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## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### *Celebrating 50 Years*

**The Ascension of the Lord**  
**29 May 2022**

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## Reflection

### God is King of all the earth

*If you would learn more, ask the cattle,  
Seek information from the birds of the air.  
The creeping things of earth will give you lessons,  
And the fishes of the sea will tell you all.  
There is not a single creature that does not know  
That everything is of God's making.  
God holds in power the soul of every living thing,  
And the breath of every human body.*

—Book of Job 12:7-10

Non-human creation is invariably obedient to its destiny. Animals and plants seem to excitedly take their small place in the "circle of life," in the balance of nature, in the dance of complete interdependence. It is only we humans who have resisted our place in "the one great act of giving birth" (see Romans 8:22), even though we had the most powerful role! Humans, in fact, have frequently chosen death for themselves and for so many other creatures besides. We are, by far, the most destructive of all species.

Jesus clearly taught that if we seek first God's kingdom and the universal law of love ("love God and love one another," Matthew 22:37-40), all the rest would take care of itself (see Matthew 6:33). We would no longer blatantly defy the laws of nature but seek to live in harmony and sustainability with Earth and all her creatures. This radical lifestyle demands a sense of inherent dignity that is granted by God and not an off-and-on dignity determined by egocentric humans.

When we realize that *who I am is love*, then we will do what we came to do: *Love God and love all that this God has created.*

**Resource used:** Created to Love, by Richard Rohr OFM

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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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**Church  
office  
closed**

**Monday 30 May 2022**  
**Reconciliation Day**

**Monday 13 June 2022**  
**Queen's Birthday Holiday**

**We welcome** Fr. Roger Purcell msc from the MSC Mission office who will be celebrating masses in the parish this weekend.



**The Ascension of the Lord.  
MSC Mission Office Appeal**

Today we see endings and beginnings. The mission of Jesus is accomplished, the mission of the apostles and the church, begins. The Risen Lord is gone, the Spirit of the Lord comes. It is a time of transition and change. The completion of Jesus mission on earth is a time of joy and thanksgiving. The beginning of the mission to the nations brings joy and challenge. Christ works through us, and the Spirit is acting through us, if not the Spirit is stifled.

We are in the time of a new era; post-pandemic to a different life; the Ukrainian war has brought many changes to Europe; Australia has a new government. In much of this that is evil and wrong, the spirit of evil is working, and the Spirit of God is working in and through us, and many leaders around the world to bring peace and stability.

In this changing world the Mission Office responds to this challenge and carries forward this mission in practical, hands-on ways to assist people to a better life, to show the love of Christ to all people. The Spirit moves in what we do and moves in your cooperation and support. Assist us to bring water to people in need, education and opportunity to young people, health to many, a healthy environment for the world, day to day assistance to priests and religious in pastoral care of the people, education for future priests. In this we all become "lifted up".

Watch "Mission Alive!" at :  
[www.mscmission.org.au](http://www.mscmission.org.au)

Roger Purcell msc  
Director MSC Mission Office  
<https://australia.mscmission.org/Home>

**Contemplative Prayer with  
the Blessed Sacrament  
First Thursday of the Month –  
2 June - 7:30pm – 8:30pm**



Come for 15 or 30 minutes – whatever time you can spare – there is no requirement to stay for the whole hour.

The lord invites .... ***"can you not stay awake with me for one hour?"*** Mt. 26:40

And promises to refresh our soul .... ***"From His Heart shall flow streams of Living Water"*** Jn. 7:38



We encourage anyone interested in joining us to come along for a meeting.

**We are reading: *The Painting*  
by Alison L Booth  
St Johns Library – 19<sup>th</sup> June - 3:00pm**



**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

**2022 – 2023 Rosters**

Were emailed out last week. If you did not receive your roster please contact the parish office.

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

# Heart Spirituality

## The Ascension

Jesus told his disciples: It is for your own good that I am going to my Father, because I go to prepare a place for you, and to send you the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth who will teach you everything (John 16:7). The role of Jesus in heaven is the role of a mediator who never ceases to plead on our behalf and to cry aloud for God's mercy upon us: Mediator between God and humanity (1 Tim 2:5). Knowing our weakness and the dangers we incur here below, he asks without ceasing for the graces we need.

Since Jesus' Heart is full of love for us, let us ask him to bless and protect us.

Jules Chevalier msc -  
Meditations, I, 609f, Issoudun 1891

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

## Stewardship

### Blessing and being Blessed

Jesus' final instructions to His Apostles and followers were not to depart from Jerusalem until they had received the Holy Spirit. That involved a period of waiting for them. Waiting is always difficult; we experience that sense of anxiety and anticipation often ourselves. However, Jesus knew that for them to be effective in building the Kingdom of God, the Holy Spirit was necessary. That is no different for us today. We receive the Holy Spirit often, including every time we receive the Eucharist. Nevertheless, for us to be effective Disciples of Christ, we must allow the Holy Spirit to work through us.

When Jesus blessed His Apostles, He blessed us also. Jesus left His earthly existence blessing His Church, and He continues to bless us. When Jesus blesses us, He gives us power and strength. We need to acknowledge that blessing, and we must do everything we can to transmit it to others.

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## Recently Deceased:

*Vilma Goodman [sister of Malveen Kelly]*

**Anniversary:** Thomas Flynn, Sofie Aver, Adena Hugo, Mary Harrison, Ruby Molloy, Kevin McAlister, Pat Butcher, Brian Durack, Maxwell Harmer, Anna Pisciotto, Bette Rutter, Beryl Moulis, Mary Clynch, David Mather, Wally Chymko, Eric Duve, Margaret Coker-Godson, Olga Sarran, Terry Sheppard, Neryl Hogan, Rosanne Le Cornu, Stefani Seaton, Mary Stinton, Margaret Keogh, Thomas Guy, Stephen Carew, Elizabeth Strike, Jack Draper, Marie Johnson, Evelyn Weinman, Ian Cupitt, Denise Doyle

## Mass Intentions the week of 30 May – 5 June

Mon 30/05	Available [contact the office]
Wed 01/06	Available [contact the office]
Thur 02/06	Available [contact the office]
Fri 03/06	Veronica Brennan

Sat 04/06	
5:00pm	Enid Heinmann and Sandra Walsh

Sun 05/06	
8:30am	Rubina Crossley
10:00am	Doris Galea
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

## Feast of the Sacred Heart Friday 24 June



*Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am followed by High Tea in the foyer.*

*Anointing of the Sick will be available after morning Mass.*

*Please contact the parish office if you would like to attend the High Tea after Mass for catering purposes.*

## JUNE 2022

**2 Thursday** – Eucharistic Adoration – 7:30pm

**5 Sunday** – Pentecost Sunday

**12 Sunday** – Trinity Sunday

**17 Friday** – Men's Group – Parish Centre – 6:30pm

**20 Monday** – Sacrament of The Eucharist – formation for parent's session – 7:00pm

**20 Monday** – Pins and Needles – 7:00pm

**24 Friday** – Feast of the Sacred Heart

**24 Friday** – Anointing of the sick after Mass

**25/26 Weekend** – Presentation Masses for the children preparing for the Sacrament of The Eucharist

**28 Tuesday** – Women's Breakfast

**29 Wednesday** – Over 45's

## 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 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 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
Men's Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

**SJA Men's Group**

Meeting Monthly

6:00pm – 8:00pm



For more information  
contact the parish office.

Next gathering: Friday 17 June  
St John the Apostle Parish Centre

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
A blare of trumpets for the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always,  
until the end of the world.  
Alleluia

## Readings – 5 June 2022

First Reading	Acts 2:1-11
Psalm	Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34
Second Reading	1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13
Gospel	John 14:15-16, 23-26

## 5 June Lector Roster

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Paul McGrath
8:30am	Wendy Wade, John O'Heir
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Erin Trevaskis

## 5 June Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Joy McInerney, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Pat Cowburn
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawaunkula
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

## 5 June 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:	29 May	Gabe Culhane
Grounds	4 June	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	30 May	Marian England, Sharon Greaves

## On a Lighter note

