

COMPACT

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
14 August 2022

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#38.22



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Reflection

Following Jesus is Challenging

Today's gospel is both a stark reminder of the costs involved in following Jesus and a comfort to us in the church today. Sometimes we can domesticate the Christian community into a 'feel-good' society. Our religious words and actions, however, are always meant to have an edge; our faith should 'afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted'. If Christians at home, at work, in society and on the international stage just go along with what is trendy or current because we're frightened of conflict or because we want to be seen to be part of the crowd, then we are not worthy of this Gospel.

In our desire to affirm that the scriptures are inspired, it can be easy to forget that they come out of the lived experience of a community of faith. Indeed, one of the things that is wonderful about our belief in God's revelation is that it occurs within human experience.

What's comforting about this gospel is that it recognises conflict as a necessary part of the Christian life. There are some who want to pretend that the followers of Jesus should never disagree with one another or with those outside the Church. Conflict in itself, Jesus teaches us today, is an element of our commitment to the kingdom of God. What marks out the way we should disagree with one another inside and outside the Church, however, is that it is conducted with charity, dignity, careful listening and compassion. Christians always look to put the best possible interpretation on the opinions of those with whom we disagree and to be reconciled to those we have hurt, to heal divisions where we can.

Jesus uses the image of a blazing fire. Whilst bush fires give us a violent image, it can also be cleansing and used to clear out undergrowth built up over time. May we be a blazing fire that casts light on darkness where people are exploited and injustice smothers the growth Christ wants to see in the human family.

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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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Concerned Catholics Canberra

Goulburn - Public Forum

When: Wed 17 August 7.30pm
Where: Parish Centre, Transfiguration Parish, Curtin.
Topic: Post-Plenary Forum: What happened at the Plenary Council and where to from here...

Presenters:

Local Plenary Council participants: Sr Clare Condon, Msgr John Woods, Sally FitzGerald, Francis Sullivan, Deacon Gavin Keating, will reflect on what happened and where this leaves us as a Church. All are warmly invited.

Calvary Auxiliary Public Hospital Fundraising Dinner

A 3-course dinner with drinks on arrival (beer, wine or soft drink).

When: Thursday 15 September
6pm for 6.15 pm
Where: CIT restaurant,
37 Constitution Ave, Reid.

Guest Speaker: Ms Valmai Dempsey
Senior Australian of the Year 2022

Topic: "Service before self: the value of volunteering".

Cost: \$50 + \$1.75 booking fee

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CBFZO>

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff.

Enquiries: Margaret on 0411549430

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



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

**Next gathering: Friday 19 August
St John the Apostle Parish Centre**

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Funerals

Derick Brice

Tuesday 16 August 3:00pm

John McGee

Friday 19 August 10:00am

Jean Tierney

Friday 19 August 3:00pm

***There will be no 9:30am mass
on Friday 19 August***

We remember Derick, John, and Jean in our prayers and pray that their families are comforted by God's love as they grieve for their loved ones.

St John the Apostle Parish

Heart to Heart Retreat

Fri 7 – Sun 9 October 2022

MSC Retreat Team

Bookings Essential

Email: marian@stjohnkippax.org.au

Chevalier Day

Friday 21 October 2022

**Theme is everything French
double the celebrations**

- Morning Mass 9:30am
followed by a French morning tea in the church foyer.
- Trivia Night 6:30pm -
parish centre
6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Trivia



Dinner and Wine provided, please bring a dessert

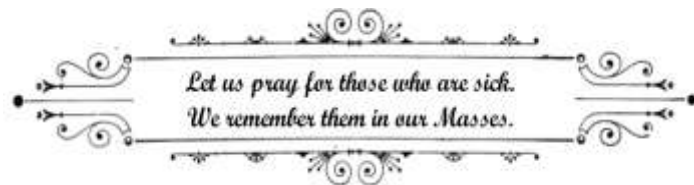
Brush up your MSC & French knowledge for the Trivia Night. These questions will be included in the trivia.

Q.5 – What date was Jules Chevalier ordained a priest?

Q.6 – What date did Jules Chevalier arrive at Issoudun as curate.

Answers provided in COMPACT next week.

Heart Spirituality



No Cowards in the Kingdom

Jesus says, when I proposed to you the way of perfection I expressed myself very clearly. What is at stake is complete renunciation of self.

You have to take up your cross and walk along that road with courage and generosity.

I need people ready for any sacrifice, able to endure all, even death if necessary, rather than abandon me.

Such a decision requires a will that is deeply convinced by powerful motives that inspire it. In order to persevere, this conviction must be based on a faith that reveals the nothingness of human things and the need to assure one's salvation at any price.

Jules Chevalier msc -
Ecole du Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p.19f Issoudun 1892.

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

Stewardship

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar

Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) is meant to change us, to make saints of us.

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

www.catholicsteward.com

Recently Deceased: John McGee, Jean Tierney, Derick Brice.

Anniversary: Alfred Clynych, Manning Hoy, Dominic Pham, Mieka Van Rooy, Lidia DeMontis, Indianna Forth, Norman Pentland, Phillip Doran, Denise Smith, Leslie Ferry, Ray Allen, George Brettell, James Marlor, Horst Lawatsch, Iris Schofield, Zenona Skiba, Emily Jacob, William Smith, John Ray, Joseph Zuk, Ronald Ryan, Alfred Niquet, Dorothy Hornick, Marjorie Carew, Edmund Kennedy, Alexander Aikman, Hedwig Von Straaten, Winifred Bridges.

Mass Intentions the week of 15 – 21 August

Mon 15/08	Feast of the Assumption
Wed 17/08	
Thur 18/08	Sue Brentnall
Fri 19/08	10:00am John McGee Funeral Mass
Sat 20/08	
5:00pm	Peter Jasper - 1 st Anniversary
Sun 21/08	
8:30am	Amy Stephenson
10:00am	Maria Dinh
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

Pins & Needles Craft Group

15 August 2022

7:15pm Parish Library



SJA BOOK CLUB

We encourage anyone interested in joining us to come along.

We are reading: a very topical book that was the subject written up in a lead article in Saturday's Panorama - Canberra Times.
Conversations with RBG – Ruth Bader Ginsburg on Life, Love, Liberty and Law.

ACT Libraries have copies

St John's Library – 21st August - 3:00pm

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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, come to my aid!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia

Readings – 21 August 2022

First Reading	Is 66:18-21
Psalm	Ps 116
Second Reading	Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel	Luke 13:22-30

Chevalier Day Trivia Answers

Last week's answers:

1. Issoudun.
2. Apprentice shoe-maker

ROSTERS

21 August Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Matthew Garton, Anna Cirocco

21 August Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Janet Almond, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Theresia Suh
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

21 August Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Carol Moore, Marie McKie
8:30am	Clyde & Norma Sloan
10:00am	Vacant
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	14 Aug	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	20 Aug	Vacant

Church Cleaning:	14 Aug	Christine Lancaster, Shovin Weerawaunakula
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On a Lighter note



"I should go on a diet, but I'm afraid my brain will get thinner and I'll become narrow-minded!"