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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

The Ascension of the Lord
21 May 2023

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Reflection

God seeks our Company

The message of the Ascension is a powerful one. It reminds us that Jesus, the human incarnation of God on earth, was limited to a specific time and place in history. Despite the physical limitations of his life on earth, Jesus ensured that his message and ministry would continue through those he had taught.

Whether we realise it or not, just like Jesus' disciples we are commissioned to go out to the world at the end of every liturgy, 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' This changes our worship. We do not attend mass just for ourselves. Mass, which comes from a word meaning 'to be sent', indicates that our liturgy is about celebrating what God has done in the world in and through us, and is a preparation for what God still wants to accomplish.

We continue to experience the abiding presence of Christ in our daily lives or else we wouldn't seek the Eucharist. God, as revealed in Jesus Christ, is not distant to our lives or impervious to our needs; we believe in a Companion-God who seeks our company as much as we need his.

God enjoys our company. God wants a deep and personal relationship with each of us, and he really wants to know what's stirring in our hearts. God wants us to become who we were created to be, a child of God.

The more time we spend with Jesus, the more we begin to know him. His love starts to grow in us day by day. It begins to affect our relationships and shift our priorities. We learn how to be a friend like he is, putting the needs of others first and forgiving people who don't even ask for it, even when it hurts. As we continue to walk in the Spirit and deepen our relationship with Jesus, we become immersed in unfailing love. A love that flows from the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ, *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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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.

We Welcome Fr. Frank Dineen msc
to our parish this weekend.
Fr. Frank has offered to help celebrate
Sunday Masses in Fr. Kimi's absence.

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.



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



Gethsemane

**Contemplative Prayer with
the Blessed Sacrament**

7:30pm – 8:30pm
Thursday 1 June

Could you not stay awake with me one hour.

Matt 26:40

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart response to the "Uluru Statement from the Heart"

VOICE OF THE HEART

- We, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of the Australian Province, gathered in Chapter, have reflected on our privileged journey with First Nations Peoples for more than a century. We continue to be challenged by Pope John Paul II's words, addressing First Nations people in Alice Springs in 1986: 'And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others'.
 - These words are especially relevant as we prepare for the coming Constitutional Referendum. The Uluru Statement from the Heart is the basis of the present referendum with its call for the establishment of a First Nations' Voice enshrined in the Constitution: 'We seek Constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country'.
 - We Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus welcome the opportunity to support the Uluru Statement from the Heart, and the desire of First Nations Peoples to have a Voice that will be acknowledged and listened to, enshrined in the Australian Constitution.
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Laudato Si week 16-24 May

"Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity"

The Archdiocese will launch its draft
Laudato Si action plan at the 11:00am Sunday
Mass in the Cathedral on 21-May
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>.

The draft Laudato Si action plan is at
[https://cgccatholic.org.au/services-
directory/caring-for-creation/](https://cgccatholic.org.au/services-directory/caring-for-creation/) and aims to
encourage and enable action plans by parishes,
schools and other bodies.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

The Ascension

Jesus told his disciples:

It is for your own good that I am going to my Father, because I go to prepare a place for you, and to send you the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth who will teach you everything. The role of Jesus in heaven is the role of a mediator who never ceases to plead on our behalf and to cry aloud for God's mercy upon us: Mediator between God and humanity. "Jesus entered heaven itself, so that he could appear in the presence of God on our behalf". Knowing our weakness and the dangers we incur on earth; he asks without ceasing for the graces we need: living forever to intercede for us. Since Jesus' Heart is full of love for us, let us ask him to bless and protect us.

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

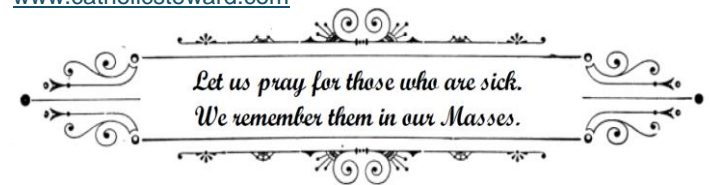
Stewardship

The eyes of the Heart

St Paul tells the Ephesians, "may the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call." The term the "eyes of your heart" explains much of what Paul was praying for. Do our hearts have eyes or is it just our minds? God wants us to understand in our hearts, and that is more important than an intellectual appreciation. In Scripture the word "heart" is often used to mean the complete core and centre of life. Paul speaks of "hope" also. The fact that we have hope is what may give us the strength and resolve to be the witnesses Christ wants, and to help us to answer Christ's specific call for us. We have a future of

resurrection and eternal life, and we must live accordingly.

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Recently Deceased:

Robert Egan, Marianglea Millucci,
Margaret McLean [wife of Jock McLean]

Anniversary: 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 Boydew, Stan Niemiec, Gloria Harris, Suzana Katavic, Thomas Flynn, Sofie Aver, Adena Hugo, Mary Harrison. Ruby Molloy, Kevin McAlister, Pat Butcher, Brian Durack, Maxwell Harmer, Anna Pisciotto, Bette Rutter, Beryl Moulis, Mary Clynych, David Mather

Mass Intentions the week of 22 – 28 May

Mon 22/05	Eileen Foster
Wed 24/05	Tess Harris
Thur 25/05	Marie Solway
Fri 26/05	Tom & Adrienne Stewart
Sat 27/05	
5:00pm	Sophie Riggs
Sun 28/05	
8:30am	Renerio Aliwate
10:00am	
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK
DURING MASS FOLLOWED BY LUNCH**
"Are there any sick among you? Let them call
for the elders of the church; and let them
pray over them, anointing them with oil in the
name of the Lord" **James 5:14**

Where: St John the Apostle Church
Day & Date: Friday 30 June 2023
Time: 11:00am

If you know of any parishioner who would like to attend this special Mass and lunch, please contact the Parish Office.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

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>
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:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia

Readings – 28 May 2023

First Reading	Acts 2:1-11
Psalm	Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34
Second Reading	1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

ROSTERS

28 May Lector Roster

5:00pm	Judy Netting, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Wendy Wade, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Ann Reynolds, James Nield
6:00pm	Andrew Luck, Marian Crowley

28 May Ministers of Communion

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

28 May Hospitality Roster

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

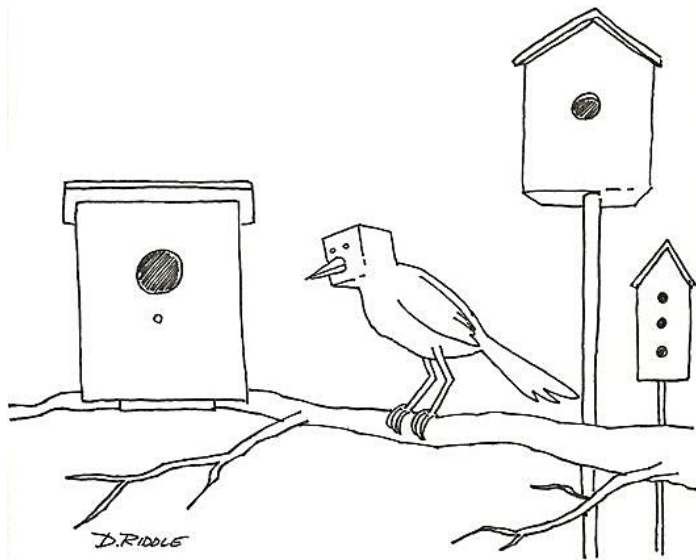
28 May SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	Norma Sloan
10:00am	Joe Mewburn
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	21 May	Angela Boreham
Grounds	27 May	David Pigram, Mike Lavis Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	21 May	Carol Blythe, Beatrice Williams Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena

On a Lighter note



THE ENDANGERED CUBE-HEADED FLICKER
CONTINUES ITS HOPELESS SEARCH FOR A HOME.