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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

Fifth Sunday of Easter
15 May 2022

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Reflection

Sacrificial Love

The love Jesus encourages us to have in today's Gospel is a very particular love. He tells us not just to love one another, but to 'love as I have loved you'. The core of Jesus' love for us is sacrificial love, where he laid down his life that we might live. While love is a popular word, and even more popular notion, in our music, film, art and literature, sacrificial love is not something we hear much about these days or that we embrace very easily. Loving someone in the popular imagination has come to mean hanging in there until someone better comes along, or we grow bored of each other sexually or personally. Often it entails keeping the exit door on commitment nice and handy for the quick get-away. But this hardly describes a love that involves sacrifice.

Sacrificial love is demonstrated in deeds not words. It states that there is no point in saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make. Sacrificial love is not just about warm and fuzzy feelings; it is an intensely practical affair where our love is judged by our gentleness, kindness and patience with each other. Christian love is not arrogant or rude, it does not drag other people down, but rejoices and weeps when others are successful or downhearted. Loving as Jesus has loved means telling the truth with compassion, forgiving, working at trust and holding on to faith in the face of difficult times. Jesus does not promise us that this commandment is easy, just necessary if we are to love as he loves us.

While sacrificial love demands of us that we die unto self, Jesus never asked us to 'kill' ourselves. We are never meant to destroy ourselves or stay in relationships that rip our dignity from us. Sometimes the most Christian thing we can do is to set up boundaries or make decisions that protect ourselves from behaviour which is neither loving nor Christian.

Resource used: Homily, by Richard Leonard SJ

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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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Over 45's has changed its name to.....

St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on **Wednesday 25 May** for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

Pins & Needles Craft Group

16 May 2021

7:15pm Parish Library



SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly

6:00pm – 8:00pm



**For more information
contact the parish office.**

Next gathering: Friday 20 May
St John the Apostle Parish Centre

St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

Tuesday – 24 May - 7:30am



Bean Origin

5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen

Relax, Review, Reflect

Come and relax, (re)view a contemporary film and reflect and share how you would approach issues raised in the film considering your own life's experience.



*We will be watching
"Don't Look Up" R.18+
Friday 27 May at 7:00pm
in the parish library.*

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Laudato Si week

16 - 29 May

Archbishop Prowse will be celebrating a Mass for Laudato Si' action at St Christopher's Cathedral at 10.45 am for 11.00 am on Sunday 22 May. All are welcome to help celebrate God's creation. The Archdiocese is starting to develop and to encourage plans of action on Care for our Common Home
<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>

ANointing OF THE SICK

MASS

Friday 27 May

Mass - 11:00am

Lunch - 12 noon



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during this mass. Following the mass lunch will be served in the church foyer.

Parishioners who are sick, housebound, and have difficulty attending Sunday Mass are invited to this celebration.

For catering purposes please RSVP by 23 May 2022 Parish Office 6254 3236
kippax@cg.org.au

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"

Matthew 11:28-30

What is your Mother Tongue?

On Pentecost Sunday - when the Apostles spoke in tongues - we would like to hear prayers from many different languages being offered from our ambo. Are you a parishioner whose mother tongue is not English? Please let me know if you would read a prayer in your first language at your Mass on the weekend of 4/5 June – Pentecost Sunday. The English version will be on the overhead so that the congregation can understand.

Please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au.

Erin Hagerty – Lector Co-Ordinator

PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

15-20 May – Fr. Kimi will be at a MSC Provincial Conference at Kensington.

16 -18 May – Fr. Michael will be at the Clergy Assembly at Galong.

A Liturgy of the Word with Communion will be held on Wednesday 18 May & Friday 20 May

20 May -20 June–

Fr. Michael will be on leave

Heart Spirituality

The Sacred Heart, the real symbol of Jesus' love

The Sacred Heart is the real symbol of the love of Our Lord for us. St Bernard understood it this way when he exclaimed: *"O Lord Jesus! Your heart has been wounded on the cross so that in this wound, visible to our eyes, we can see the invisible wound of your love."*

Jesus expressed his love to St Margaret Mary: *"My heart loves the world so passionately that, unable to hold within itself the flames of this burning love, it needs to spread them by means of you."*

Jules Chevalier msc -
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 152) Paris 1900

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

Stewardship

Following in Jesus' footsteps

*"My children...I give you a new
commandment: love one another.*

*As I have loved you,
so you also should love one another."*

What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life. It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy. Jesus Calling us to love as He, Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us.

Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

We continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's footsteps and in loving as He loves.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Kenneth Brennan,
Krystal Lindstrom, Harrison Wroe, Antonia Gladwish,
Pat McLindin, Kevin Crossley, Sarah Sealey,
Betty Cowman, Edna Hamilton, Robert Donovan,
Elena D'Ambrosio, Hemult Wanda, Bryan McGurgan,
Emma Caskie, Denis Hogan, Daphne Parnell,
Ella Dimitres, Sandra Miniotas, Anne Ots,
Michael Wilson, Neil MacFarlane, John Loadman,
Bernard Gibson, Caleb Shaw, Gloria Fleming,
Tom Stewart, Edward McGregor, Michael Logan,
James Ohlin, June McCall, Hermine Raescher,
David Pinner, Christopher Boyldew, Stan Niemiec,
Gloria Harris, Suzana Katavic

Mass Intentions the week of 16 - 22 May

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| Mon 16/05 | Available [contact the office] |
| Wed 18/05 | Liturgy of the Word with Communion |
| Thur 19/05 | Amy Stephenson |
| Fri 20/05 | Liturgy of the Word with Communion |

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| Sat 21/05 | |
| 5:00pm | Paul O'Brien |

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| Sun 22/05 | |
| 8:30am | Kevin Crossley |
| 10:00am | S. Gunaratnam |
| 6:00pm | Parish Intentions |

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

RETREAT - VISITING THE WELL

Presented by Jenny Scally rsj
3 - 9 June 2022 (weekend 3 - 5 June)
St Mary's Towers Retreat Douglas Park

This retreat offers us the opportunity to use the scripture of **Woman at the Well** from John's gospel (4:5-29) as well as our own lived experience.

Come explore the depths of your well with God, finding the life-giving water that God offers you at this time of your life.

*Benedict Hennessy
So, take a gentle moment,
To stop beside the well,
And listen to the story
That the waters tell.*

contact@towersretreat.org.au

Ph: 02 46300233 www.towersretreat.org.au

MAY 2022

16 Monday – Pins & Needles – 7:15pm

19 Thursday – Eucharistic Adoration – 7:30pm

20 Friday – Men's Group – 6:00pm

24 Tuesday – Women's Breakfast – 7:30am

25 Wednesday – St John's Friendship Group
[formerly known as Over 45's] – 9:30am Mass

27 Friday – Film Night – 7:00pm

30 Monday – Reconciliation Day – Public Holiday –
Parish Office Closed

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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| 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

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| Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326 | Thursday 10:00am |
| Meditation | Friday 5.15-6.30 pm |
| Rosary | Monday – Friday 9:05am |
| Eucharistic Adoration | 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm |
| Adult Choir | Wednesday 7:30pm |

SOCIAL LIFE

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| Over 45's | Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea |
| Pins & Needles | 3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library |
| Book club | 3rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library |
| Women's Breakfast | 4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen |
| Men's Group | 3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre |

Sacrament of Confirmation

The children of the parish are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Thursday 9 June at 5:30pm. Would you please hold all the children and their families in your prayers. Thank you.

Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Courage,
Understanding, Piety, Awe & Wonder

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good. 1Cor. 12:7

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia

I give you a new commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you
Alleluia

Readings – 22 May 2022

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| First Reading | Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 |
| Psalm | Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8 |
| Second Reading | Rv 22:10-14, 22-23 |
| Gospel | John 14:23-29 |

22 May Lector Roster

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| 5:00pm | Erin Trevaskis, Elaine Laycock |
| 8:30am | Wendy Wade, Shane Murtagh |
| 10:00am | |
| 6:00pm | Andrew Luck, Marian Crowley |

22 May Ministers of Communion

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| 5:00pm | John Drury, Anthony Jayawardena |
| 8:30am | Brian Green, Darren Maharaj |
| 10:00am | Francesca Deklin |
| 6:00pm | Robin Williams |

22 May Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

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| Altar Society: | 15 May | Angela Boreham |
| Grounds | 21 May | David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton |
| Church Cleaning: | 16 May | Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams, Dushyanthi & Nisham Upasena |

On a Lighter note

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"I like to begin every performance review with
a compliment. Boy, I look good today!"