

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**12 September 2021**

**Year B**  
**#42.21**

### WHO DO PEOPLE SAY THAT I AM?

Priest was visiting homes one day. He knocked on one door and after a while a little girl appeared at the door. Since he knew her from the church, he asked her, "Sweetie, do you know who I am?" The little girl looking at the kitchen area of the house called her mother saying, "Mom, there is a man at our door. He doesn't know who he is."

Some questions embarrass us. Especially if they are personal. The answers might hurt the questioner. "Do you love me?" "No." "Do you miss me?" "No."

There are academic questions and personal questions. We see that in the two questions Jesus asks his disciples. "Who do people say that I am? It is safer to answer this question. "Well, some say..." But when Jesus gets personal: "And you, who do you, say that I am?" Now Jesus gets to the core of their hearts.

If you keep things general, everyone speaks. If you get personal, then silence takes over. "Who do you say that I am?" It is a question with seven words to define Jesus' identity. By this Jesus is asking: What does my life and presence mean to your life? What is your understanding of my mission? Why do you follow me wherever I go? Why do you listen to my preaching and teaching? What do I mean to you?

Peter sums up his perfect answer to Jesus' question in four words: "You are the Messiah." As we know there is head knowledge and heart knowledge. Peter had heart knowledge.

Why did Jesus ask this question to his disciples? Jesus wanted to test his disciples' knowledge of Him.

Knowledge is a powerful force. Knowledge has changed the course of history. A doctor's knowledge saves lives; a pilot's knowledge ensures the safe return of the travellers; a teacher's knowledge helps to dispel the ignorance of the students. Christ tests the knowledge of His disciples, because He knew how critical their knowledge of Him would be for the success of their mission as well as ours. The knowledge of Jesus as Lord and personal Saviour needs to become a living, personal experience for each Christian drawing each of us to loving response.

**With blessings,**  
**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

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Claim the Date

### Your Life ● Your Funeral

Funeral Liturgy Formation

*Plan your funeral liturgy*

### Date to be Advised

10:00am – 11:30am

St John the Apostle

Catholic Church. All

welcome



# SEASON OF CREATION

Christian churches around the world are currently celebrating the annual **Season of Creation** which runs from **1 September through to 4 October** - the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

Pope Francis has invited all Catholics to take part: *“to renew their faith in the God of creation and join in prayer and work for the care of our common home.”*

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.care4ourcommonhome.org/home>

<https://seasonofcreation.org/>



## Live Streaming of Mass

On Saturday 11 September, 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)

## 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.teamsoceania.com.au](http://www.teamsoceania.com.au) or contact Tim

Power on 0437 013 328. You can register at

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=43655>

## KIT – DOWN MEMORY LANE

We invite you to share your stories of Lockdown 2021.

They do not have to be lengthy stories just a sentence and we will create a page in KIT with all your feelings and observations of what lockdown has been like for you this year.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Email: [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au);

## 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>

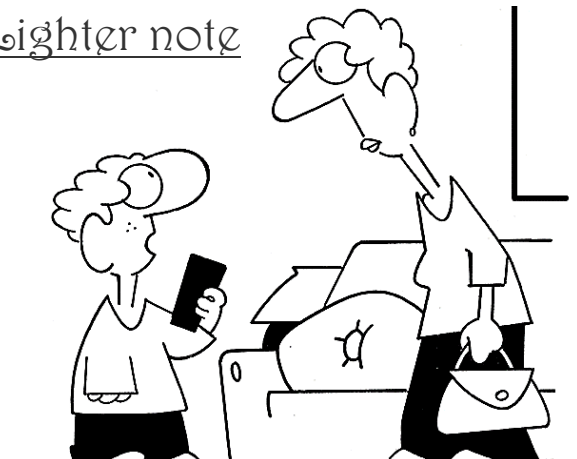
or contact [Emma.Baker@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Emma.Baker@bbcatholic.org.au)

## Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor Social Justice Statement

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

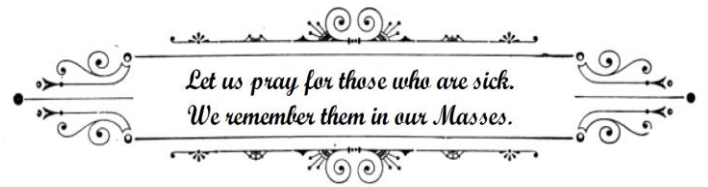
<http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au/index.php?page=social-justice-prayer>

On a lighter note



**“For back-to-school supplies, I need a notebook app, a pencil app, an eraser app, a ruler app...”**

# 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.

Jesus 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.

Jules Chevalier msc -  
Méditations II, p. 32f Issoudun 1891

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

## Stewardship

Jesus addresses His disciples saying, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." We are Jesus' disciples, and He is speaking those same words to us here and now. This means we are called to share in Christ's sufferings by taking up our cross and following Him daily.

We can start by making a firm resolution to follow Christ today, here and now, and renewing that resolution each day when we rise. This requires time with Him each day — speaking and listening.

We should also strive to pick up our crosses each day with Christ by our side. Instead of avoiding these sufferings or complaining about them, we are called to carry them with Christ, allowing Him to transform us through them.

If we live life constantly focused on us, we will ultimately lose ourselves, but if we surrender our lives for Christ and His mission, we will gain eternal life and become more alive than we could have ever imagined. This takes daily commitment and requires endurance in our faith, which can only be done through active discipleship.

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

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** 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, Peter Hill, Allan Biggs, Xavier Munoz, John Haley, Frances Critchlow, Antonio Ahn, Magdalen Ripszam, Marijona Grybaitis, Jana Nassir, Bernard Roberts, Josephine Mulligan, Luke White, Beryl Mannix

## Mass Intentions the week of 13 – 19 September

Mon 13/09	Pasquale Vu
Wed 15/09	Fr. Joseph Phan
Thur 16/09	Available [contact the office]
Fri 17/09	Available [contact the office]
Sat 18/09	
5:00pm	Kenneth Gomez
Sun 19/09	
8:30am	Available [contact the office]
10:00am	Available [contact the office]
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]

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

*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.*

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

## 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
I the land of the living

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 19 September 2021

First Reading	Wis 2:12, 17-20
Psalm	Ps 53:3-6, 8
Second Reading	James 23:16-43
Gospel	Mark 9:30-37

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

## 19 Sept 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

## 19 Sept 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

## 19 Sept Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	12 Sept	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	18 Sept	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	13 Sept	VACANT