

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

*Celebrating 50 Years*

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**18 September 2022**

**Year C**  
**#43.22**

## Reflection

### Build Relationships rather than Riches

This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much.

But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

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

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## YCS - SJA

### Parish Youth Group

**18 September**

4:00pm – 6:00pm

SJA Parish Centre

Do you believe in equality and justice?

Do you care about the environment?

Do you want to meet others and have fun?

Contact Parish Office – 6254 3236

## PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE

The Parish Office will be closed on

**Thursday 22 September 2022**

for the National Day of Mourning

Her Majesty the Queen.

## Pins & Needles Craft Group

19 September 2022

7:15pm Parish Library



## 108<sup>th</sup> 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>

### Message of Condolence from Pope Francis on the death of Queen Elizabeth II

"I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises."  
[Official Vatican Website/Translation required]

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



**TUESDAY 27 SEPT – 7:30AM**  
**BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ**  
**NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN**

### 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.13 – Which MSC celebrated his  
Deaconate at SJA?

Q.14 – Which MSC who was at SJA in  
2010 always celebrated his  
twins birthday?

*Answers provided in COMPACT next week.*

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

## CANBERRA – GOULBURN

### Men's Cursillo Retreat Weekend

**27-27 November**

A Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the opportunity for formation through talks, meditations, discussion and prayer, led by an experienced local volunteer team.

Contact Alfred 0412 268 044 or email:

[readyssetgo@live.com.au](mailto:readyssetgo@live.com.au)



**Sunroom  
for Seniors**  
North Belconnen Day Centre

**Where Community  
and  
Compassion meet**

We provide a program of enjoyable activities in a warm and friendly setting in our Sunroom, where seniors can meet and get to know each other, supported by our

qualified staff and volunteers.

**When do we meet?** Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**How to join** You should contact us at the Sunroom for Seniors

Telephone 0481 185 205 or (02) 6258 5784

Address 30 Conley Drive MELBA ACT  
(located within the North Belconnen Uniting Church building)

Email [nbdc@iimetro.com.au](mailto:nbdc@iimetro.com.au)

Website [SunroomForSeniors.org.au](http://SunroomForSeniors.org.au)



### SEPTEMBER MEETING POSTPONED

We encourage anyone interested in joining us to come along.

**We are reading: *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes**  
Story is inspired by true events, in Depression-era Kentucky, Eleanor Roosevelt wanted to get literature to the Appalachian Mountains in Kentucky. Women volunteers on horse back ran a program from 1935-43 delivering books to more than a hundred thousand poor rural inhabitants.

**St John's Library – 16 October- 3:00pm**

# Heart Spirituality

## Reparation

Reparation is one of the main purposes of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All Christians are called by Our Lord himself to walk this path. It involves many acts, the most important are: knowledge, adoration, love, satisfaction, prayer, praise, supplication, thanksgiving, imitation, union with Jesus Christ, zeal for his glory, for souls, for mortification. To repair the insults the heart of Jesus receives, we must in the first place make a serious effort to realise his dignity, his excellence, his greatness, his love, his suffering, the treasures of grace his Heart contains, in a word, whatever makes him worthy of the admiration of heaven and earth. This knowledge is indispensable. How could one render homage to someone whose nature and qualities are unknown? It is impossible to seek enthusiastically something that we hardly even appreciate; and even more so if we do not even know it. How rare are those who make a serious effort to gain this knowledge of the Heart of Jesus!

Jules Chevalier msc,  
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 222f, 1900, Paris.

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

## Stewardship

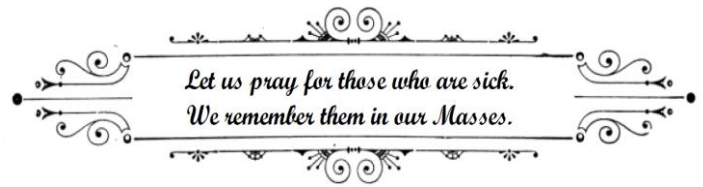
### Priorities

After today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed-up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.

We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has harsh words for those who would take advantage of the poor and whose priorities are not aligned with God's.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives us the antidote to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The antidote is to imitate Christ "who gave Himself as a ransom for all." Rather than thinking of Himself and how to "get ahead" Christ gave Himself away — completely — for our sake. That is how we are to live.

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**Recently Deceased:** Rudolph Halapir

**Anniversary:** Pauline Jones, Therese Le, Don Nicol, Lynette Katlewski, Peter Hill, Allan Biggs, Xavier Munoz, John Haley, Frances Critchlow, Antonio Ahn, Magdalen Ripszam, Marijona Grybaitis, Jan Nassir, Bernard Roberts, Josephine Mulligan, Luke White, Beryl Mannix, Aileen Antcliffe, James Sharah, Zoila Wait, Philip Hazell, Patrick Clarke, Lidia Torelli, Georgina Kukolic, Hok Tung, Carol Gibb, Fr. John Rate msc, Edmond Sarrah, Joseph Scibberas.

## Mass Intentions the week of 19 - 25 September

Mon 19/09	Prudence O'Dea
Wed 21/09	Dontello
Thur 22/09	John Lenihan
Fri 23/09	Available [contact the office]

Sat 24/09	
5:00pm	Allan Mewburn

Sun 25/09	
8:30am	Alan Biggs
10:00am	Peter Fah
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

## Heart to Heart Retreat

St John the Apostle Parish

Fri 7 – Sun 9 October 2022

Fri 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Sat 9:00am – 4:00am

Sun 10:00am – 4:00pm

**Presented by the MSC Retreat Team**

*Heart Spirituality*

- *What are you looking for?*
- *Your Heart's Desire*
- *The Breath of God*
- *God is in very step you take.*

Friday night commences with a light dinner.

Saturday & Sunday lunch, morning tea  
and afternoon tea. Bookings Essential

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## 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	1st 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:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
To make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia

## Readings – 25 September 2022

First Reading	Am 6:1. 4-7
Psalm	Ps 145:6-10
Second Reading	1 Tm 6:11-16
Gospel	Luke 16:19-31

## ROSTERS

### 25 Sept Lector Roster

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

### 25 Sept Ministers of Communion

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

### 25 Sept Hospitality Roster

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

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	18 Sep	Angela Boreham
Grounds	24 Sept	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	18 Sep	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Willimas, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena

### On a lighter note



### Chevalier Day Trivia Answers

Last week's answers:

13. February 1972

14. Golden – 50 years