

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5 September 2021

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From the Side Desk...

Jesus was in gentile territory. He took the deaf man with a speech impediment aside; a movement illustrating a journey and growth in faith. It is the only miracle or healing narrative within the gospel described as taking place gradually.

Though the deaf person's ear was opened, this was more than simply physical healing. This person responded to Jesus' command to be open. He heard and clearly understood what was being said to him, then spoke and bore witness to the conversion and healing that happened to him and within him.

As he so often did, Jesus instructed the people not to speak of the miracle. Perhaps, to prevent the misinterpretation and a narrow understanding of his ministry and mission. To help me understand why he did this, the question I found myself reflecting on was 'do we have faith because we want to be healed, or are we healed because we have faith?' While some may not see a distinction between the two parts of this statement, I see the first half as a narrowing of the definition of healing; something that Jesus also tried to avoid. This is when we define ours (or others) ailment and what we believe needs healing. Often, if these remain unfulfilled, we may start to question or doubt our faith. The second part of the statement is faith without conditions. It allows for what needs healing rather than what we want healed. Faith and an openness to God leads to a holistic experience of healing. It relinquishes control; a control we never ever possessed to begin with. From personal experience, this often changes us. As we slowly embrace the gift that is human life, and the frailty of our own, faith draws us closer to God and beyond ourselves to care for the other. It is the journey of conversion. It is mission. It is what Jesus asks of his listeners and followers. It is Jesus, who hung dying on the cross, but did not ask God to heal him. He chose instead, to entrust himself to God and so bring healing to all of us.

Each of us has personal struggles we would like to change or heal. In this Sunday's gospel, the person's ear was opened before his tongue was unbound. Perhaps, this is the message for us this week. Our first call is to clearly hear and understand Jesus. Then, the unbinding follows.

Peace be with you all!
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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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Date to be Advised

10:00am – 11:30am

St John the Apostle

Catholic Church.

All welcome



Bless Every Father

Loving God, bless every father and everyone who has a fathering role with your spiritual blessings today. Let him know he is not alone in the tasks you have given him to provide for and support those under his care. May you bless him today, on special days, and for all the days of his life. Amen

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

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

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.



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

Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor Social Justice Statement

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

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

The virtual (Zoom) launch of "A CHURCH FOR ALL: a Guide to the Australian Plenary Council ...and Beyond"

Thursday 9th September – 7:00pm

Join Plenary Council Members: Francis Sullivan, Claire Victory, and John Warhurst in discussion. Register at accr.com.au or Click here to register and a zoom link will be sent by email on Wednesday Sept 8th. Enquire:

Kevin.liston1@gmail.com

Virtual Gathering on Supporting Couples

18 - September - 10:00am

Participate in a no cost 'virtual' gathering on the theme of 'Supporting Couples'. There will be stimulating talks from a range of speakers. For more details go to

www.teamsocan.com.au or contact Tim Power on 0437 013 328. You can register at <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=43655>

The Parenting Children Course

21 – September - 7:30pm-8:30pm

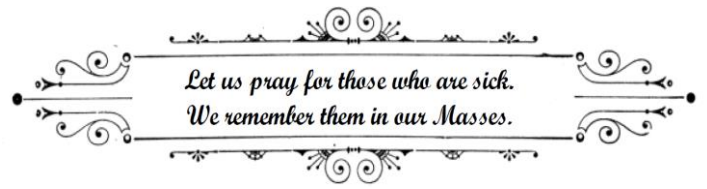
The Diocese of Broken Bay is offering a ten week 'Parenting Children Course' (via zoom) for parents of young children, seeking connection and support during lockdown while learning new skills. It's fun, hopeful and designed to inspire confidence in your abilities as a parent.

Register at

<https://form.jotform.com/212367244706051>
or contact Emma.Baker@bbcatholic.org.au

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality



The goodness of Jesus in the Eucharist

Jesus Christ reveals the goodness of his Heart in the Eucharist. During his mortal life, He was happy to pour out the tenderness of his Heart on little ones and on the poor, on those who suffer and on sinners, on all the miseries of humanity. The sight of any misfortune, any unhappiness, any sorrow at all moved his heart with compassion. But his goodness, gentleness, and mercy are even more manifest in the Eucharist. His Heart has overflowed with love, he calls us, he waits for us; And when we kneel at his feet, what joy, what sweetness, what light, what strength and consolation he pours into our souls. Let us know how to benefit from it.

Jules Chevalier msc -
Méditations II, p. 32f

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

Stewardship

Today's readings offer us a message of hope — God is with us and wants to heal us. The Gospel presents us with the story of the profound physical healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment. Jesus took the man off by himself, touched his ears and his tongue, then proclaimed, "Be opened!" Immediately he was healed.

God is a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Often, we are blind and deaf to God in our lives. We miss countless opportunities to see God working in our day-to-day moments—through our loved ones, our community, or even a stranger. We miss the quiet voice of Jesus in our hearts telling us to choose Him instead of sin, respond in love instead of anger, or care for someone else in a moment instead of ourselves.

These are how we need to be spiritually healed. And the scriptures remind us that God is with us and wants to heal us. Let us pray that our eyes and our ears might "be open" to God's workings, words, and promptings in our lives.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: 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, Des Kiley,
Elizabeth Murray, Sheila Whigham, Giuseppe Scalora,
John O'Neill, Leslie Collins, Joan Larkham,
Jennifer Kenny, Alice Gibb, Taya Quade, Marie Happ,
Susan Ferguson, Honoria Kelly, Kathleen Wiltshire,
Cedric Pratt, Denise Busch, Mary Prosper, Therese Le,
Raymond Free, Graham Ottewill, Robert Caskie,
Pauline Jones, Don Nicol

Mass Intentions the week of 6 – 12 September

Mon 06/09	Available [contact the office]
Wed 08/09	Available [contact the office]
Thur 09/09	Available [contact the office]
Fri 10/09	Available [contact the office]

Sat 11/09	
5:00pm	Therese Le

Sun 12/09	
8:30am	Xavier Munoz
10:00am	Kathleen Noakes
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

On a Lighter note

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**"Meditation can bring you peace and serenity.
It also gives you an excuse to look busy doing nothing."**

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:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick
Alleluia!

Readings – 12 September 2021

First Reading	Is 50:5-9
Psalm	Ps 114: 1-6, 8-9
Second Reading	James 2:14-18
Gospel	Mark 8:27-35

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 Friday 17 September. If this is the case weekend mass will resume on 18/19 September.

12 Sept 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

12 Sept Ministers of Communion

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

12 Sept Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	5 Sept	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	11 Sept	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard
Church Cleaning:	6 Sept	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne