

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
3 October 2021

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From the Side Desk

In marriage, as lives are linked together, each brings their gifts and strengths but also their weakness and woundedness, into the relationship. Today's gospel raises the question of divorce and presents contrasting opinions on it. One opinion permitted divorce at any time and for any reason while the other would not permit the dissolution of marriage. This presented questions of law surrounding divorce, which the Pharisees could use to trap Jesus. However, when presented with these two opinions, Jesus began with acknowledging the lawgiver, Moses, and the reason why divorce was permitted in law, but then he takes them back to Genesis and the whole purpose of our creation and marital relationship as a lifelong commitment (mirroring our relationship with God).

The long form of today's gospel has two distinct parts. The first was on divorce and the second was the blessing of children. In the days of Jesus, when women who had children were divorced and returned to their extended families, their family and in particular the divorced woman would have been shamed.

Divorce affects more than just the two people in a relationship. It can have a lasting impact on children. It affects their extended families, friends, and sometimes even the community to which they belong. Divorce has to be the last resort in an untenable relationship.

Even though divorce may not directly apply to or affect us, it should concern us all. Every relationship needs work and we are to be mindful of those for whom it is a greater struggle or challenge. Our role as community and Church is the spiritual and pastoral care of those married, the divorced, the remarried, and their families. That never changes.

This week, as part of our own response to the gospel, let us each try to do something to promote the good of families and to nurture our own familial relationships.

Peace!
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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.*



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.

As Pope Francis wrote in *Laudato Si'*:
"I believe that Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically... He was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved for his joy, his generous self-giving, his openheartedness. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace" (LS 10).

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 3-10 October

Archdiocesan Plenary Masses
with Archbishop Christopher Prowse
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

WHEN: Monday 4 – Saturday 9 October
TIME: 8:00am.

National Plenary Mass

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

Opening Mass 2:00pm AEDT (Sunday 3 October)

Daily Mass: 9:30am AEDT (Monday – Saturday)

Closing Mass: 10am AEDT (Sunday 10 October)

Live-streamed summaries of the previous day's proceedings

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

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).

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.

YouTube Streaming of Mass

On Saturday 3 October, we will stream Mass from 5:00pm.

Please subscribe to the parish YouTube account.

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

Virtual Catholic Women's Summit 8-9 – October - 6:30 pm

The Catholic Women's Summit, hosted by The Genius Project, with an amazing lineup of guest speakers will be available over two days.

Register at <https://cf.geniusproject.co/2021-virtual-registration>.

For more information contact Karen 0499877844

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

The Sacred Heart

It is good to think of the network of love with which God at every moment surrounds each soul he created on earth. With each one he acts in a different way. Although their differences are numberless, the attentions of his love are more. God takes delight in the divine Heart of Jesus. The Heart with which he loves us, his living sacrament. It is through the Heart of Christ, that the love of God, God himself, pours himself out on the world and on the human race. God communicates and gives himself by grace.

Jules Chevalier msc -
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus Paris 1900

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

Stewardship

The Domestic Church

Our readings this week speak to each of our domestic churches — the little churches that we call our families.

Today's Gospel brings us to life after sin had entered the world — a time that is familiar to us. As the Pharisees questioned Jesus about divorce, he expressed that Moses permitted it because of the hardness of man's heart. However, Jesus was calling them to deeper holiness. He was calling them to restore the original plan God had intended for marriage, "A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

Jesus' words still apply to us here and now in each of our domestic churches. It is the task of families to tirelessly work to restore God's original plan for marriage and family life — homes filled with gratitude, acceptance, and love.

It takes a daily commitment to live out our call to holiness to restore our families to this beautiful image.

www.catholicsteward.com

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

Recently Deceased:

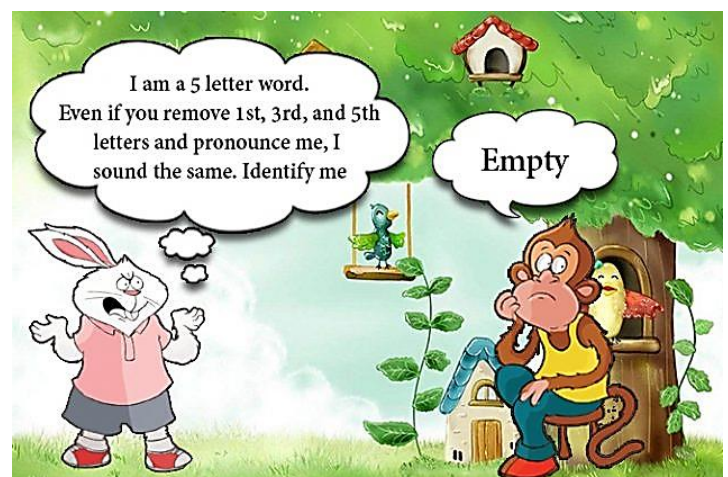
Anniversary: Antonella D'Ambrosio, Victor Bitterman, Bernard Roberts, Robert Smith, Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy, Anne Bynum, Fred Aschenberger, Patricia Richardson, Gaeto Vella, Renee Tozer, Wendy McCarthy, Frederick Jackson, Agustin Fernandez-Budiel, Norma Hall, Anita Clobus, Lillian Templeton, Charlie McLaren, Norma Flood, Henryk Jalocha, Verdi Guy, Raymond Dummett, Iosif Szakal, Gwen Jones, Eugenia Wlodarczyk, John Whigham, Connie Thomas, Brenda Boreham

Mass Intentions the week of 4 – 10 October

Mon 04/10	Joseph Khuè
Wed 06/10	Joseph Long Nguyễn
Thur 07/10	Fr. Thaddeus Taylor
Fri 08/10	John Xuân
Sat 09/10	
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]
Sun 10/10	
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.

On a Lighter note



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:

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Readings – 10 October 2021

First Reading	Wis 7:7-11
Psalm	Ps 89:12-17
Second Reading	Heb 4:12-13
Gospel	Mark 10:17-30

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.

10 Oct Lector Roster

6:00pm	Bob Raadts, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Dennis Puniard, Margaret Luck
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Brian Mahony

10 Oct Ministers of Communion

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

10 Oct Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	3 Oct	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	9 Oct	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard
Church Cleaning:	4 Oct	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne