

Reflection

Do Not Worry

Today's gospel passage was aptly chosen by the Church to mark the feast of St Mary of the Cross – Mary MacKillop. The teaching of Jesus, conveyed through the gospel passage, characterized much of the life and work of Mary MacKillop.

A glance at today's gospel may leave the reader thinking that Jesus, is basically saying to us, don't worry, be happy. But the message of Jesus is not as simplistic as that. Instead, he says to us, set your hearts on God's kingdom first and on following God's will for justice in the world and, then, don't worry, leave the rest to God.

When we hear in today's gospel that we are "not to worry", the word, worry, might better be translated as distracted. Jesus says to not be distracted or consumed by the pursuit of money, food and nice clothes. He says that it is the gentiles – those who do not know the love of God – who set their hearts on attaining these things. We are immersed in a culture in society that values these outward signs of success above all else. The challenge is to avoid being caught up in the distractions of our material society. One way to do that is through regular prayer and reflection.

Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterizes the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn't tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!

Resources used: *Gospel Reflection*, by Greg Sunter

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Parish Administration

Parish Priest

Fr. Kimi Vunivesilevu msc

Email: kimi@stjohnkippax.org.au

Assistant Priest

Fr. Michael Stephan msc

Email: michael@stjohnkippax.org.au

Pastoral Associate/Parish Manager
Marian England

Email: marian@stjohnkippax.org.au

Parish Secretary Sharon Greaves

Email: kippax@cg.org.au

Youth Ministers

Grace Braybon - Liturgy

Grace.Braybon@cg.org.au

Diane Magnocavallo - Youth Group

Diane.Magnocavallo@cg.org.au

Parish Office:

25 Blackham Street HOLT ACT

Office Hours: Mon-Fri
9.00am-3.00pm

Telephone: 6254 3236

Email: kippax@cg.org.au

Web: www.stjohnkippax.org.au

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

Principal: Matthew Garton

Pawsey Circuit Florey

Phone: 6258 3592

Email: office.sjaps@cg.catholic.edu.au

www.sjaps.act.edu.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.



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

SJA YOUTH
Next Meeting:
15 August

Youth Ministers

Grace.Braybon@cg.org.au

Diane.Magnocavallo@cg.org.au



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

Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 16 August

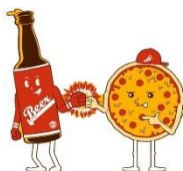
7:15pm Parish Library



SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly

6:00pm – 8:00pm



**For more information
contact the parish office.**

Next gathering: Friday 20 August
St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Vinnies Winter Appeal

Over \$4500 was donated to this year's Winter Appeal. Your financial support will allow Vinnies to help many vulnerable members in our community to get through difficult times. Donations can still be made via the Vinnies website at www.vinnies.org.au or by ringing 13 18 12 or grab an envelope in the foyer. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Frs. Kimi & Michael

Frs. Kimi & Michael will celebrate their birthdays on Tues 10 & Thurs 12 August respectively. On Wednesday 11 August after the 9:30am mass we will celebrate with a morning tea.

**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.

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.

Heart Spirituality

Grace

Grace is the life of God communicated to our whole being, soul and body; it penetrates and permeates us to divinize us; the supreme gift of the Heart of Jesus on earth. The name grace is well chosen; it means gratuitous gift.

The greater and more gratuitous the gift, the greater the grace. What a gift is God! An infinite good. Who could ever merit it? Grace also means beauty. How beautiful is grace! For grace is God, beauty itself. To live from grace, through grace, in grace; to dwell in it; to possess it habitually; to be in the state of grace is to exist and live in a higher, supernatural and divine order.

Jules Chevalier msc -
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus Paris 1900

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

Stewardship

Where your heart is your treasure will be too

There are many ways to look at what Christ is teaching us in the Gospel from St. Matthew. As He often does, Jesus is talking about where our hearts are. Many people maintain that they love God and that they serve God, but do their actions, the way they live, reflect that? One indication may be where our priorities are. How many people spend more money on lottery tickets than in their gifts to God and charity in thanksgiving? Jesus also addresses that issue of trust in God.

He indicates that desiring wealth and virtually worshipping it is a danger, but just as dangerous can be our anxiety about such things. If we truly trust in God, we will not get caught up in our fears of what may happen.

Our Lord and Saviour concludes in part by telling us "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness...Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself." We tend to worry about things over which we have little control, but God does.

www.catholicsteward.com

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Basil Smith, Maryte Puzas, Joan Hafner, Michael Cizek, Leonard Hill, Keith Jobling, Joyce Olive, Donald Telford, Mona Duffy, Lindsay Guest, Adam Markham, Arthur O'Callaghan, Wesley Perceval, Margaret Cole, Alfred Clynch, Manning Hoy, Dominic Pham, Mieke Van Rooy, Lidia DeMontis, Indianna Forth, Norman Pentland, Phillip Doran, Denise Smith, Leslie Ferry, Ray Allen, George Brettell, Horst Lawatsch, James Marlor, Iris Schofield, Zenona Skiba

Mass Intentions the week of 9 – 15 August

Mon 09/08	Philippa Ness
Wed 11/08	Arthur Bryan
Thur 12/08	Horst Lawatsch
Fri 13/08	Tina Martino
Sat 14/08	
5:00pm	Ian Stephenson
Sun 15/08	
8:30am	Parish Intentions
10:00am	Brian Rogers
6:00pm	Brad Keenan & Krissy Thomas

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

SJACare 

Supporting parishioners in our community

Is looking for volunteers who are willing and able to take other parishioners to medical appointments on an ad hoc basis. If you are able to help provide transport and assistance, please contact the parish office.

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	1st 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	3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
Men's Group	3rd 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:

My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Many women were there by the cross,
watching from a distance,
The same women who had followed Jesus
and looked after him.
Alleluia!

Readings – 15 August 2021

First Reading	Rv 11:19, 12:1-6, 10
Psalm	Ps 44:10-12, 16
Second Reading	Col 1 Cor 15:20-26
Gospel	Luke 1:39-56

15 August 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

15 August 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

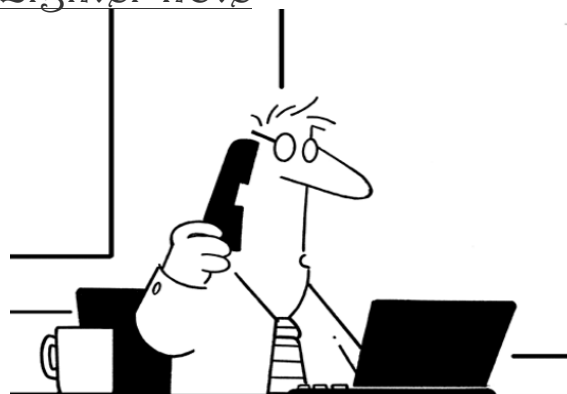
15 August Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	8 Aug	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	21 Aug	David Pigram, Matthew Garton, Mike Lavis
Church Cleaning:	9 Aug	VACANT

On a Lighter note



"I'll be a little late for our meeting.
I'm trying to download some
enthusiasm from the cloud."