glimpse of the deeper, lasting happiness that the Lord offers us. They are gifts that should remind us of our good and gracious creator. Instead of placing undue importance on those things or people, place it on Jesus, as He says, “Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” He is the One who fills our hearts.

www.catholicsteward.com

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

Recently Deceased:

Kathleen Hetherington [sister of Ann Reynolds]

Anniversary:

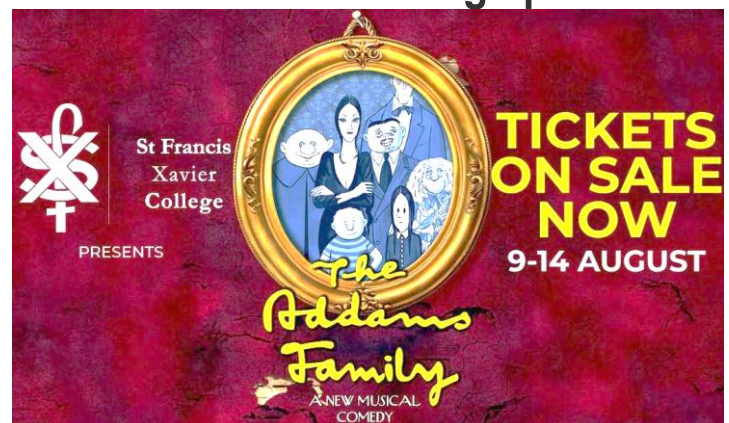
Mathilde Clemence, Diane Eccles, Nola Faulkner, Andrew Kenna, John Connelly, Olive Cockcroft, Merle Maloney, Benito Berces, Caleb Heddle, Marie Uhr, Evelyn Guy, Lorraine Rickard, Denes Bogsanyi, Edward Carr, Christine Robinson, Basil Smith, Maryte Puzas, Joan Hafner, Michael Cizek, Leonard Hill, Keith Jobling, Joyce Olive, Donald Telford, Bona Duffy, Lindsay Guest, Adam Markham, Arthur O’Callaghan, Wesley Perceval, Margaret Cole, Alfred Clynych

Mass Intentions the week of 2 – 8 August

Mon 02/08	Katerina Mung
Wed 04/08	Concetta Fallace & Family
Thur 05/08	Doris Galea
Fri 06/08	Dominic
Sat 07/08	
5:00pm	Page Family
Sun 08/08	
8:30am	Mieke Van Rooy
10:00am	Dominic Pham
6:00pm	Intentions of the Parish

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

St Francis Xavier College presents



The Addams Family Musical Comedy

The show runs each day from 9-14 August 2021.

Tickets can be purchased at:

trybooking.com/BTDGZ

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

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

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:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
But on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Readings – 8 August 2021

First Reading	1 Kings 17:7-16
Psalm	Ps 623:1-8
Second Reading	Col 3:12-17
Gospel	Matthew 6:25-34

8 August Lector Roster

5:00pm	Bob Raadts, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgeyser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Dennis Puniard, Margaret Luck
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Brian Mahony

8 August Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Marian England
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Agnes Pham
10:00am	Frank Colley, Margaret Gill
6:00pm	John McGee, Chitra Jayawardena

8 August Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor, Mercia Needham
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	1 Aug	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	14 Aug	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	2 Aug	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne

On a Lighter note

