

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 September 2021

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From the side desk...

Last year, I had a baptism in our parish. Before the ceremony, the little boy of about eighteen months looked quite content. Smiling and laughing as his older siblings entertained him. This lasted until the baptismal ritual. As I poured water on his head, he cried while furiously trying to wriggle out of his dad's arms. The anointing with chrism that followed had him pulling and turning away as dad held him and tried to keep him calm. I felt sorry, as he looked distressed. Anyhow, we got through it. After the ceremony, while photos were being taken, I told to his mum that perhaps one day, I will have to make peace with him as he had been looking at me with some trepidation ever since the baptismal ritual. She laughed replying "Oh, don't worry. He is very forgiving." True to form, as they were about to leave with baby in mum's arms, I called the baby's name and waved goodbye, and there it was again, that content, smiling, joy-filled face, as he waved back. Mum smiled and said "I told you!"

I often think that from birth to childhood, we are naturally-wired toward relationship with others and therefore have this innate capacity to move on and reconnect not long after we have experienced hurt, anger, or a mistrust of others. However, with age comes the notion that somehow, we must have control over our own lives, and the experience and knowledge that our words and actions can affect others. This also means that with age, forgiveness and the ability to be relationship with others can become a pawn. A means to an end. A conscious choice. Now even if we do try to live this consciously in a life-giving manner, life may not always emulate our good intentions.

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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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*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"

From the front page.....

Our Sunday's reading from Wisdom is about the suffering of the good at the hand of the unjust. Often, those who are good can make the unjust react and feel uncomfortable. This was true of Jesus. Like Jesus, it is also an opportunity for those that endeavour to live a just life to reveal their true mettle.

The good and those who try to live just lives can often have ambitions. In Sunday's gospel, we learn that quite a few of the disciples did. Here, one's intention is what Jesus calls into question. What is condemned both by Jesus and St James (in the second reading) is the desire to have power or to assert some control over others. Love, forgiveness, relationship become pawns to get us what we desire or feel we lack. Of course, ambition is not condemned. However, it has to be grounded in service, and the purest form of service is found in how loving adults care for children. The little child is the example that Jesus uses to signify those who need to be cared, loved, understood and forgiven. Service implies that we are not here for ourselves. We are here for others.

Peace!
Kimi msc

SEPTEMBER KIT

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;

Volunteers Needed

Refugee Resettlement Committee [RRC] of St John's

There are refugee and Afghani families that could arrive and would be in need of support. The RRC would like to assist a family for several months to resettle in Canberra but we need help. If you can volunteer your time, or would like to buddy with someone and share the load (e.g. mentoring; or tutoring; or transport) could you please contact Sigi Kropp or

Kim Wilson for more information through the Parish Office. A Working With Vulnerable People card is necessary (this can be arranged).



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/>



Streaming of Mass

On Saturday 18 September, we will stream Mass from 5:00pm.

Please subscribe to the parish YouTube account.

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

Heart Spirituality

Mary, Mother of us all

One of the first duties of a mother is to provide for all the needs of her children, to nourish, maintain and develop the life she has given them.

Since Mary has given us birth in the spiritual life, she also has to provide the means needed to maintain and develop it in us. Since it is through her that we have redemption it is also through her that we shall make its fruits our own.

She has given us Jesus Christ and with him the Church and the Sacraments, and so we are indebted to her for all these treasures that make us holy.

But the fathers of the Church go much further and make bold to assert that it is at the prayer of the Virgin that Jesus causes to well up the springs of grace of which the miracle of Cana is but a figure.

Jules Chevalier msc - OLSH, p. 168

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

Stewardship

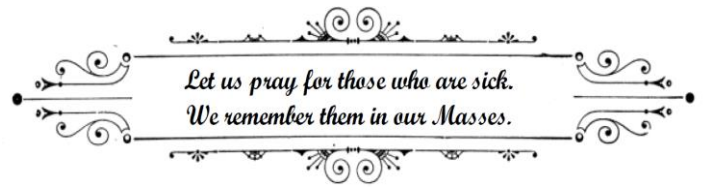
Living in Gratitude

In our Gospel, we see an example of how surrendering to our passions negatively affects us. If we look at our own lives, we might find many instances where we fall into the same tendencies — we constantly compare ourselves to others, out of pride we feel the need to point out another's faults or choose to fight back in an argument. We know we should act one way but choose another.

When Jesus hears what the apostles are discussing, He has them focus on a child. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." When we are caught in the raging war of jealousy, fighting, and pride, and begin to become enslaved to our passions we are ultimately being ungrateful for what we have been given. We overlook the blessing God has given us and the gifts and talents God has entrusted to us.

Today, let us recall that we have an infinitely loving God who cares deeply for us. Consider all that He has blessed you with, and how you can use those blessings for His glory.

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Recently Deceased: *Lyn Katlewski*
John Lenihan [brother to Ann Reynolds]

Anniversary: 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, Aileen Antcliffe, James Sharah, Zoila Wait, Philip Hazell, Hok Tung, Patrick Clarke, Lidia Torelli, Georgina Kukolic, Fr. John Rate msc, Carol Gibb, Edmond Sarrah, Joseph Sciberras, Vic Puzas, Patricia Tyers, Antonia Prieto.

Mass Intentions the week of 20 – 26 September

Mon 20/09	Maria Phuong
Wed 22/09	Available [contact the office]
Thur 23/09	Available [contact the office]
Fri 24/09	Available [contact the office]
Sat 25/09	
5:00pm	Available [contact the office]
Sun 26/09	Available [contact the office]
8:30am	Available [contact the office]
10:00am	Available [contact the office]
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

Singing in the shower is all and games until you get shampoo in your mouth....

then it just becomes a soap opera.

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:

The Lord upholds my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 God has called us with the gospel
 To share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Alleluia!

Readings – 26 September 2021

First Reading	Nm 11:25-29
Psalm	Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14
Second Reading	James 5:1-6
Gospel	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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 15 October. If this is the case weekend mass may resume on 16/17 October.

26 Sept 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

26 Sept 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

26 Sept Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	19 Sept	Angela Boreham
Grounds	25 Sept	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	20 Sept	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams, Dushyanthi & Nisham Upasena