

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 July 2023

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Reflection

A Cup of Cold Water

In today's readings we hear about the special blessings that people will get if they show hospitality to someone sent by the Lord. To be hospitable means to do all one can to tend to the needs of other people.

Henri Nouwen suggests that hospitality offers an opportunity for growth for both the giver and the receiver. "Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place."

Jesus says, 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water' to a disciple spreading the gospel, then their ultimate reward is assured. To give 'a cup of cold water' or 'a cold drink' to another person was the most basic act of hospitality or service. It is a metaphor for doing the absolute least service to another. Jesus is saying that even the most trivial act of service that recognises the work of the disciple will be welcomed and acknowledged. It suggests that 'practical loving kindness' is both the test and the result of discipleship.

Every good relationship between two or more people, whether it is friendship, marriage, or community, creates space where strangers can enter and become friends. Good relationships are hospitable. When we enter into a home and feel warmly welcomed, we will soon realise that the love among those who live in that home is what makes that welcome possible.

When there is conflict in the home, the guest is soon forced to choose sides. "Are you for him or for her?" "Do you agree with them or with us?" "Do you like him more than you do me?" These questions prevent true hospitality – that is, an opportunity for the stranger to feel safe and discover his or her own gifts. Hospitality is more than an expression of love for the guest. It is also and foremost an expression of love between the hosts.

Let us pray that the welcome we give each other at St John the Apostle parish is true hospitality and the stranger who enters our church experiences the warmth of that hospitality.

Resources used: Reflection, by Greg Sunter and True Hospitality, by Henri Nouwen.

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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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The **2023 Vinnies Winter Appeal** will be held on the weekend of **29-30 July.**

Eftpos facilities will be available.

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. Fr. Kimi will return to the office on Monday 17 July.

Sacrament of the Eucharist

There are 23 children of the parish preparing for their First Holy Communion

Please hold all the children and their families in your prayers. Thank you.



Pins & Needles

Mon 17 July– 7:15pm
Parish Library

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



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

Next gathering: Friday 21 July
St John the Apostle Parish Centre

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 25 JULY– 7:30AM
BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ
NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on

Wednesday 26 July

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.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Island Sunday – [ATSI]

A new life in Christ

Sunday 2 July

There will be a morning tea after the 10:00am Mass to celebrate ATSI Sunday

Palms Australia

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

Explore 35 positions on our website. You can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

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CatholicCare Retirement Villas - Aranda and Campbell

CatholicCare currently has several vacancies at our retirement villas based in Aranda and Campbell. For further information on the vacant villas and to view the villas please contact Dominica McNamara,

Retirement Villas Manager, on 6162 6100
property.management@catholiccare.cg.org.au
to indicate your interest.

Power Point Operators Required

6:00pm Sunday Mass

Training will be provided

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

Christians Against Poverty [CAP]

CAP SUNDAY 6 August 2023

Jenny McGee, Kirsty Vera and Marian England have undertaken training as money mentors. On CAP Sunday we will present to the parish information regarding how our parish can be involved in this initiative.

CAP exists to serve and equip your church to reach those in your community experiencing stress, anxiety, overwhelming debt, relational breakdown, and many of the other devastating impacts of financial distress.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

The Sacred Heart, God's gift of himself

The Word proceeds from the unfathomable depths of the heart of God who generates him equal to himself. God is love itself. This infinite love that constitutes the very depths of God, and forms his nature, has enclosed itself in a human heart, the Heart of Jesus. That is why God takes delight in this divine heart, the Heart with which he loves us, his living sacrament.

It is through the Heart of Christ, that the love of God, God himself, pours himself out on the world and on the human race. How? God communicates and gives himself by grace. This communication, this gift, is not just a figure of speech; it is a fact. We really share in his nature; we possess him personally and really.

Jules Chevalier msc.
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p. 277, Paris, 1900.

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

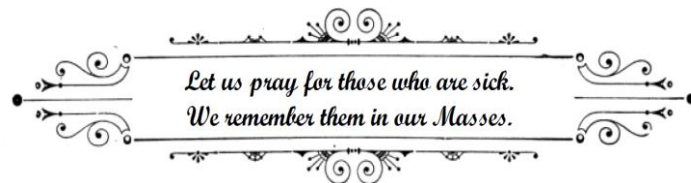
Stewardship

We are Called

Each of us is called. Our calling, like Elisha's and like those of Christ's Apostles, is really not that much different. Christ said, "Follow Me," and the Apostles basically dropped everything, ceased pursuing what they were doing — in some cases with good jobs and vocations — and followed Christ. We are called to follow the Lord from the moment of our Baptism, but how many of us actually take that calling seriously?

It is not just a question of hearing the call; the key is whether we are listening for it? It is there, but we must be aware of it in order to respond. Our calls are signs of God at work. God has a plan for each of us. We are the means by which God's work is continued in our parishes, in our communities, and in the Church. God's ministry on earth will be carried out and accomplished. None of us is the entire ministry; we can all be replaced. However, by the same token in God's eyes we are absolutely necessary. Are we ready to respond? Are we ready to be disciples of the Lord?

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: 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, Constnace Crowe, Gertrude, Czarnik, Conner Cooke, Anne Patterson, Sam Ford, Elsie Bingham, Christopher Davivs, Mary Ryan, Josephine Allester, Doris Galea, Mollie Paterson, Marie Richards, Chris Penders, John McEnaney, Leon Nguyen, Bernard Armstorn, Thomas Hallahan, Laurence Swift, Linda Dawson, Victoria Norton, Bede Stinson, Lionel Carberry, Jane Kurzynski, Catherine Raadts, Josephine O'Kane, Joan Ferguson, Monique Pearce, Gayle McGoogan, Veronica Hannah, Shane Connolly

Mass Intentions the week of 3 - 9 July

Mon 03/07	Lan
Wed 05/07	Doris Galea
Thur 06/07	
Fri 07/07	

Sat 08/07	
5:00pm	Tess Navaro
Sun 09/07	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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

KIT - Keeping in Touch

If there are any budding photographers out there we are always looking for photos for KIT.

Our theme this year is our local area – so if you have any photos of landmarks around our parish we would love to receive them. KIT is always looking for your articles to include.

Email your contributions to Marian at
marian@stjohnkippax.org.au

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

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:

Forever I will sing the goodness of
the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
You are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of
darkness and into his marvelous light.
Alleluia

Readings – 9 July 2023

First Reading	Zec 9:9-10
Psalm	PS 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
Second Reading	Rom 8:9, 11-13
Gospel	Matthew 11:25-30

ROSTERS

9 July

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Mary French/Gordon Donnir, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Mariana Rollgeyser
10:00am	Pam Connor, Kelechi Nnajide
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Brian Mahony

9 July

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Maria Catanzariti, Marian England
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Frank Colley, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	John McGee, Chitra Jayawarenda

9 July

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor
10:00am	Judy Kenny, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy

9 July

SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	John McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	2 July	
Grounds	8 July	Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard, David Momi
Church Cleaning:	2 July	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne

On a Lighter note

