

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 July 2023

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Reflection

Making room for God

When we hear the term, *yoke*, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law), his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke, his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught.

Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder *my* yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus *was* easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 *mitzvot* (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt.

To love God is to consciously make a place in our lives for God. The busy spin that tends to be characteristic of so many people's lives today does not allow room for God; does not allow room for prayer and quiet; does not allow room for compassionate response to others. To love God and love our neighbour we must first make room for them.

Resource used: *Gospel 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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The **2023 Vinnies Winter Appeal** will be held on the weekend of

29-30 July.

Eftpos facilities will be available.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of

Cameron [Joe] Mewburn

Will be celebrated at 11:00am

Thursday 13 July 2023

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

KIT@Kippax

KIT survives on your contributions

Please email your stories and photographs to Marian at marian@stjohnkippax.org.au

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

Heart of Life Seminars Semester 2

What better way to rejuvenate your spirituality, learn something new and meet a great bunch of people – join **Heart of Life seminars** in-person or online from the comfort of your own community on a Monday or Wednesday morning for the next two terms.

From 17 July 2023 - 9 November 2023.

Days and times vary according to the Seminars chosen.

<https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/seminars-and-reflection-events/seminars/>

Are You Retired or Seeking A Deeply Rewarding Ministry to Others? We invite you to join Heart of Life's Taster Session 2 on Saturday 5 August 2023, 9.30-11am, via Zoom, where we'll share with you information on our formation programs to become a spiritual director, pastoral supervisor, spiritual leader and contemplative listener to others. Our programs develop a compassionate, listening heart. The session will include a facilitated reflection session led by formation team members at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/taster-session/?> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne for more details.

Retreat in Everyday Life – Moments of Grace – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 31 July and concluding 28 August (at Heart of Life, Malvern, or via Zoom) Flexible timing. The Retreat in Everyday Life involves a commitment to daily prayer and weekly spiritual accompaniment for an hour per week over five weeks with this year's theme 'Moments of Grace'. This is an ideal opportunity for a Parish or spiritual community to retreat together, as well as for individuals who would like to experience an opportunity to recognise God's presence in their everyday lives in a more intentional way. Register your interest <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/retreat-in-everyday-life-moments-of-grace/> or info@heartoflife.melbourne and we will be in touch to have a conversation. Cost: Donation

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

Humility

Jesus says, I put humility first among all the virtues, because it is the root of all the others, and because it was especially humility that I taught the world. If you possess it, you will avoid spectacular actions; you will remain in the shade, unless obedience calls you forward.

Those who always want to attract attention, or who appear only when they are sure of success, are far from possessing this virtue. They seek fame and applause more than anything else. Full of themselves, they accept humble tasks, in which they cannot shine, only with repugnance: "Vanity of vanities."

Jules Chevalier msc.
Ecole du Sacré-Cœur p. 179, Issoudun, 1892

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

Stewardship

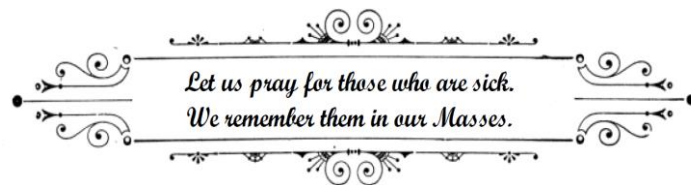
Humility is Key

God is a humble God, so if we wish to follow him as Christian stewards, we too, must be humble. In fact, humility is key to the stewardship way of life, and to a peaceful and fulfilling life.

Being a "little one" means that we acknowledge we don't have it all figured out, but that we are very much in need of a saviour. It means we recognize that all we are and all we have been given is a gift from God. It means we embrace the stewardship way of life. It is not easy, but deep peace and consolation come with this way of life. Jesus encourages us to come to him when we are burdened.

Let us resolve to follow in the footsteps of our Saviour, embracing the humble path of stewardship. It is the path that leads to peace here and now, and ultimately leads us to heaven.

www.catholicsteward.com



Recently Deceased:

Joe Mewburn [husband of Judy]

Anniversary: 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 Armstrong, 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, David Leonard, Paul Kurylowicz, Mona Castle, Stephen Carson, Robert Bower, Stephen Gorst, Leo Williams, Naomi Slater, Rudi Weiss, Josephine Myatt, Rita Riddle, Isabella Backhause, Gwendoline White, Sheila Marshall, Tina Martino, James Patterson, Queenie Solomonsz, Dolly Munoz, Mary Mules, Marie Cowman

Mass Intentions the week of 10 - 16 July

Mon 10/07	Tin Nguyen
Wed 12/07	Antonio Costa
Thur 13/07	
Fri 14/07	Steve Smith
Sat 15/07	
5:00pm	
Sun 16/07	
8:30am	
10:00am	Celia Gomez
6:00pm	Peter Seneviratna

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

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

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:

I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia

Readings – 16 July 2023

First Reading	Is 55:10-11
Psalm	PS 64:10-144
Second Reading	Rom 8:18-23
Gospel	Matthew 13:1-23

ROSTERS

16 July

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Dennis Puniard, Margaret Luck

16 July

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Janet Almond, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Theresa Suh, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Charlotte D'Cruze, Lionel D'Cruze

16 July

Hospitality Roster

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

16 July

SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	Jenny McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	9 July	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	15 July	
Church Cleaning:	9 July	Christine Lancaster, Pam Connor Shovin Weerawarnakula,

On a Lighter note

