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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter
14 May 2023

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Reflection

The Holy Spirit – The Paraclete

In scripture the meaning of advocate has a broader meaning than the technical term of lawyer or attorney: it is someone who stands up for another; someone who speaks up for another; someone who intercedes on behalf of another. An advocate is one who lends strength and support to someone who is disempowered. That is exactly what Jesus did for many people during his ministry and it is also what the Holy Spirit is sent to do.

By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them.

Jesus teaches us today that obedience to his commandments is a sub-set of our loving relationship with him. The word 'obedience' comes from the Latin word *oboedire*, meaning, 'to listen carefully'. The more obedient we are to Christ's commandments, the more we are listening to his Spirit's call in our lives.

St Paul tells us the law of love is not primarily revealed in what we say, or how we feel, but in what we do. Christian love is an intensely practical affair. When we are patient, kind and gentle with each other we are obeying the law of love. So too when we forgive each other, tell the truth and remain faithful, we are listening most carefully to Christ's commandments.

St Paul also tells us that another of the fruits of Christian love is self-control. Sacrifice and self-control are really where the law of love comes into its own. The path to true happiness is found in being self-controlled. If we cultivate an attitude of self-control, we can be sure that when we most need to exercise it, we are in charge of our emotional life rather than it being in charge of us.

*Resources used: Homily, by Richard Leonard SJ &
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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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CALVARY PUBLIC HOSPITAL BRUCE

Online Petition – Save Calvary

www.savecalvary.com.au;

before 31st of May

Letter from
Archbishop Christopher Prowse
regarding the **compulsorily
acquisition** of **Calvary Public
Hospital** by the ACT Government
available in the foyer

H A P P Y MOTHER'S day

For all mothers

For the one who has lost a mother

For the mother who has lost a child

For the one who longs to be a mother

You are not forgotten this Mother's Day

You are in our prayers and we love you.

*For all mothers and all those who mother
may you be blessed every day of your life.*



Pins & Needles

Mon 15 May – 7:15pm

Parish Library

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



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

Next gathering: Friday 19 May

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Parish News – Priests Absences

Fr. Chung will be attending the Archdiocesan Clergy Assembly from Monday 15 to Thursday 18 May.

There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 May.

Fr. Kimi will be away from the parish for two months from Thursday 11 May and returns on the weekend of 15 July.

He is attending:

- * an MSC formation gathering in Rome
- * an msc spirituality course with teachers from Australian MSC schools, in Issoudun France
- * taking his yearly retreat
- * taking some holidays.

Holy Water has returned to the

BAPTISMAL FONT.

The decision to bless yourself from the Font is a personal one, and we will leave it for you to decide if you would like to bless yourself.

The water is changed out weekly

COMMISSIONING OF ALL

PARISHIONERS ON ROSTERS

1 June 2023 – 31 May 2024

All masses weekend 27/28 May

The 2023-2024 rosters for all ministries and have been emailed out.

If you have not received a roster please contact the parish office.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 23 MAY – 7:30AM

BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ

NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

Relax, Review, Reflect

We will be watching



"The Way"

Friday 26 May at 7:00pm
in the parish library.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We hold the children of the parish in our prayers as they continue their preparation for the

Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sacrament of Confirmation Mass will be held on Thursday 1 June at 5:30pm



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 25 May.



"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

The Heart of Jesus is the source of grace

Through sanctifying grace, we live the very life of God; and this life of God is communicated to us through Jesus Christ, grace being an extension, a prolongation of the Incarnation. God has stored all grace, absolutely all, in Jesus. And this grace is centred above all in his Heart. It is in the heart of Jesus that two loves meet: the love of God descending to the whole of creation, and the love of the whole of creation rising to God. This divine Heart, is the love of God par excellence. Grace is love. For God is love itself, and grace is the life of God communicated to us.

Jules Chevalier msc.
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 80. Paris, 1900.

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

Stewardship

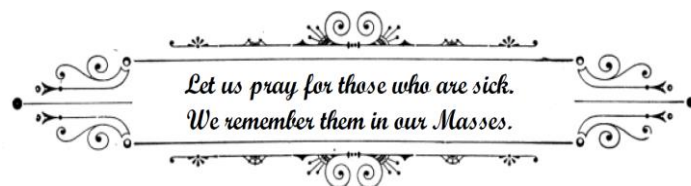
Jesus is the Heart of Life

The readings today remind us that God must come first in our lives, and that love of God shows itself in concrete actions — this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.

St. Peter, challenges us to, "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts." In other words, we are to put Christ first above all else in our lives. His role is not merely as Saviour of our lives, as significant as that role is — He is to be "Lord" of our lives as well. As Christ's disciples, we are called to offer all that we are — our time, talent, and treasure, our lives.

The stewardship way of life offers us a concrete means to show that Christ truly is the centre of our lives. True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God's commandments. This requires courage, humility, and deep trust in God.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Andrew Harker, Jeremy Hope, Zeffirina Penfold, Kenneth Brennan, Krysta Lindstrom, Harrison Wroe, Antonia Gladwish, Pat McLindin, Kevin Crossley, Sarah Sealey, Betty Cowman, Edna Hamilton, Robert Donovan, Elena D'Ambrosio, Hemult Wanda, Bryan McGurgan, Emma Caskie, Denis Hogan, Daphne Parnell, Ella Dimitres, Sandra Miniotas, Anne Ots, Michael Wilson, Neil MacFarlane, John Loadman, Berndard Gibson, Caleb Shaw, Gloria Gleming, Tom Stewart, Edward McGregor, Michael Logan, James Ohlin, June McCall, Hermin Raeuscher, David Pinner, Christopher Boyldew, Stan Niemiec, Gloria Harris

Mass Intentions the week of 15 – 21 May

Mon 15/05	David Levitt
Wed 17/05	Liturgy of the Word With Communion
Thur 18/05	Liturgy of the Word With Communion
Fri 19/05	Frances Reed
Sat 20/05	
5:00pm	Paul O'Brien
Sun 21/05	
8:30am	Kenneth Dalli
10:00am	Gunaratnam Santhiyapillai
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

Women's Eucharistic Retreat Day

24 June 10:00am – 4:00pm

Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish
St John Vianney School Waramanga

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a retreat day. This day will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. (Cost: \$20) register here at (<https://www.trybooking.com/CGYGI>) Questions: sydney@op-tn.org

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
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:

Let all the earth cry out to God
with joy

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia
The Lord said:
I will not leave you orphans.
I will come back to you, and your
hearts will rejoice.
Alleluia

Readings – 21 May 2023

First Reading	Acts 1:1-11
Psalm	Ps 46:2-3, 6-9
Second Reading	Eph 28:19, 20
Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20

ROSTERS

21 May

Lector Roster

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

21 May

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 May

Hospitality Roster

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

21 May

SJAShop

5:00pm	Laurine Smeaton
8:30am	Caroline Gibbons
10:00am	Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	14 May	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	20 May	
Church Cleaning:	14 May	Christine Lancaster, Shovin Weerawarnakula

On a Lighter note

