

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary Year B

15 August 2021

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Reflection

Say Yes to God and Life

Mary's humble response to the angel and to God is, 'Let it be done to me according to your word' even though she knew the shame and rejection her pregnancy would cause in her village. Whilst her initial response is subdued and humble, it is a 'Yes' to God's will. Mary's next instinct is an emphatic 'Yes' to life.

The angel tells Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, is also to bear a child. When Mary hears that Elizabeth is already pregnant she rushes to be with her. Where no life was thought possible, God has created life.

The restoration of life to those who are shamed and oppressed that is exemplified in Elizabeth is a compelling theme of the gospel of Luke. Time and again, those who are ground down by a lack of life are given new hope and new life by the extravagant love of God. And throughout Luke, the recipients of this new life are women. The widow of Nain (7:11-15); the sinful woman who washed Jesus' feet (7:36-50); the woman with a haemorrhage (8:43-48); Jairus' daughter (8:40-56); and the crippled woman (13:10-17) are all examples of this outpouring of new life.

In a world that is increasingly selfish and negative, there is a trend towards isolation from family, neighbours and community. In the face of social isolation, the call to a Christian life is a call to say 'Yes' to life itself and all it offers. To say 'Yes' to life is to say 'Yes' to life-giving relationships and decisions and 'No' to life denying relationships and decisions. To say 'Yes' to life is to say 'No' to those things that harm self and harm others. A 'Yes' to life is a 'Yes' to hope; to possibility; to love; to God; and to yourself.

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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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liturgy

Friday 17 September 2021
10:00am – 11:30am
St John the Apostle
Catholic Church

Please be aware these events may be affected by the current COVID-19 lockdown.

AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC COALITION FOR CHURCH REFORM (ACCCR) is holding the second of three online [ZOOM] convocations, *'Outcomes and Actions for the Plenary Council'*,

Thurs 26th August, 7.30-9pm.

To be opened by Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann (Senior Australian of the Year 2021) – with speakers Jesse Rogers, Debra Zanella, Robert Fitzgerald, and John Warhurst. Further info and register at accr.com.au

Australia Prays

Sunday 22 August - Lord have Mercy

Our eyes look to the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy Psalm 123:2 Every day from **Monday 16 – Sunday 22 August 2021**, a **Daily Devotion** will be sent out to those who register. Each Daily Devotion will include a prayer from a different Church leader.

Every night from **8PM AEST, Monday 16 – Sunday 22 August 2021**, a nightly **Prayer Call** will take place with input from a different church leader each night.

On **Sunday 22 August 2021 from 9AM – 9PM**, the National Day of Prayer & Fasting team will host a **Zoom Prayer call** featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Come for a short while or come for a long while. Let us join in prayer for our nation.

Register at <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/lordhave mercy/>

Women's bible study group

open to any woman in the Belconnen South Parish (St Vincent's and St Mathew's) and St John's Kippax.

Our first meeting will be an introductory meeting.

29 September 2021

7.00pm - 8.30pm

Marian Hall - St Mathews church Page

Future meetings will follow the format:

- 1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly
- Do the readings
- Have a group reflection
- End with a cup of tea and supper

Cheers Karna O'Dea and Maria Crowley (045811010)

Institution of Acolytes

The parishioners listed below have been discerning their call to the Ministry of Acolyte. They will be installed into the Institution of Acolytes at a date to be advised.

Joe Catanzariti

Helen Kennedy

Sigi Kropp

Joy McInerney

Anthony Jayawardena

Peter Polkinghorne

Maria Scarr

Elaine Carter

Maryanne Ferguson

Keran Niquet

Anthony Noakes

Sabina Van Rooy

The Ministry of Acolyte is an official ministry of the Church.

[The Rite of Installation was scheduled for this weekend 14/15 August but had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 Lockdown]

SJACare



Supporting parishioners in our community

Thank you to those parishioners who have volunteered for this ministry.

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

St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

Tuesday – 24 August - 7:30am



Bean Origin

5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

As soon as the Heart of Mary was formed, the Blessed Trinity took delight in it.

After the Heart of Jesus, they made it the masterpiece of creation, and enriched it with every grace. This abundance of grace did not lie barren in the Heart of Mary.

Through her faithful response she made it bear fruit minute by minute, from the first moment of her existence until her blessed death. If the angel called her full of grace on the day of the Incarnation, before she had become the Mother of God, what expression will he use at the end of her life to denote all the treasures her Heart contains? To us also grace is given in abundance. Do we profit from it? Let us take great pains to respond to it faithfully.

Jules Chevalier msc -
Meditations II p. 668f. Issoudun 1891

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

Stewardship

Mary is the model Steward

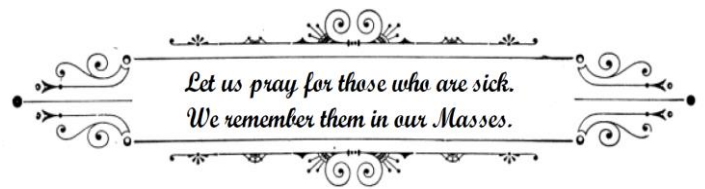
The feast of the Assumption of Mary reveals much about our Holy Mother. Next to her Divine Son, Mary truly is the model steward for us as we journey through this life.

Mary was prepared for Christ to reside in her, and her Magnificat expresses how we can imitate her and prepare a place for Christ in ourselves: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord..."

We proclaim the 'greatness of the Lord' simply by how we choose to live our lives. Each day is an opportunity to grow as a disciple of Christ. We can choose to rise each day in prayer, respond to those around us in kindness, serve in our vocations and occupations from a place of love and selflessness, and use our gifts and talents for the glory of God.

Let us celebrate Mary as our mother, our queen, and a model steward. She is not distant or out of reach, rather, she is as close to us as a mother to her baby — constantly watching, interceding, and guiding us to be with her Divine Son in eternal life.

www.catholicsteward.com



Recently Deceased: Eileen Boyldew

Anniversary: Manning Hoy, Dominic Pham, Meike Van Rooy, Lidia DeMontis, Indianna Forth, Norman Pentland, Phillip Doran, Denise Smith, Leslie Ferry, ray Allen, George Brettell, Horst Lawatsch, James Marlор, Iris Schofield, Zenona Skiba, Emily Jacob, William Smith, John Ray, Joseph Zuk, Ronald Ryan, Alfred Niquet, Dorothy Hornick, Majorie Carew, Edmund Kennedy, Alexander Aikman, Hedwig Von Straaten, Winifed Bridges, Joseph Weinheber, Andres Munoz, Tere Fearon, Bill Fearon, Anna Yoo

Mass intentions the week of 16 – 22 August

Mon 16/08	Paul Le
Wed 18/08	Irene Bryan
Thur 19/08	Mollie & Gordon Lancaster
Fri 20/08	Amy Stephenson
Sat 21/08	
5:00pm	Peter Jasper
Sun 22/08	
8:30am	Anne Harney
10:00am	Thomas Bannon
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

Mass Intentions During Lockdown

Fr's Kimi and Michael will offer Mass for parishioners and for the intentions that have been requested for the coming week.

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;

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	<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 queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Mary is take up to heaven,
And the angels of God shout for joy.
Alleluia!

Readings – 22 August 2021

First Reading	Jos 24:1-2, 15-18
Psalm	Ps 33:2-3, 16-23
Second Reading	Eph 5:21-32
Gospel	John 6:60-69

22 August Lector Roster

5:00pm	Erin Trevaskis, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Wendy Wade, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Keran Niquet, Nunga Umaru
6:00pm	Andrew Luck, Marian Crowley

22 August Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	John Drury, Anthony Jayawardena
8:30am	Brian Green, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Francesca Deklin, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Priscilla Gonsalves-Momi, Theresia Suh

22 August Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joan Galpin
8:30am	Fay Stephenson
10:00am	Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Prasadi Martinez

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	15 Aug	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	28 Aug	ALL GROUPS
Church Cleaning:	16 Aug	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams, Dushyanthi & Nisham Upasena

On a Lighter note

