

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
16 July 2023

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Reflection

Listen • Hear • Understand

The teaching of the parable of the sower is as true for us today as it was in its original context. For most of Jesus' listeners, their world was an agricultural one and so the stories Jesus told were about the everyday realities of peoples' lives. He told stories about vineyards, wheat fields, building houses, planting seeds and reaping harvests.

The word of the kingdom continues to fall on people who are at various stages of readiness to receive it. What Jesus suggests to his disciples – and to us – is that the 'good soil' can't always be predicted. Jesus doesn't tell his disciples to only sow the word in people who are receptive. Rather, he wants them – and us – to scatter the word everywhere and to rejoice when it does find good soil and yields a rich harvest.

In recent years the Church has regularly reminded us that the issue of caring for the environment is an important part of our Christian commitment for justice. We have been reminded that while the earth has been entrusted to us as stewards, to be preserved, it is also given into our hands to be developed in such a way that there will be a productive earth for future generations to inherit.

But are we listening?

For some of us the facts and figures about the planet's ecosystem fall on rocky ground. For others, recent debates fall among the thorns. Competing with other issues for our attention and action, the plight of the earth is not able to take root in our consciousness or sympathies. We think it can all wait for another generation who will have the ability to fix the problems then.

We believe the bread and wine of the Eucharist, which we say are 'the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands', are changed into Christ present among us. May these Eucharistic gifts rooted in our soil, effect in us a change that might enable us to have ears to hear the groan of creation as it calls for us to be careful sowers and responsible reapers.

Resources used: Scatter that Seed, by Greg Sunter, & Homily, by Fr. Richard Leonard SJ.

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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 PARABLE



OF THE SOWER



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.

KIT @Kippax

KIT survives on your contributions. Please email your contributions of stories and photographs to Marian at marian@stjohnkippax.org.au

Living Alone

Do you live alone? Would you like to feel more connected to community? SJACare is reaching out to parishioners who live alone. We are aiming to form a community that connects and supports people living alone. If you are interested in being part of this emerging group, please telephone Marian at the parish office.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

Help prevent the crisis of homelessness for vulnerable women and children. Please donate to the **Vinnies Winter Appeal on 30-31 July**.

Eftpos facility will be available. All donations stay with the Kippax Conference to support the poor and marginalised in our local community

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.

Parish Office Happenings

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

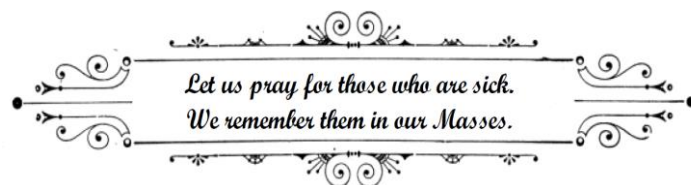
Sharon Greaves will be on leave from Monday 17 July and returning on Monday 21 August

WARNING
BIRD NESTING AREA
BIRDS MAY DISPLAY
AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

There is a family of plovers on the church grounds. They swoop to protect their eggs and young.

“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 sacraments. 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

Planted in Good Soil

The Parable of the Sower is a wonderful analogy for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the slow and steady, yet powerful effect this lifestyle will have on those who fully embrace it.

When we give the best of our time, talent and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with that rare "good soil" needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive.

Stewardship living removes the "rocks" of mistrust from our lives as we develop an unshakeable faith that God will always provide for our needs. It clears away the "thorns" of worldly ambition that make us self-centred, fill us with needless anxiety and stifle our focus on God. Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which continuously nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives.

Let us allow the Sower to do His work in us, slowly and steadily. The Master Gardner will surely produce miraculous fruits through us.

www.catholicsteward.com

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: 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, Maria Pedic, Thomas Pinner, Czeslaw Kowalski, Wallace Johnson, Dianne Fraser, Darryl Bremer, Frank Sculthorpe, Debra Niquet, Donald Briggs, Domatilla Mallia, Valentini Vratavic, Therese Van Der Vliet, Carol Thompson, Betty Coughlin, Daniel Keneally, Bernard Coughlin, Barry Swann.

Mass Intentions the week of 17 - 23 July

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| Mon 17/07 | Anna Dau & John Baptist Vinh |
| Wed 19/07 | Amy Stephenson |
| Thur 20/07 | Thanksgiving |
| Fri 21/07 | |

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| Sat 22/07 | |
| 5:00pm | Shanthi Jayawardena |

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| Sun 23/07 | |
| 8:30am | |
| 10:00am | Maria Dang |
| 6:00pm | Carmel Mowbray |

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

Cursillo Spirituality Day

19 August 10:00am – Marian Hall St Matthew's Page

During his earthly ministry, Jesus courted controversy with religious leaders. These confrontations, particularly those illustrated in Matthew, allowed Jesus to teach a gospel-aligned perspective to interpret God's commandments. We will explore how we can learn from this teaching. Free lunch.

The Good Shepherd prayer group

invites you to our New Life in God's Spirit seminar. It is a 7-week seminar held every Wednesday evening 7pm-9pm from Weds 19 July to Weds 30 August at St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla. Teachings, worship, prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to encounter Jesus in a deeper way! For more info and to register, call Susanna 0419 902 293 or Neda 0415 266 019

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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:

The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
The seed is the word of God, Christ is
the sower;
All who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia

Readings – 23 July 2023

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| First Reading | Wis 12:13, 16-19 |
| Psalm | PS 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 |
| Second Reading | Rom 8:26-27 |
| Gospel | Matthew 13:24-43 |

ROSTERS

23 July

Lector Roster

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

23 July

Ministers of Communion

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| 5:00pm | John Drury, Joy McInerney |
| 8:30am | Darren Maharaj, Maureen Burgess |
| 10:00am | Boni & Rosa Benedictos |
| 6:00pm | Brian Mahony, Priscilla Momi |

23 July

Hospitality Roster

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

23 July

SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

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| Altar Society | 16 July | Angela Boreham |
| Grounds | 22 July | David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton |
| Church Cleaning: | 16 July | Carol Blyth, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena |

On a Lighter note

