

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**29 August 2021**

**Year B**  
**#40.21**

## Reflection

Only a fool could wash the outside of a cup and ignore the inside. We make sure to wash at least the inside, whatever may be the outside. Jesus said we should do the same with ourselves. We should get the inside clean, whatever may be the outside. In fact, if the inside (heart) is clean, the outside (our behaviour) will also be clean. But if the inside is unclean, then the outside will be unclean too. The outside will reflect the state of inside.

The Pharisees were sincere people. It is just that their efforts were directed at the wrong target. For them the exterior was everything. Hence, their concern about outer cleanness, and neglect of what was more important.

Jesus said that the source of evil is within us. It has its roots in the heart. We cannot guard ourselves from it by separation from others. All those horrible things he lists, and which we read about in newspapers – fornication, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride- all these things start inside a person. Their seeds are within us all. These are the things which make a person unclean in the eyes of God.

This is a very disturbing truth, and one we ignore at our own peril. A great problem of our time is our failure to know ourselves, to recognize evil and deal with it within ourselves. Yet there is a kind of comfort and freedom in knowing, and accepting this humbling truth.

But if the source of evil is within us, so too is the source of good. All our thoughts, words, and deeds flow from the heart like water from a hidden spring. If spring is clean, then all that flows from it will be clean. We must purify the source.

**In the Heart of Jesus**  
**Fr. Michael msc**

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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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## Claim the Date

### Your Life ● Your Funeral

Funeral Liturgy Formation

*Plan your funeral liturgy*

Friday 17 September 2021

10:00am – 11:30am

St John the Apostle

Catholic Church.

All welcome

# Social Justice Sunday

## 29 August 2021



### Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor

The Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour". It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations.

The Social Justice Statement 2021-22 provides theological foundations to ground and inspire efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. The Statement reflects on creation in and through the Trinity; the sacramentality of all created things; the wonder and beauty available to the contemplative eye; and the need for conversion and change of life.

[Click on this link for The Social Justice Statement](https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Social-Justice-Statement-2021-22.pdf)  
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### Taizé with Eucharistic Adoration First Friday Monthly

**7:30pm – 8:30pm – 3 September**

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.

*If you are missing the connection of community, reach out to someone in the parish who may be lonely, and give them a call. God has no voice but yours.*

**NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK**  
5 - 11 September 2021



*Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.*

*To treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to thrive and be healthy.*

**WEBINAR: "COVID-19 has impacted our children and young people's mental health – what can we do to help?"**

featuring **Tracy Adams**, CEO yourtown (Kids Helpline); **Dr Elizabeth Seeley-Wait**, Clinical Psychologist and Director Children's Psychology Clinic; and **Dr Ali Fogarty**, Murdoch Children's Research Institute

[napcan.org.au/ncpw-webinars-2021](https://napcan.org.au/ncpw-webinars-2021)



### Live Streaming of Mass

On Saturday 28 August, we will live stream Mass from 5:00pm.

Please subscribe to the parish YouTube account.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYwp-XCPKwNNGbAj3G\\_I45A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYwp-XCPKwNNGbAj3G_I45A)



### Next Meeting: 5 September

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**"Be on earth the Heart of God"**

# Heart Spirituality

## Sacred Wounds

*In St. Augustine's commentary on the gospel of St. John we read this remarkable passage.*

"One of the soldiers opened the Saviour's side with his lance, and immediately there came out blood and water. On purpose the evangelist does not say the lance struck him, or the lance wounded him, but he assures us expressly that the lance *opened* his side. For from this opened side, as from a gate of life, have come forth the sacraments, without which no one can enter into real life. This saving water allays our thirst, purifies us, and serves as drink."

"O death, whereby the dead live again! Nothing is more pure than this adorable blood! Nothing is more salutary than this divine wound!"

Jules Chevalier msc -  
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 18). Paris 1900

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

## Stewardship

### Responding to God's Love

Our readings today call us to pause for a moment and consider how we respond to God's love for us each day.

Often, we are living our faith a certain way out of obligation, fear, or duty. But Jesus reminds us that the greatest way to live out our faith is through love.

St. James reminds us that every moment of each day is an opportunity to respond to God's infinite love for us with love and gratitude in return. And if we approach our day-to-day moments with this in mind, then we begin to see just how many blessings God has given us. Looking at life through the lens of gratitude helps us to see each moment as a gift with endless opportunities to respond in love.

This is how we ought to live our lives as Christian stewards — by recognizing our lives as a gift and an opportunity to love God in response to how He has loved us.

[www.catholicsteward.com](http://www.catholicsteward.com)

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

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** 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, Kathleen MacKay, Collin McEvoy, Anton Mrsnik, Sonia Mewburn, Andrew Jeffers, Wesley Dunn, Patrick Whittle, Joseph Boyd, John Grannall, Michelle Brewer, Alvaro del Busto, Christopher Halloran, Elizabeth Murray, Des Kiley, Sheila Whigham, Giuseppe Scalora, John O'Neill, Leslie Collins

## Mass Intentions the week of 30 August – 5 September

Mon 30/08	Sonia Mewburn
Wed 01/09	Maryanne McGrath
Thur 02/09	Available [contact the office]
Fri 03/09	Available [contact the office]

Sat 04/09	
5:00pm	Sheahan & McGrath Families

Sun 05/09	
8:30am	Available [contact the office]
10:00am	Doris Galea
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	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.



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

**To access the Social Justice Prayer**  
**Click the link below**

**Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor**

<http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au/index.php?page=social-justice-prayer>

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,  
That we might be as the first fruits of his creation.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 5 September 2021

First Reading	Is 35:4-7
Psalm	Ps 145:7-10
Second Reading	James 2:1-5
Gospel	Mark 7:31-37

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.

## ROSTERS

### 5 Sept Lector Roster

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

### 5 Sept Ministers of Communion

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

### 5 Sept Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	29 Aug	Gabe Culhane
Grounds	4 Sept	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	30 Aug	Marian England, Sharon Greaves

On a  
Lighter  
note...

