

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

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

**Year B**  
**#44.21**

## Reflection

### Are You Jealous or Zealous?

One young man approaches a good looking girl in a mall and asked, "You know, I have lost my girlfriend here in the mall. Can you talk to me for a couple of minutes?" "Why?" she asks. "Because, every time I talk to a beautiful girl, my girlfriend appears out of nowhere." Today's Scripture readings give us a strong warning against jealousy, intolerance and giving scandal.

Jealousy can be a horrible thing. For us, as humans, it is often fatal. Human jealousy can quickly get out of hand. That's what happened to Saul. He was the first king of Israel. He wanted to destroy David but he wound up destroying himself.

Some of history's worst sins can be attributed to jealousy. The first murder was committed because of jealousy. Cain was jealous that Abel's offering was accepted by God and his was not. Jesus was crucified because of the jealousy of the religious leaders. In the gospel today the disciples are jealous of a stranger expelling demons. Remember at one point the disciples were jealous of John and James trying to get a spiritual promotion. The workers in the gospel were jealous that those who came last and worked less hours were getting the same wages as the first comers who had worked long hours. Then the landlord asked: "Are you jealous because I am just."

God does not tolerate jealousy. Jesus corrects his disciples about their jealousy about others preaching. How do we understand God's jealousy? When God says that he is "jealous", it implies no disorder. Unlike human jealousy that destroys, God's jealousy puts things back in order.

A positive word for jealousy is "zeal". The two words come from the same Greek root. We hear about Jesus' all-consuming zeal in the cleansing of the Temple. To remove barriers between God and his people, Jesus tips over tables, scatters coins and stampedes cattle. He unleashes some chaos in order to get our attention. Such zeal, such jealousy is creative. We need to be zealous Christians.

*Yours in the Heart of Christ,  
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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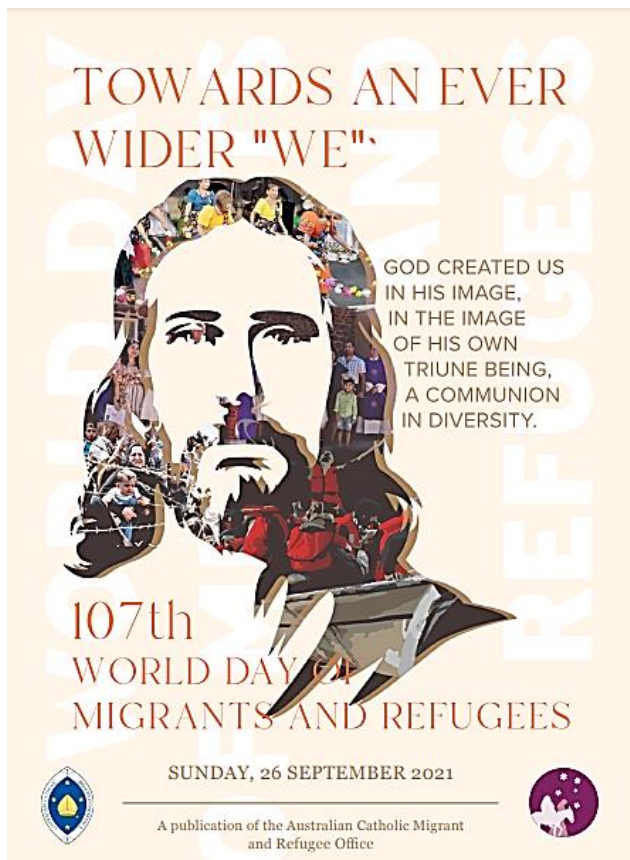


## Streaming of Mass

On Saturday 25 Sept, we will 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)



<https://www.acmro.catholic.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).

**We invite you to share your stories of Lockdown 2021.**

**SEPTEMBER KIT**

**DUE OUT 30 SEPTEMBER**

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);



## 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/>

### The First Assembly of the Plenary Council begins next weekend.

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

During the first General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, key moments will be live-streamed between October 3 and 10, including;

- Daily Masses,
- Morning prayer for Plenary Council members,
- Sharing the fruits of discernment.

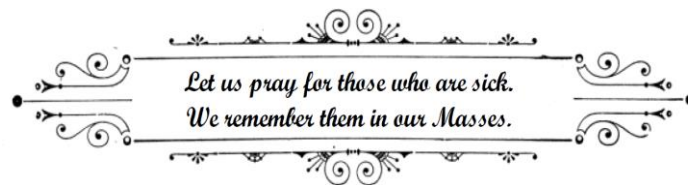
The Opening Mass will be live-streamed from 2.00 pm AEST 3 October. Visit the Plenary Council website for a calendar of live streams during the Assembly. We ask all to prayerfully support the members as we "open the windows to let the Holy Spirit move in our Church." You may wish to participate in the Archdiocesan Plenary Novena

Key documents, including articles, images, infographics, and multimedia content, will be available via Google Drive. You may wish to bookmark the link for easy access.

In addition, each day during the Assembly, the national team will post content including media releases, the daily homily, a summary of the group sharing during the opening plenary session, and a podcast featuring interviews with Council members.

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

# Heart Spirituality



## The Heart of Jesus revealed in the Gospels

If we follow our Lord in his public life, we see his heart pour itself out on every sort of misfortune, on every sort of misery, moral and physical. From where comes that infinite mercy that he shows towards sinners, that so tender compassion for those who suffer? From his Heart.

What inspired him to heal so many sick people who appealed to his power; to raise so many dead at the prayer of their desolate parents?

His Heart, always his Heart. All the kindnesses that Jesus sowed along his path, all the miracles he worked are so many outpourings of the ineffable goodness of his Heart.

Jules Chevalier msc -  
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p. 9) Paris 1900

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

## Stewardship

### Using your Gifts

We often look at another's strengths as our weakness whether it be in parish life, in the workforce, or even in our own families.

Jesus wants us to rejoice in our own gifts. The next time we witness someone being a good steward of God's gifts — rejoice! And continue to examine how you are using your gifts and talents to ensure you are being a good steward of what God has entrusted to you.

In the Second Reading from St. James the people stored up their riches to the point where they withheld wages from their workers! They clenched tightly to the pleasures and luxuries that the world offers and put it in front of both God and their neighbour.

We must keep this in perspective as we journey on our path as Christian stewards. We do not live for this life, but for the next.

This week when we witness other people in our lives using the gifts God has given to them, instead of becoming jealous or critical, say a prayer of thanksgiving and take time to reflect on what God has gifted you and how you can offer it to Him for His glory.

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

## Recently Deceased:

Jim Sheahan [brother to Peg McGrath],  
Laurie McKenna [friend of Mary O'Brien]

**Anniversary:** Aileen Antcliffe, James Sharah, Zoila Wait, Philip Hazell, Patrick Clarke, Lidia Torelli, Georgina Kukolic, Hok Tung, Fr. John Rate msc, Carol Gibb, Edmond Sarrah, Joseph Sciberras, Vic Puzas, Patricia Tyers, Antonia Prieto, Antonella D'Ambrosio, Victor Bitterman, Bernard Roberts, Robert Smith, Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy, Anne Bynum, Fred Aschenberger, Patricia Richardson, Gaeto Vella, Renee Tozer, Wendy McCarthy, Agustin Fernandez-Budiel

## Mass Intentions the week of 27 September – 3 October

Mon 27/09	Available [contact the office]
Wed 29/09	Maria and Robert Scarr
Thur 30/09	Available [contact the office]
Fri 01/10	Available [contact the office]
Sat 02/10	
5:00pm	Available [contact the office]
Sun 03/10	
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.

Daylight Savings will commence at 2:00am on Sunday 3 October 2021.



Our Saturday Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm starting 9 October 2021. Confession will move to 5:00pm – 5:30pm Saturdays.

*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.*

## 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:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Your word, O Lord, is truth;  
 Make us holy in the truth  
 Alleluia!

## Readings – 3 October 2021

First Reading	Gen 2:18-24
Psalm	Ps 127
Second Reading	Heb 2:9-11
Gospel	Mark 10:2-16

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.

### 3 Oct Lector Roster

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

### 3 Oct 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

### 3 Oct 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:	26 Sept	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	2 Oct	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	27 Sept	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Van Nguyen