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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
24 July 2022

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Reflection

In old age they will still bear fruit

"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true "gospel" that we can proclaim to all on this second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life, but also to the attitude of grim resignation shown by some of us elderly people, who harbour few expectations for the future.

Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the "throw-away culture", which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties and separated from "them" and their troubles. The Scriptures see things differently. A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!

Old age is not a time of life easily understood even by those of us who are already experiencing it. Even though it eventually comes with the passage of time, no one prepares us for old age, and at times it seems to take us by surprise. The more developed societies expend large sums on this stage of life without really helping people to understand and appreciate it; they offer healthcare plans to the elderly but not plans for living this age to the full.

An excerpt from Pope Francis' Message for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

The full message can be accessed at the link below

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20220503-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

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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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FACE MASKS

Although face masks are not mandatory in Churches, we encourage you to wear one if you feel comfortable to do so.



Be Mindful of your safety and the safety of others

Sacrament of the Eucharist Masses

We welcome sixteen children from the parish and parish primary school who will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist this weekend.

Saturday 23 July 5:00pm:

Lincoln Abbott, Campbell Green, James Kiss, Amelia Nguyen, Evelina Nilsson, James Thurbon, Henry Ton-That

Sunday 24 July 10:00am:

William Bond, Sophia Clark, Riley Monk, Thomasina Neilsen, Vincent Nott, Chloe Pearce, Ileana Rozario, Alana Stonham, Alayna Zarebski

Ten children of the parish will receive the Sacrament at the 5:00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 30 July.

Please hold all the children and their families in your prayers. Thank you.

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.

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KIT – Keeping in Touch

KIT survives on your contributions. Deadline for July KIT contributions is Thursday 28 July. Please email your contributions to

marian@stjohnkippax.org.au

Thank You

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

2nd World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 24 July 2022

See link to full article on cover page

May God bless all grandparents and the elderly with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. May they know they are valued in our parish.

Amen



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Vinnies Winter Appeal 2022 Weekend 30/31 July 2022

The theme for the 2022 Appeal is supporting women and children who are affected by domestic violence. Donations can be made after all Masses on 30th and 31st July. This year we have facilities for credit card donations as well as cash, cheques and online.

Thanks for your support.

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.**

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



Heart Spirituality



A Charism of Kindness

Following the example of Jesus, we will strive to lead others to God with kindness and gentleness, to unite them to him by love and to free them from fear. Trusting in God's grace, we will be ready, if necessary, to lay down our lives for them.

The spirit of our society is one of love and kindness, humility and simplicity; it is, above all, one of love for justice and concern for all, especially the very poor.

MSC Constitutions and Statutes MSC #'s 12, 13.

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

Stewardship

God is our Father

The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim our complete trust in His provision for us and mercy towards us. We, too, commit to extending mercy ourselves (as we forgive those who sin against us).

As we pray the words of the Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father, and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the basis of a stewardship way of life.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to pursue a relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door!

He can hardly wait to bless us, his children.

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Recently Deceased:

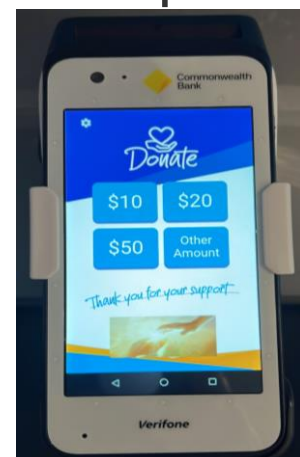
Anniversary: Thomas Pinner, Czeslaw Kowalski, Wallace Johnson, Dianne Fraser, Darryl Bremer, Frank Sculthorpe, Debra Niquet, Donald Briggs, Domatilla Mallia, Velentini Vratavic, Carol Thompson, Therese van der Vliet, Betty Coughlin, Daniel Keneally, Bernard Coughlin, Jillian McInerney, Ardina Dudok, June Traynor, Mathilde Clemence, Diane Eccles, Nola Faulkner, Andrew Kenna, John Connelly, Olive Cockcroft, Merle Maloney, Benito Berces, Caleb Heddle, Marie Uhr, Evelyn Guy, Lorraine Rickard, Denes Bogsanyi

Mass Intentions the week of 25 - 31 July

Mon 25/07	Joseph Khanh
Wed 27/07	John O'Brien
Thur 28/07	Thanksgiving
Fri 29/07	Evelyn Guy
Sat 30/07	
5:00pm	Brian Rogers
Sun 31/07	
8:30am	Available [contact the office]
10:00am	Kathleen Hetherington
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

EFTPOS Tap Machine



We have a new look EFTPOS machine. Whilst the process is similar, it provides more versatility in nominating the amount you wish to donate.

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 st 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 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
Men's Group	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia
You have received the Spirit which
makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia

Readings – 31 July 2022

First Reading	Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23
Psalm	Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17
Second Reading	Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel	Luke 12:13-21

Date for your Diary

Feast of the Assumption

Monday 15 August 2022

Mass will be celebrated at
9:30am and 6:00pm

ROSTERS

31 July **Lector Roster**

5:00pm	Joe Ots, Mary French
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Anna Cirocco, Margaret Luck

31 July **Ministers of Communion**

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Theresia Suh
10:00am	Francesca Deklin, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Elaine Laycock

31 July **Hospitality Roster**

5:00pm	Joy McInerney
8:30am	Agnes Pham, Rob Breen
10:00am	Vacant
6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson

Weekly Rosters

31	24 July	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	30 July	All Groups
Church Cleaning:	24 July	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Van Nguyen

On a lighter note



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
19th August and concludes with Mass at 4PM on
Sunday 21 August.

Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact
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