

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
25 June 2023

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Reflection

Love - Fear

There are only two things in the world: love and fear. There is only one evil in the world, fear. There is only one good in the world, love. You can trace the origins of every single evil in the world to fear. Every one of them.

Ignorance caused by fear, that is where all the evil comes from, that is where your violence comes from. The person who is truly nonviolent, who is incapable of violence, is the person who is fearless.

It is only when you are afraid that you become angry. Think of the last time you were angry and search for the fear behind it. What were you afraid of losing? What were you afraid would be taken from you? That is where the anger comes from. Think of an angry person, maybe someone you are afraid of. Can you see how frightened he or she is? They are really frightened or they wouldn't be angry.

'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments.

When we start on our path of following Jesus, our hope is that we will be liberated from fear in light of the mystery of Christ. When scary things are happening, it always includes doing our best to find our way to safer places and to help others do the same. But as for the fear that remains, Jesus invites us to discover that our fear is woven into God's own life. Love always means going beyond yourself to otherness. It takes two. There has to be the lover and the beloved. Love alone overcomes fear and is the true foundation that lasts (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Ultimately, there are only two things, love and fear.

Resources used: *Awareness*, by Anthony De Mello 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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Youth Group

YCS

YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS

This Sunday – 25 June 2023

7:00pm – 9:00pm

**St John the Apostle
Parish Centre**

**Contact the Parish Office
for more information
kippax@cg.org.au**

We welcome

Fr. Peter Hendriks msc to our parish this weekend.

Fr. Peter has offered to help celebrate Sunday Masses in Fr. Kimi's absence. Fr. Kimi will return to the office on Monday 17 July.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 27 JUNE— 7:30AM

BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ

NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

2023 Vinnies CEO Sleepout!

22 June 2023

Carl Madsen participated 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 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.

Together we can keep the faith alive –



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

**Aid to the Church
in Need (ACN)**



This 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.

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.

Sacrament of the Eucharist Presentation Masses:

The children preparing for their First Holy Communion will be presented to the parish this weekend 24/25 June. They will give their prayer card to a parishioner who is asked to pray for them during this preparation time. Would you please hold all the children and their families in your prayers. Thank you.

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

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

Do our sins make God suffer?

When we offend God, it does not depend on us that he does not really suffer.

If an insurmountable and superior force did not prevent it, our sins would have the criminal power to make him suffer. His impassibility certainly prevents his suffering, but we are doing everything in our power, deliberately, freely to make him suffer, if he were capable of suffering. In vain we protest that this intention is far from our thought and that we are horrified at it. This may be so, but having placed the cause, we can no longer disassociate ourselves from the effect. To repeat, the Man-God would necessarily suffer if not placed beyond our reach.

Jules Chevalier msc.
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p. 219, Paris, 1900.

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

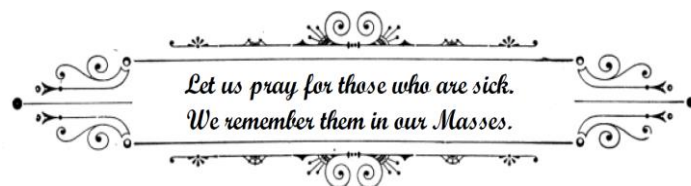
Stewardship

Do Not be Afraid

Today's readings call us to tackle the challenging issues of fear and trust — two concepts that must be confronted and dealt with by all of us who wish to live the stewardship way of life.

The Lord knows that facing down our fears and choosing to trust Him with all areas of our lives is an ongoing challenge for us. He is generous with reassurances to us throughout the Scriptures. Today's Gospel passage from Matthew is a case in point. In the span of eight verses, Jesus addresses the topic of fear four times. ● "Fear no one." ● "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." ● "Rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body." ● "So do not be afraid." Let's stop wasting any more time with fear. Instead, let's put all our energy, all our time, our talents, and our treasure into trusting this great and loving God, using all that we are and all that He has given us to bring Him glory.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: 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, Rebecca Malone, Jane McDonough, Stanley Howell, Narelle Karling, Lynne Williman, Philip Connolly, Daniel Worner, Catherine Farrugia, Nigel Smith, Gilbert Hall, Patrick Salmon, Jean Irvine, Hortencia Cid, John Bell, Jack Synnott, Elizabeth Dennison, John O'Brien, Rosalie Callaghan, Steven Argy, Constance Crowe

Mass Intentions the week of 26 June – 2 July

Mon 26/06	
Wed 28/06	
Thur 29/06	
Fri 30/06	Steve Smith
Sat 01/07	
5:00pm	
Sun 02/07	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	Hugh Sweeney

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.

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:

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness
to me, says the Lord, and you also
will be my witnesses.

Alleluia

Readings – 2 July 2023

First Reading	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16
Psalm	PS 88:2-3, 16-19
Second Reading	Rom 6:3-4, 8-11
Gospel	Matthew 10:37-42

ROSTERS

2 July Lector Roster

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Marian England
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir
10:00am	Frank Colley, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Erin Trevaskis

2 July Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Joy McInterney, Judy Netting
8:30am	Bernadette Murnane, Pat Cowburn
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Andrew Luck, Caitlyn D'Cruze

2 July Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

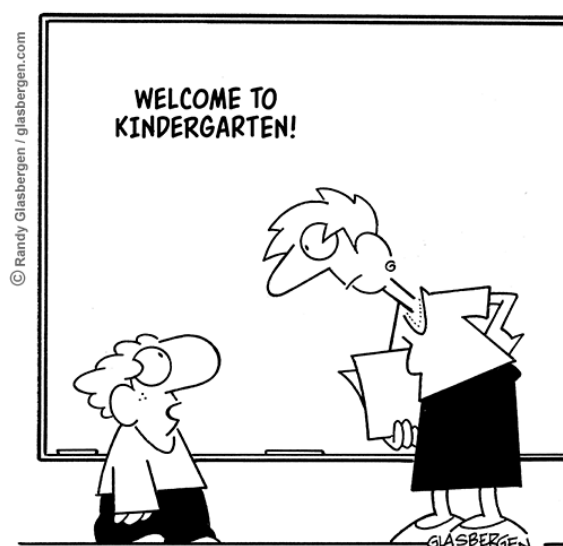
2 July SJAShop

5:00pm	Lynn O'Brien
8:30am	Marilyn Calliess
10:00am	Chris Gray
6:00pm	Margaret Ferguson

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	25 June	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	1 July	
Church Cleaning:	25 June	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Van Nguyen, Lang Dang

On a Lighter note



"You're telling me it will take 13 years
to install my education! What kind of
outdated software is this school using?"