

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

*Celebrating 50 Years*

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**17 July 2022**

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**#34.22**

## Reflection

### Women's Leadership in Catholic Communities

Today's Gospel gives us the story of Martha and Mary which is a complex narrative. It can be read on at least two levels.

The first level is extraordinary enough: it focuses on Mary who assumes the position of the Rabbi's student and is defended against any attack on her right to be there. In first century Palestine, Jewish women were 'not permitted to be taught the Torah, but only instructed about how they should live their lives in obedience to its demands. They were not permitted to touch the scriptures nor to take part in public debate or official liturgical ritual.' From this context we can see the sort of freedom Jesus envisaged for women, against the practice of his own day.

On another level, however, this story focuses on Martha. The writer of Luke's Gospel tells us that we are in Martha's home and, that with Jesus as special guest at table, she is serving the members of her household with care and devotion. Martha comes across as strong and outspoken. Mary, meanwhile, is passive and silent.

It is likely this story is criticising a call in Luke's community for women to move away from the leadership Jesus gave them and to adopt again the traditional roles to which the Jewish/Christians were more familiar.

At the Vatican on 21 May 2000 the Pope told a group of Bishops from the USA: 'The genius of women must be ever more a vital strength of the Church of the next millennium, just as it was in the first communities of Christ's disciples.'

To that end today's story from such a community holds a key to our own dilemma. Just as Jesus broke through the gender boundaries of his own day, so too must we. We must renew our commitment to ending anything that degrades, exploits or dehumanises women throughout the world.

But more, it's time for the Church to take some strong symbolic and practical steps to defend the leadership of women within our own Catholic community.

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

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Weekday Mass** will be celebrated in the Parish Library from **Monday 18 – Friday 22 July** to allow for the builders to work on replacement of the church windows.

## LECTOR MINISTRY

We require a second Lector for the fourth Sunday 10:00am Mass. If you discern that this is a ministry you would like to be involved in, please contact the parish office.

## CALVARY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday 21st July 2022, 6.30 for 7 pm start, at the Canberra Labor Club Belconnen. Tickets are \$20 per head, payable at the door, cash or EFTPOS; to pre-book a table of 10 contact Daphne on 0407835846.

Theme for dress/ costume is any cartoon character/ Disney/Frozen etc. There will be a front door raffle, best costume prize, best dressed table prize, lucky door prizes and more. All proceeds go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. So bring your friends for a night of friendship, fun and a good laugh!

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Weekend - 19-21 August

Worldwide Marriage Encounter conducted by Zoom allowing couple to attend from the comfort of their own home. The weekend starts at 7PM on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August and concludes with Mass at 4PM on Sunday 21 August.

Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Mercy & James Bvirakare on 0409 183 676 or [vicbooking@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbooking@wwme.org.au)



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

**Vinnies Winter Appeal 2022**  
**Weekend 30/31 July 2022**

## Pins & Needles Craft Group

18 July 2022

7:15pm Parish Library



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

The children of the Parish will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the following masses:

Saturday 23 July - 5:00pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday 24 July – 10:00am Mass

Saturday 30 July – 5:00pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday 31 July – 10:00am Mass

*Would you please hold all the children and their families in your prayers. Thank you.*

## St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast Tuesday - 26 July - 7:30am



**Bean Origin**

5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen

## St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on **Wednesday 27 July** 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.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is celebrated on the last Friday of each month after the 9:30am mass. **Next anointing will be 29 July.**

## KIT – Keeping in Touch

KIT has a new feature page called "My Story". Please send your story to [marian@stjohnkippax.org.au](mailto:marian@stjohnkippax.org.au)



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

# Heart Spirituality

## The Sacred Heart - God's gift of himself

God is love itself.

This infinite love that constitutes the very depths of God, and forms his nature, has enclosed itself in a human heart, the Heart of Jesus.

That is why God takes delight in this divine Heart, 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. How? God communicates and gives himself by grace.

Jules Chevalier msc -  
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 9f., Paris 1900.

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

## Stewardship

### Contemplation and Action

In today's Gospel reading from St. Luke, we receive a reminder about the proper use of the gift of time, a fundamental aspect of a stewardship way of life. Martha, as a good steward, welcomes Christ into her home but then becomes "burdened with much serving" while her sister and fellow hostess chooses to simply sit with Jesus, listening to Him speak.

Martha, indignant at Mary's behaviour complains to Jesus. In His infinite wisdom, Jesus refuses to get pulled into this sisterly spat. Instead, He offers Martha a fresh way to look at the situation. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

What is that one thing? It is to put Jesus first in our lives and above all other things; to "sit at his feet" and listen as Mary did, giving Him the priority of our time no matter how busy we think we are.

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



### Recently Deceased:

Shane Connolly [husband of Daren]

**Anniversary:** Paul Kurylowicz, Mona Castle, Stephen Carson, Stephen Gorst, Leo Williams, Naomi Slater, Rudi Weiss, Joseph Myatt, Rita Riddle, Isabella Backhaus, Gwendoline White, Sheila Marshall, Tina Martino, James Patterson, Queenie Solomonsz, Dolly Munoz, Mary Mules, Marie Cowman, Maria Pedic, Thomas Pinner, Czeslaw Kowalski, Wallace Johnson, Dianne Fraser, Darryl Bremer, Frank Sculthorpe, Debra Niquet, Donald Briggs, Domatilla Mallia, Velentini Vrataric, Therese van der Vliet, Carol Thompson, Betty Coughlin, Daniel Keneally, Bernard Coughlin

### Mass Intentions the week of 18-24 July

Mon 18/07	Terry O'Brien
Wed 20/07	Thanksgiving
Thur 21/07	Sue Bretnall
Fri 22/07	Available [contact the office]
<b>Sat 23/07</b>	
5:00pm	Available [contact the office]
<b>Sun 24/07</b>	
8:30am	Jim Ohlin
10:00am	Maria Dang
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

### Contemplative Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament First Thursday of the Month – 4 August - 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



## 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

St Johns Friendship Group	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

### **RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:**

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, Alleluia

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia

## Readings – 24 July 2022

First Reading	Gen 18:20-32
Psalm	Ps 137:1-3, 6-8
Second Reading	Col 2:12-14
Gospel	Luke 11:1-13

## ROSTERS

### 24 July Lector Roster

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Wendy Wade, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Andrew Luck, Marian Crowley

### 24 July Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	John Drury, Laurine Smeaton
8:30am	Margaret Stanford, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Bonnie and Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi, Marie McKie

### 24 July Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joan Galpin
8:30am	Beatrice Williams
10:00am	VACANT
6:00pm	Erin Trevaskis

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	17 July	Angela Boreham
Grounds	23 July	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	17 July	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena

### On a Lighter note

off the mark.com

by Mark Parisi



### **Parish Secretary Position, Narrabundah**

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Secretary for Narrabundah parish, under the care of the Missionaries of God's Love.

This is a part-time permanent position (12 hours per week, Tuesday to Friday 9-12noon). For more information please contact the Parish Office 6295 7879 or [narrabundah@cg.org.au](mailto:narrabundah@cg.org.au)