

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 August 2022

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Reflection

The Last will be First & the First will be Last

To be Christian is more than a name; more than a title. If we put our hand up and claim the title of Christian, then there are consequences that flow from that.

The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access.

Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.

Jesus reminds his audience that their status in society means nothing when it comes to their status in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, *there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.*' What will make people 'first' in the kingdom is their acceptance of Jesus' message, their faith, and their compassionate actions toward others. Jesus' insistence on the inherent value of the 'last' in society must have been a constant irritant to those who considered themselves 'first'.

Those who are disillusioned by religion frequently name hypocrisy as the major reason for their disillusionment. Sometimes, that's an easy out. We can't all live like Jesus all of the time. However, we are called to take Jesus as our model of the Christian life and to use his example as a guiding beacon. To call ourselves Christian is to try to be Christ-like in all our actions.

Resources used: Reflection, by Greg Sunter

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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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**“Be on earth the
Heart of God”**

KIT@Kippax

We are looking for your stories for the August edition of KIT.

Please email your contributions to

marian@stjohnkippax.org.au

By Friday 26 August

Anointing after Mass Friday 26 August



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
"A Man for all Seasons"
Friday 26 August at 7:00pm
in the parish library.*

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/CBFZQ>

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 BOOK CLUB

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

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 23 AUGUST – 7:30AM

BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ

NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

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.7 – Where is Jules Chevalier buried?

Q.8 – The 8th December has two significant meanings for the MSC what are they?

Answers provided in COMPACT next week.

Heart Spirituality

Grace

Grace is the life of God communicated to our whole being, soul and body; it penetrates and permeates us to divinize us; the supreme gift of the heart of Jesus on earth.

The name grace is well chosen; it means gratuitous gift. The greater and more gratuitous the gift, the greater the grace. What a gift is God!

Grace also means beauty. How beautiful is grace! For grace is God, beauty itself.

To live from grace, through grace, in grace; to dwell in it; to possess it habitually; to be in the state of grace is to exist and live in a higher, supernatural, and divine order.

Jules Chevalier msc -
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 284f., Paris 1900.

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

Stewardship

Spiritual Discipline

Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline.

Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This takes discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.

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Recently Deceased: Margaret Hendriks (mother of Fr. Peter Hendriks msc).

Anniversary: Zenona Skiba, Emily Jacob, William Smith, John Ray, Joseph Zuk, Ronald Ryan, Alfred Niquet, Dorothy Hornick, Majorie Carew, Edmund Kennedy, Alexander Aikman, Winifred Bridges, Hedwig Von Straaten, Joseph Weinheber, Anna Yoo, Andres Munoz, Tere Fearon, Bill Fearon, Sheila Dignam, Antonia Mrsnik, Armando, Cavuoto, Patrick Sheehan, Barry Cormack, Gladys Anderson, Virginia Matera, Melinda Davis, Annette Polak, Mary Huon Nguyen, William Wiegold, Philip Smith, Mary Telford, Gaye Walmsley, Susan O'Dwyer, Josephine Smith

Mass Intentions the week of 22 – 28 August

Mon 22/08	Melvyn D'Souza
Wed 24/08	Maryanne McGrath
Thur 25/08	Linda Sheahan
Fri 26/08	Available [contact the office]

Sat 27/08	
5:00pm	Norma Cruickshank

Sun 28/08	
8:30am	John McGee
10:00am	Maida Kajkic
6:00pm	Parishioner's Intentions

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

Child Protection Week 4-10 September 2022



<https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw>

108th World Day of Migrants & Refugees
25 September 2022

*Building the Future with
Migrants & Refugees*

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:

Go out to all the world and
tell the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia
I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord;
No one comes to the Father,
except through me.
Alleluia

Readings – 28 August 2022

First Reading	Sir 3:17-20, 28-29
Psalm	Ps 67:4-7, 10-11
Second Reading	Heb 12:18-19, 22-24
Gospel	Luke 14:1, 7-14

Chevalier Day Trivia Answers

Last week's answers:

A.5 - 14 June 1951.

A.6 - 21 October 1854.

ROSTERS

28 August Lector Roster

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

28 August Ministers of Communion

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

28 August Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	21 Aug	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	27 Aug	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	21 Aug	Carol, Blyth, Beatrice Williams, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena



On a lighter note

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“And when you’re done thinking outside of the box, remember to put the box in the proper recycling bin!”