

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4 September 2022

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Reflection

Discipleship is Demanding

'Hate' is an emotive and extremely harsh word in our society. In its gospel context, the word is not used as an opposite of 'love' but as an indication of deserving of less significance than another thing. So the teaching about hating father, mother, etc can be read as saying that being a disciple of Jesus must take precedence over everything else, even family. In 1st Century culture, family was foremost above everything else; it was the very fibre that held society together. Jesus is saying that discipleship must be put above even that which is most important and most intrinsic to life in this world. That is why he goes on to tell the two stories about the need to count the cost before undertaking an important venture. He makes clear to his listeners that discipleship is more important than anything else and that there are huge costs associated with taking it on. A believer has to literally 'count the cost' of what it will mean to place discipleship above family, friendships, career, politics and even life itself. Jesus makes no apologies for the fact that what he is asking is incredibly demanding.

Our 'possessions' are all those things – material, emotional, and psychological – that we cling to and that we think give us our identity and status. Jesus called for a radical reinterpretation of status and position. He tells his listeners that they cannot truly be disciples if they continue to cling to those things that are considered important in this world. They have to surrender the things that bind them to this world's ideas of status and position before they can fully embrace the kingdom view of the world. As Jesus said, you have to really count the cost!

Resource used: *Gospel 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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Heart to Heart Retreat

St John the Apostle Parish

Fri 7 – Sun 9 October 2022

Presented by the

MSC Retreat Team

Bookings Essential

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www.stjohnskippax.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. Category MSC's at Kippax**

Q.11 – Who was the first Parish Priest of SJA Kippax?

Q.12 – What College in Canberra was
established by the MSC's?

Answers provided in COMPACT next week.

**Child Protection Week
4-10 September 2022**



'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'.

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

Safeguarding Sunday 11 September 2022

Next weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:
www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

Bless Every Father

Loving God, bless every father and everyone who has a fathering role with the best of your spiritual blessings today. Let him know he is not alone in the tasks you have given him to provide for and support those under his care.

*Today, on special days, and for all the days of his life, fill him with your blessings.
Amen*

Vinnies Poor Box Appeal

All donations to the poor box during September will be sent to support the community of Sts Peter and Paul in Tamil Nadu, India, our Vinnies twin conference. They are a small rural-based community who rely on farming of paddy rice and corn for food and income.

Thank you for your contribution.

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly

6:00pm – 8:00pm



Next gathering: Friday 16 September

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Pins & Needles Craft Group

19 September 2022

7:15pm Parish Library



Caring for Creation

The Social Justice Group of Holy Spirit Parish are holding a one-day conference on Caring for Creation on Saturday 17 September.

Keynote speaker is Jacqui Remond, a member of the Vatican Ecology Taskforce.

This conference will enable parishes, schools and families to forge practical plans to protect the environment.

The event will be held at John Paul II College, Nichols. Tickets available at

www.holyspiritqungahlin.org.au/care-for-creation

108th World Day of Migrants & Refugees

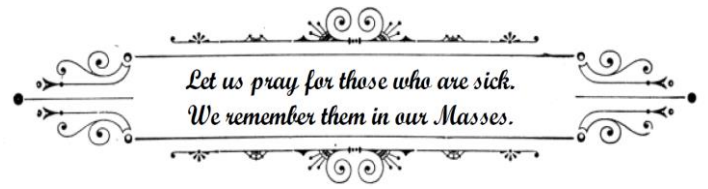
25 September 2022

*Building the Future with
Migrants & Refugees*

Link to Pope Francis message:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/20220509-world-migrants-day-2022.html>

Heart Spirituality



Love of relatives and friends is good

"If anyone comes to me without hating father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, and his own life, he cannot be my disciple" (Lk. 14:26). To hate, in the Bible, often means to love less. In other words: He who loves his father more than me or as much as me cannot be my disciple. Otherwise Jesus would contradict himself. As Word of God did he not say: "Honour your father and your mother"? Everybody knows that honour here means to love, to respect, to assist. Did Jesus not say through Saint Paul that women must love their husband and their children (Tit 2:4)? And husbands should love their wives. Up to what point? "Just as Christ loves the Church" (Eph. 5:25). And in the Old Testament: "You must love your neighbour as yourself" (Lv. 19:18). And Saint John: "Anyone who fails to love can never have known God" (1Jn. 4:8); ; "If you do not love, you remain dead" (1Jn. 3:14).

Jules Chevalier msc,
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 345, 1900, Paris.
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
everywhere loved.....forever!

Stewardship

A matter of Priorities

To be a disciple of Christ we must be prepared to give our all to Him. Today's Gospel message is not one of emotions but rather of priorities. Jesus must come first in all aspects of our lives.

He knows that if we do not live by putting Him first before all else, we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows these things cannot satisfy us.

We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way life allows us to count the cost, and then run after Him with all our might.

www.catholicsteward.com

Recently Deceased: *Veronica Welfare, Amber Anderson [nee Smith]*

Anniversary: Ralph Dunn, William Schofield, Dorothy Husch, Andre Domajn, Ivan Jones, Kathleen MacKay, Colin McEvoy, Anton Mrsnik, Sonia Mewburn, Andrew Jeffers, Wesley Dunn, Patrick Whittle, Joseph Boyd, John Grannall, Michelle Brewer, Alvaro del Busto, Christopher Halloran, Elizabeth Murray, Des Kiley, Sheila Whigham, Giuseppe Scalora, John O'Neill, Leslie Collins, Joan Larkham, Jennifer Kenny, Alice Gibb, Taya Quade, Marie Happ, Susan Ferguson, Honoria Kelly, Kathleen Wiltshire, Cedric Pratt, Denise Busch, Mary Prosper, Raymond Free, Graham Ottewill, Robert Caskie

Mass Intentions the week of 5 - 11 September

Mon 05/09	Doris Galea
Wed 07/09	Souls in Purgatory
Thur 08/09	John O'Brien
Fri 09/09	Magdalena Suh
Sat 10/09	
5:00pm	Rob Caskie
Sun 11/09	
8:30am	Therese Le
10:00am	Kevin Crossley
6:00pm	Maria Bui Thi Bich Jhuong

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

Parish Office Happenings

Fr. Kimi will be away from the office from Thursday 1 September and returning Monday 19 September. During this time he will attend a Provincial Council meeting, do his annual retreat and take one weeks annual leave.

Marian will be at a msc Parishes Committee retreat 5 -12 September

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

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

Youth Group Sunday Monthly	<i>Next Meeting – 18 September</i> 4:00pm – 6:00pm Parish Centre
St Johns Friendship Group	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month</i> 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	<i>3rd Monday of the Month</i> 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	<i>3rd Sunday of the Month</i> 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	<i>4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am</i> Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm</i> Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia
Let your face shine on your servant, and
teach me your laws.
Alleluia

Readings – 11 September 2022

First Reading	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14
Psalm	Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
Second Reading	1 Tim 1:12-17
Gospel	Luke 15:1-32

Chevalier Day Trivia Answers

Last week's answers:
9. 300 Kilometres
10. 300 countries

ROSTERS

11 Sept Lector Roster

5:00pm	Bob Raadts, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Margaret Luck, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Brian Mahony

11 Sept Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Maria Catanzariti, James Nield
8:30am	Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Frank Colley, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	John McGee, Chitra Jayawardena

11 Sept Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	4 Sep	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	10 Sept	Rob Breen, Sabina Van Rooy Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard
Church Cleaning:	4 Sep	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne

Anointing after Mass Friday 30 September



On a Lighter note

