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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
22 August 2021

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Reflection

From the Side Desk

The decision to lock-down the ACT for a week caused unease within me. It is the uncertainty that gets to me. Not knowing how bad or how long it is going to last. Admittedly, a part of me welcomed it as an opportunity to rest after having shelved my holiday and annual retreat plans in July because of boarder restrictions. All I needed was a week to recharge. However, with each passing day and as new infection numbers crept upward, it dawned on me that we might be in it for the long haul. As a creature of habit, I needed to buckle down and get myself into a (balanced) lock-down routine.

Our parish church and office is closed, but like most, we are still at work each day. Each day begins with mass offered for our parish or for a parishioner's intention. The office phone continues to ring with enquiries about first communion, the availability of the church for a funeral, fire protection checks, etc., and from parishioners checking-in on how we are travelling. Both Sharon and Marian are working from home and communicate regularly during work hours via email and we utilise group messaging/chat apps if a conversation or discussion is needed. Emails, courier deliveries, snail mail, and of course utilities and other bills do not stop coming in just because we are in lock-down.

As part of my week, I picked up the phone and called a few parishioners to check on how they were. Friday morning's mass reading resonated with the sense of shared faith, and mutual care and concern I felt, in those conversations. It was about community and communion, that we are not alone, wherever we may be and whatever we may be going through. What resonated were Ruth's words:
"...wherever you go, I shall go, wherever you live, I will live, your people shall be my people, and your God, my God."
(Ruth 1:16)

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus challenged those who had listened to his discourse on the Bread of Life to make up their minds whether to follow him or to leave. Sadly, a fair number of his listeners left. The Bread of life discourse is about our communion and solidarity with Jesus, his mission, and with each other.

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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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Plan your funeral liturgy

Friday 17 September 2021

10:00am – 11:30am

St John the Apostle
Catholic Church.

All welcome

Unable to gather, to bless, to break, and to share in the Eucharist, this time in lock-down is an opportunity for each of us to become bread broken, and shared, for others. There is a risk and vulnerability in doing this but it is central to our unity as the body of Christ.

After a week of lockdown, Jesus' question to Peter is one directed to us too: "What about you, do you want to go away to?" The decision to stay is a choice to be what we have received at our Lord's table. It is the baptismal call.

Over the coming days and weeks and for however long this lockdown lasts, if a person comes to mind, pick up the phone and check-in with them. If it is a parishioner and they need a call from us, or assistance with shopping, or other errands, let us know via phone or email. We are here and will help any way we can.

Let's all continue to look out for each other. May both the peace and a piece of Christ, be with you always!

Kimi msc

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

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/>

Taizé with Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday Monthly

7:30pm – 8:30pm – 3 September

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



KIT – DOWN MEMORY LANE
6 MONTHS TO GO!

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.... Looking forward to hearing from you!

Email: kippax@cg.org.au;



Live Streaming of Mass

On Saturday 21 August and 27 August, we will live stream Mass from 5:00pm. Please subscribe to the parish YouTube account.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYwp-XCPKwNNGbAj3G_I45A

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

Cheers Karna O'Dea and Maria Crowley
(045811010)

AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC COALITION FOR CHURCH REFORM (ACCCR) is holding the second of three [online](#) 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. All welcome. Further info and register at accr.com.au

CANCELLED

Please be aware these parish events are cancelled due to the current COVID-19 lockdown.

SJA Men's Group.

Next gathering: Friday 20 August

St John the Apostle
Women's Breakfast
Tuesday – 24 August - 7:30am

Over 45's will meet on **Wednesday 25 August** for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

Mary receives the Word from the Heart of God

The special object of each devotion to Our Lord is divine love considered under one aspect; but the object of devotion to the Sacred Heart is the love of Christ-God seen as a whole in all its manifestations and in each one of them. "The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the quintessence of the Christian faith; the epitome and substantial summary of the whole of religion.

You shall love; that is, you shall render love for love, you will give me your heart in exchange for all that mine has done for you.

Jules Chevalier msc -
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 148f. Paris 1900

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

Stewardship

Put God First

Our readings offer us examples of how we should be living, and they present us with an opportunity to make a radical change in our lives.

We are constantly bombarded with endless distractions around us. It can be very easy to serve other 'gods' in our lives. For instance, putting technology (phone, internet, TV), kids' extracurricular activities, our jobs, or our social lives before the Lord. We also might be putting these things above our loved ones, and if we are doing that, then we are putting them above our relationship with God.

With this in mind, we must strive each day to intentionally live as disciples of Christ. It starts with commitment — incorporating personal daily prayer Through this time with the Lord and service to those around us, God will reveal to us where to go next.

Reflect on how you may not be putting God first in your life and decide to respond like the Israelites.

www.catholicsteward.com



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Emily Jacob, William Smith, John Ray, Joseph Zuk, Ronald Ryan, Alfred Niquet, Dorothy Hornick, Majorie Carew, Edmund Kennedy, Alexander Aikman, Hedwig Von Straaten, Winifred Bridges, Joseph Weinheber, Andres Munoz, Tere Fearon, Bill Fearon, Anna Yoo, Sheila Dignam, Antonia Mrsnik, Armando Cavuoto, Patrick Sheehan, Barry Cormack, Gladys Anderson, Virginia Matera, Melinda Davis, Annette Polak, Mary Huon Nguyen, William Wiegold, Philip Smith, Mary Telford, Gaye Walmsley, Susan O'Dwyer, Josephine Smith, Ralph Dunn, William Schofield, Dorothy Hush, Andre Domjan, Ivan Jones

Mass Intentions the week of 23 – 29 August

Mon 23/08	Norma Cruickshank
Wed 25/08	Irene Bryan
Thur 26/08	Malveen Kelley
Fri 27/08	Sr. Dominica Sheahan
Sat 28/08	
5:00pm	Peter Jasper
Sun 29/08	
8:30am	Keneally Family
10:00am	Arockia Swamy
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.



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>



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

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.



Donations to the 1st & 2nd Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**

On a Lighter note



RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
You have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Readings – 29 August 2021

First Reading	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8
Psalm	Ps 14:2-5
Second Reading	Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Gospel	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Due to the current COVID 19 lockdown the church is closed and parishioners are not able to attend mass at this time. It is anticipated that lockdown - stay at home orders will be lifted on Thursday 2 September. If this is the case weekend mass will resume on 4/5 September.

29 August

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Lesley Givens, Mary French
8:30am	Judith Deklin, John O'Heir
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Grace Villena, Anna Cirocco

29 August

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Ted Kell, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Keran Niquet
6:00pm	Andrew Webster

29 August

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joy McInerney
8:30am	Agnes Pham, Rob Breen
10:00am	
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	22 Aug	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	28 Aug	All Groups
Church Cleaning:	23 Aug	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Van Nguyen