

## Reflection

### Make a Difference in the World

In our secular world, Christians can often feel that they need to be counter-cultural to fully live out the kingdom message of Jesus. Today's parables are a perfect example of that call. Jesus himself acted in contrast to his cultural context and often used examples in his teaching that flew in the face of cultural expectation. What does it mean to be counter-cultural today? Our world is driven by an emphasis on the individual; an emphasis on acquisition; an emphasis on consuming.

The first century community who followed Jesus, learned how to become more than a collection of individual self-interests. They found themselves becoming a counter-cultural community, one where Jews and Gentiles, circumcised and uncircumcised, had equal standing.

The depth and mystery of God leaves all of us as perpetual searchers and seekers, always novices and beginners. It is the narrow and dark way of faith. "Search and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you," says Jesus (Luke 11:9). There is something inherently valuable about an attitude of spiritual curiosity and persistent "knocking." It helps us to become other focus, moves us away from being self-centred.

In the sixth century, St. Benedict said the only requirement for a monk's admission is that they "truly seek God." Not security or status, not education, not roles and titles, not a portfolio of answers, but simply and humbly seeking God. Spiritual seeking will make a person be a perpetual and humble student instead of a contented careerist, a quester rather than a settler, an always impatient, yearning, and desirous lover.

The kingdom parables of today's gospel call us to be the agents of change that 'irritate' in our own small way to make a difference in the world.

As Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our way to God is through the Heart of Jesus. And so, we pray, *Jesus meek and humble of heart, make our heart like yours!*

Resources used: *Agents of Change*, by Greg Sunter, &  
*Discovering the right Questions*, by Richard Rohr.

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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

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

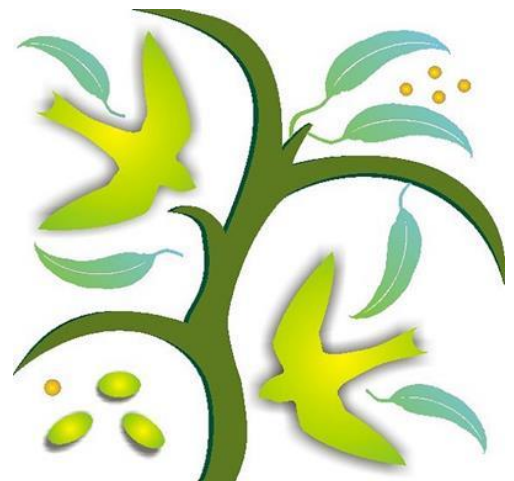
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## We congratulate

Theodore Cockburn, Logan McNamara,  
and Sophie Peisker, who will receive the  
Sacrament of The Eucharist at the  
5:00pm Vigil VIGIL Mass this weekend  
&

Anna Chau, Holly Cowan, Steven Pham,  
Genevieve Duong, Noor Fisher-Putros,  
Sama Fisher-Putros, Samuel O'Donnell,  
and William Rix, who will receive the  
Sacrament of The Eucharist at the  
10:00am mass this weekend.



*Dear Lord, we thank You and praise You for  
the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist.  
We ask You to bless all those who are  
preparing to receive Your Body and Blood  
for the first time. Help all of us who partake  
of The Eucharist to grow to a deeper  
intimacy with You each day of our lives.  
Amen*

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### 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.

*An estimated 1 in 3 (33%) Australians  
reported an episode of loneliness between  
2001 and 2009. Since the onset of the  
COVID-19 pandemic, just over half (54%)  
of respondents reported that they felt  
more lonely since the start of the  
pandemic.*

You may live alone and not feel lonely, but  
have gifts that you can offer to others!  
If you are interested in being part of this  
emerging group, please telephone Marian at  
the parish office.

Please register your interest by **7 August 2023.**

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**Celebrating the  
Feast of St Mary of the Cross  
Mary MacKillop ● Tuesday  
● 8 August ● 9:30am mass**

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**Feast of the Assumption of Mary  
Tuesday 15 August.  
Mass will be celebrated at  
9:30am and 6:00pm.  
This feast is a holy day of Obligation**

Vinnies

WINTER

29/30 July 2023 Appeal



There will be a leaving collection after all  
Masses next weekend. The theme this year  
is ending the devastating crisis of  
homelessness among older women.  
Eftpos facilities will be available and  
receipts can be provided for cash  
donations. All money donated stays with  
the Kippax Conference.  
Thank you for your generous support.

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### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



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

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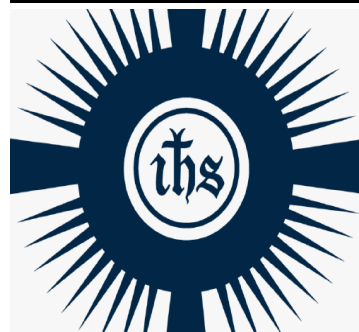
### St John's Friendship Group

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.



**Gethsemane**

**Contemplative Prayer  
with the Blessed  
Sacrament**

**7:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Thursday 3 August**

*Could you not stay awake with me one hour.  
Matt 26:40*

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### KIT @Kippax

KIT survives on your contributions.  
Please email your contributions of  
stories and photographs to Marian at  
[marian@stjohnkippax.org.au](mailto:marian@stjohnkippax.org.au)

# 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-Coeur p. 179, Issoudun, 1892

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

## Stewardship

### The smallest gift can have a significant impact

In today's Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus uses several parables to describe the kingdom of heaven and our role in it.

First, He compares it to a field where both wheat and weeds are sown. Both are permitted to grow and only at the harvest time are they separated, or "judged" — the wheat gathered into the sower's barn and the weeds finally destroyed. Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is like the small portion of yeast that is mixed in with flour for the making of bread. The insignificant amount of yeast is vital to the bread — without it the bread simply will not rise.

Similarly, the mustard seed, "the smallest of all the seeds", but when it is full-grown it becomes the largest of all the plants.

So often, the prayers that we pray, the service we offer, the gifts we give — in comparison to the immense needs around us — can seem laughably small. But, as Jesus makes clear through the images of yeast and mustard seed, that is not the truth! God sees and treasures and "grows" our offerings of time, talent, and treasure in ways we cannot begin to imagine.

Let us pray for those who are sick.  
We remember them in our Masses.

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Maria Pedic, Thomas Pinner, Czeslaw Kowalski, Wallace Johnson, Dianne Fraser, Darryl Bremer, Frank Sculthorpe, Debra Niquet, Donald Briggs, Domatilla Mallia, Valentini Vrataric, Therese Van Der Vliet, Carol Thompson, Betty Coughlin, Daniel Keneally, Bernard Coughlin, Barry Swann, Jillian McInerney, Ardina Dudok, June Traynor, Mathilde Clemence, Diane Eccles, Nola Faulkner, Andrew Kenna, John Connelly, Olive Cockcroft, Merle Maloney, Benito Berces, Caleb Heddle, Jackie Green, Marie Uhr, Evelyn Guy, Lorraine Rickard, Denes Bogsanyi.

## Mass Intentions the week of 24 – 30 July

Mon 24/07	Anna – Special Intention
Wed 26/07	
Thur 27/07	Francis, Peter, Joseph
Fri 28/07	
Sat 29/07	
5:00pm	Evelyn Guy
Sun 30/07	
8:30am	Parish Intentions
10:00am	Kathleen Hetherington
6:00pm	Steve Smith

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

## Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Join with others to celebrate the feast at a short Ignatian Spirituality meditation at

Date: Saturday 29 July 2023,  
Time: 5.40pm (before 6pm Mass)  
Where: St Matthew's, Chewings St, Page

OR

Date: Sunday 30 July 2023,  
Time: 11am (after 10am Mass)  
Where: St Vincent's, Bindel St, Aranda.

More information on Ignatian Spirituality is available at <https://www.clcaustralia.org.au/>

**"Be on earth the Heart of God"**



## 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 <sup>st</sup> 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>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i>
Women's Breakfast	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i>

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, you are good and forgiving

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

### Readings – 30 July 2023

First Reading	1 kgs 3:5, 7-129
Psalm	PS 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Second Reading	Rom 8:28-30
Gospel	Matthew 13:44-52

## ROSTERS

### 30 July Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Ots, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, Bernadette Murnane
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Erin Trevaskis

### 30 July Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Theresia Suh
10:00am	Francesca Deklin, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Dushyanthi Upasena, Priscilla Momi

### 30 July Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joy McInerney
8:30am	Beatrice Williams, Agnes Pham
10:00am	Manel Seneviratna
6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson

### 30 July SJAShop

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

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	23 July	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	29 July	ALL GROUPS
Church Cleaning:	23 July	Joseph le Van Hai, Lanh Dang, Sam Van Nguyen

On a lighter note

