

Reflection

The Gratuitous Call from God

There is a lovely distinction in this gospel passage between disciples and apostles. Jesus calls his twelve disciples, commissions them and sends them out to continue his work. From then on, they are referred to as 'apostles'. Disciples are followers, but apostles have been sent out. In our own lives we are called to accept the challenge of being apostles, not disciples. For we are not just followers, we have been sent out by Jesus to continue his work. To be a disciple is just the first step. Disciples follow a path; apostles take the initiative and forge their own path.

Being an apostle concerns every Christian? It concerns each one of us. Indeed, we are called *to be apostles* — that is, envoys — *in a Church* that, in the Creed, we profess as *apostolic*.

To be apostles means being *sent for a mission*. The event in which the Risen Christ sends his apostles into the world, passing on to them the power he himself received from the Father and giving them his Spirit, is exemplary and foundational.

Another fundamental aspect of being an apostle is the *vocation*, that is, the calling. It has been thus ever since the beginning, when the Lord Jesus "called to him those whom he desired; and they came to him" (Mk 3:13). He constituted them as a group, attributing to them the title of "apostle", so they would be with him and to send them on mission.

The experience of the Twelve apostles and the testimony of Paul also challenges us today. They invite us to verify our attitudes, to verify our choices, our decisions: everything depends on a gratuitous call from God; God also chooses us for services that at times seem to exceed our capacities or do not correspond with our expectations; the call received as a gratuitous gift must be answered gratuitously.

Resources used: Reflection, Greg Sunter. & Pope Francis, General Audience Saint Peter's Square Wednesday, 15 March 2023.

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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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WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 27 JUNE—
7:30AM
BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ
NETTLEFOLD STREET
BELCONNEN

Sacrament of the Eucharist Formation Evening for Parents Monday 19 June 2023 7:00pm – 8:30pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

The families of children in year 3 enrolled at St John the Apostle Primary school and the families of children enrolled in the sacramental program at the Parish School of Religion have been invited to prepare their children for the reception of the sacrament. If you have a child who is not at the primary school or enrolled in the Parish School of Religion and is in year 3 or above and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist this year, please contact the parish office by Monday 12 June.

2023 Vinnies CEO Sleepout!

Dear Parishioners,

This year I'm taking part in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout to raise money for the St Vincent de Paul Society to support Australians in need. Every night, thousands of Australians experience homelessness.

If you would like to help me in fundraising to reduce homelessness, please go to the website page to donate; [CEO SLEEPOUT - Carl Madsen](#)

Or here [Fundraise for Australians experiencing homelessness - Vinnies CEO Sleepout](#)

Thank you all, Carl Madsen



St Thomas More Forum Annual Dinner

Friday 23rd June at 7pm

Mecure Hotel Ainslie,

Speaker: Madeline Brennan KC.

She is a practicing barrister and daughter of Sir Gerard Brennan (former High Court Chief Justice dec.) and sister of

Fr Frank Brennan SJ OA.

Register now at <https://bit.ly/stm-230623> by 11am Friday 16 June 2023. For more info. or copy of the flyer email forum@stthomasmore.org.au. Cost \$90.00 (Dinner and wine)



Pins & Needles Mon 19 June – 7:15pm Parish Library

St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on

Wednesday 28 June

for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre.

Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

Power Point Operators Required 6:00pm Sunday Mass

Training will be provided

If you are would like to participate in this ministry please contact the parish office.

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.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

**Together we can
keep the faith alive**

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)



Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

Next weekend we welcome to our parish Siobhán from ACN who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

Go into my vineyard to work

The vine represents souls; God created it; it belongs to him. It is an honour for us to be called to cultivate it, to mingle our sweat with that of the Apostles and so many other workers for the Gospel? It is also an advantage for us, for we are sure that our labours will be generously rewarded. Nothing is dearer to the Heart of Jesus than the salvation of the souls for whom he shed all his blood. Let us thank him for the honour given us when he chose us to work for him in the part of the vineyard that he has destined for us.

Let us do all we can to fulfil his expectations. The labourers that Jesus Christ designs to employ have to be animated by an ardent zeal for the spread of this mystic vine. They should put all their labours at its service: the example of an irreproachable life, their spoken and written word, their sweat. May the Sacred heart give us these dispositions and make our efforts fruitful.

Jules Chevalier msc.
Méditations I p. 267, Issoudun, 1891

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

Stewardship

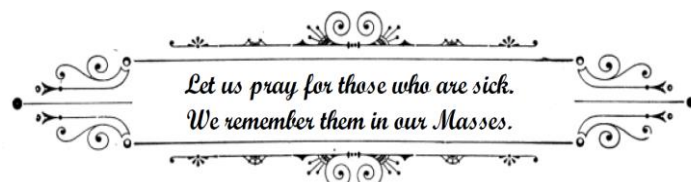
God's Abundant Love

As stewards, we are called to gratefully recognize God's abundant love and respond by using our gifts and resources to build His kingdom. In our stewardship and discipleship, we discover the joy of participating in God's redemptive work, bringing hope and healing to a broken world.

Jesus commissions His disciples, empowering them to continue His mission of healing and preaching the Kingdom of God. Like the Good Shepherd, we are called to have hearts filled with empathy and concern for those who are lost, suffering, or in need.

By living a life of stewardship and discipleship, we are challenged to move beyond our comfort zones, embracing the call to serve and witness to the transformative power of Christ's love.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Ann Joyce, Kerry Montgomery, Maureen Ashley, Josef Zabar, Helen Heindl, Francis Quinn, John McAppian, Christopher Robinson, Vivienne Thompson, Eileen Gehrig, Agneza Allars, Lucy Wilcott, Philip Donoghoe, Robert Cocks, Joan Loughry, Ursula Sweeney, Noni Glover, Pat Williamson, Dulcie Henshaw, Adrian Uhr, Giovanni Scalora, Jason Murray, Arthur Yee, Kevin Maloney, Nathan Jones, Daniel O'Connor, Eileen Schmich, John Lazaro, Mildred Holland, William Edmunds, Rohan Murphy, Norah Keneally, Garrick Kelly

Mass Intentions the week of 19 – 25 June

Mon 19/06	Snetia
Wed 21/06	
Thur 22/06	Philomen De Rose
Fri 23/06	

Sat 24/06	
5:00pm	

Sun 25/06	
8:30am	Robert Bower
10:00am	Gerald Daly
6:00pm	

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

Position Vacant—Part Time Parish Secretary

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for St. Matthew and St. Vincent's Parish. This is a permanent part time position working from the Parish Office in Aranda. This position is for 22hrs per week, current days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Please phone 6254 1827 for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Essential Requirements listed above, with a current resume may be addressed to Parish Priest - Fr. Simon Falk at southbelconnen@cg.org.au and should be received by 30th June

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:

Few are his people:
the sheep of his flock

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
The kingdom of God is near;
Repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia

Readings – 25 June 2023

First Reading	Jer 20:10-13
Psalm	PS 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
Second Reading	Rom 5:12-15
Gospel	Matthew 10:26-33

ROSTERS

25 June

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Ann Reynolds, James Nield
6:00pm	Caitlyn D'Cruze, Andrew Luck

25 June

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	John Drury, Laurine Smeaton
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Maureen Burgess
10:00am	Boni & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Priscilla Momi

25 June

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joan Galpin, Helen Kennedy
8:30am	
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Erin Trevaskis

25 June

SJAShop

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy
8:30am	
10:00am	Judy Mewburn
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	18 June	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	24 June	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	18 June	Carol Blyth, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena

On a Lighter note

