

## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**30 July 2023**

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**#36.23**

## Reflection

### Now But Not Yet

The twin parables of today's gospel – the treasure in the field and the pearl of great value – reveal a paradoxical truth about the kingdom of Heaven. Throughout the gospels, Jesus presents the kingdom as 'now but not yet'; as 'present but future'. This paradox is captured in these twin parables. In both cases, the kingdom is likened to something of great value that is discovered but cannot be immediately grasped. In both parables, the finder must go away and sell everything so that they can eventually come to possess the treasure they have discovered.

By comparing this experience with the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus suggests that most of us can only ever catch glimpses of what it means to live in the kingdom. For most of us, only in the future reality of heaven will we ever fully come to understand the kingdom. However, those glimpses that we catch – those moments of inspiration and connection with God and with one another – are like the treasures of the parables. They are enough to inspire us to do what it takes to make sure that we will one day enter into that kingdom reality.

The third parable of this gospel passage reveals yet another truth about the kingdom. The dragnet thrown into the sea is like the message of Jesus – it is flung far and wide and does not discriminate about where it falls or on whom it falls. This parable rounds out the chapter that began with the parable of the sower and the image of casting the net is a neat parallel to the indiscriminate casting of seed. It is not up to the one who casts the net, the seed or the Word. Rather it is up to each individual to determine how they will respond to receiving the Word.

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

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

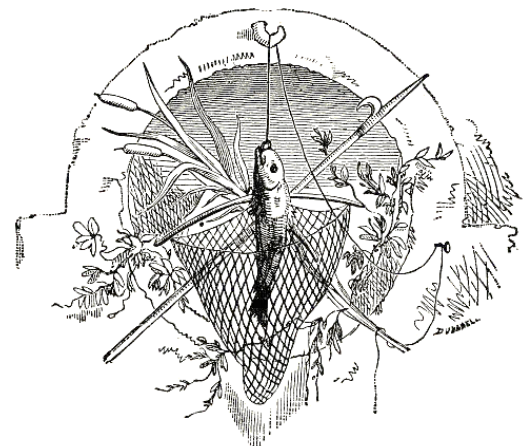
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## We congratulate

Edith Bradbury, Ashley Clifford,  
Harvey Irvine, Marian Le,  
Madeline O'Neill, and Henry Pieterse  
who will receive the Sacrament of The  
Eucharist at the 5:00pm Vigil Mass this  
weekend

&

Angel Bujane, Jessica Gao, Izza Saguid,  
and Zane Stewart,  
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*



*Ending the devastating crisis of  
homelessness among older women*

There will be a leaving collection after all  
mass this weekend. 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.

## KIT @Kippax

The July edition of KIT will be  
emailed out this coming week.

### Conserving Energy

Would you please be mindful of conserving  
costly energy. To retain heat - please ensure  
you close doors and please turn off lights.  
Thank you.

## Celebrating the Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mary MacKillop

● Tuesday ● 8 August ● 9:30am mass  
Following mass, we will celebrate this  
feast day with an Australian themed  
morning tea.

### 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

### 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.

You may live alone and not feel lonely, but  
have gifts that you can offer to others!

You are invited to a conversation regarding  
this initiative:

**Sunday 17 September 2023  
3:00 – 5:00pm**

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.**



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*

### Email Addresses

We are continually receiving messages that  
emails from St John's to GMAIL and YAHOO  
addresses are being recognized as SPAM.  
If you have registered for email and are not  
receiving notices please check your SPAM,  
TRASH, or JUNK folders and mark our emails as  
NOT SPAM. Thank you

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

# Heart Spirituality

## Grace

Grace is the life of God communicated to our whole being, soul and body; it penetrates and permeates us to divinize us; the supreme gift of the Heart of Jesus on earth. The name grace is well chosen; it means gratuitous gift. The greater and more gratuitous the gift, the greater the grace. What a gift is God! An infinite good. Who could ever merit It? Even if we had all created powers at our service and made the most perfect use of them the immense merit that would result from it would be out of all proportion with God's gift of himself. Grace also means beauty. For grace is God, beauty itself. To live from grace, through grace, in grace; to dwell in it; to possess it habitually; in a word to be in the state of grace is to exist and live in a higher, supernatural and divine order.

Jules Chevalier msc,  
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 284f Paris 1900

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

## Stewardship

### Intentionally Search for the Kingdom

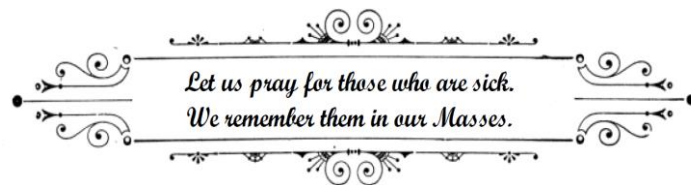
The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven.

In the first of today's parables, our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" entailed worth it.

In each of these stories, the kingdom of heaven is somewhat "hidden." We must intentionally search for it amidst the noise of the world that bombards us. Yet, our Lord reminds us that His Kingdom is meant for everyone and He wants us to find it! He says, "It is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind."

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it.

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## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** 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, Edward Carr, Christine Robinson, Basil Smith, Maryte Puzas, Joan Hafner, Michael Cizek, Leonard Hill, Keith Jobling, Joyce Olive, Donald Telford, Bona Duffy, Lindsay Guest, Adam Markham, Arthur O'Callaghan

## Mass Intentions the week of 31 July – 6 August

Mon 31/07	Kevin & Magdalen Suh
Wed 02/08	John O'Brien
Thur 03/08	Fallace Family
Fri 04/08	Kevin & Magdalen Suh

Sat 05/08	
5:00pm	Doris Galea

Sun 06/08	
8:30am	John McGee & Jean Tierney
10:00am	Kathleen Noakes
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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



**World Youth Day  
2-6 August 2023  
Lisbon Portugal**

*Mary rose up and went with haste.*

Please pray for the pilgrims gathering in Lisbon for World Youth Day.

*Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, inspire the young people attending World Youth Day in Lisbon to live and witness the Gospel in the way they live life.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen*



## 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, I love your commands

## 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 – 6 August 2023

First Reading	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm	PS 96:1-2, 5-6, 9
Second Reading	2 Pt 1:16-19
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9

## ROSTERS

### 6 Aug 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

### 6 Aug Ministers of Communion

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

### 6 Aug Hospitality Roster

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

### 6 Aug SJAShop

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	30 July	Chioma Nnajide
Grounds	5 Aug	
Church Cleaning:	30 July	Edgar & Chioma Nnajide

On a Lighter note



"If I download a virus to his computer, that should keep his mind off the mess we made."