

Reflection

Mountaintop Experiences

Jesus takes his most trusted disciples up a high mountain to allow them to share in what he knows is about to occur. It is a very clear teaching moment in which Jesus hopes the disciples are going to finally grasp the truth about him. As the disciples stand by, Jesus is transformed before them – suddenly bathed in light and his clothes become dazzlingly white. The disciples also see Moses and Elijah standing and talking with Jesus. Moses was the great Law-giver of Jewish tradition and Elijah the great prophet. Together, they represent the Law and the Prophets – the combined wisdom that make up the tradition of Jewish teaching and Jewish scripture. It is the Law and the Prophets that Jesus' life and ministry brings to fulfilment. It is fitting that Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus, as the three figures combined represent the fullness of Jewish tradition – the Law of Moses; the challenge and promise of the Prophets; and the compassion of Jesus that completes the other two.

Sadly, the disciples don't really get the point of what they see before them. Peter, caught up in the moment, wants to build tents on the spot to mark the moment and to continue to dwell in the moment. Jesus, however, leads them back down the mountain – back into the valley; back into the reality of life; back into the tragedy that he knows lies before them. No matter how powerful a religious experience may be, Jesus shows us that we always have to return to real life. It is not possible to remain on the 'mountaintop' as Peter would have liked to do; we have to take the experience back into the everyday of our lives.

Resources 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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Thank you from Vinnies

Your generous response to the Vinnies Winter Appeal resulted in almost \$12,000 towards our efforts to prevent homelessness among vulnerable women. Thank you.

Come and celebrate 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

Holy Water Font – Baptismal Font

Holy water has returned to our baptismal font. This is also our blessing font as we enter the church. The holy water is renewed every week.

“The gathering of the People of God begins with Baptism; a church must have a place for the celebration of Baptism (baptistry) and for fostering remembrance of the baptismal promises (holy water font)” (CCC 1185).

Living Alone

You are invited to a conversation exploring the issues about living alone:

Sunday 17 September 2023

3:00 – 5:00pm

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!

If you are interested in being part of this emerging group, please telephone Marian at the parish office.

Please register your interest by **4 Sept 2023**.



**WYD 2023
LISBON**

**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 the live life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



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

**Next gathering: Friday 18 August
St John the Apostle Parish Centre**



Pins & Needles

**Mon 21 August– 7:15pm
Parish Library**

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 22 AUGUST– 7:30AM

BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ

NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

Pastoral and Spiritual Care Training

A Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) 5-day course includes topics such as: What is Pastoral/Spiritual Care; empathy, grief and loss, spiritual reflection and self-care. The course runs Wednesdays, Oct 4-Nov 8, 2023, 9-5pm in Queanbeyan; cost is \$400. It is followed by a longer CPE unit for those interested in more in-depth training in spiritual care. Enrolments by end August. Please contact Susanne Schmidt on 0431 243 486 or at susannecpe@gmail.com

Heart Spirituality

The difference between grace and glory

When we possess God by grace and share in his divine nature, we bear him within us without seeing him, like a hidden treasure. But in glory we shall see him in himself, see him in us and in everything else. God is already present everywhere, but in an invisible way; in glory, he will be visible everywhere. God wills that our eternal happiness be at the same time, our glory and his. In and through the light of glory every creature will become transparent, and God will appear as he is. We shall see him face to face. This will be our happiness as his children. And God's happiness as Father will be to be seen by us. Seeing him as he is we shall love him with all our strength.

Jules Chevalier msc,
Le Sacre-Coeur de Jesus p.287f Paris 1900.

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

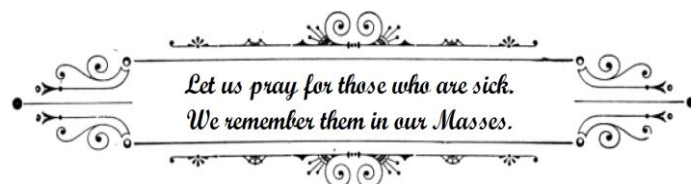
Stewardship

Son of Man

The Book of Daniel, from which our First Reading is drawn, was written some two centuries before the birth of Christ. This is only significant in that many of the prophets lived as many as six centuries before Christ. In this reading from the Hebrew testament, it refers to the "Son of Man," *The one like a Son of Man received dominion, glory, and kingship*, which is the term Jesus Himself used most often to describe Himself; The term "Son of Man" occurs 85 times in the Gospels, and in 83 of them it is Jesus who uses the term. (It appears 32 times in Matthew; 15 times in Mark; 26 times in Luke; and 12 times in John, and it is in John where it is used twice by someone other than Jesus.)

The important point for us is that Jesus calling Himself the Son of Man explains that He was born of a woman, and He shares in our earthly conditions and sufferings. That fact should make us want to embrace Him as our Saviour, our Friend, and our Shepherd even more.

www.catholicsteward.com



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Edward Carr, Christine Robinson, Basil Smith, Maryte Puzas, Joan Hafner, Michael Ciszek, Leonard Hill, Keith Jobling, Joyce Olive, Donald Telford, Bona Duffy, Lindsay Guest, Adam Markham, Arthur O'Callaghan, Wesley Perceval, Margaret Cole, John McGee, Jean Tierney, Alfred Clynch, Manning Hoy, Dominic Pham, Maria Van Rooy, Lidia DeMontis, Derick Brice, Indianna Forth, Norman Pentland, Phillip Doran, Denise Smith, Leslie Ferry, Ray Allen, George Brettell, Horst Lawatsch

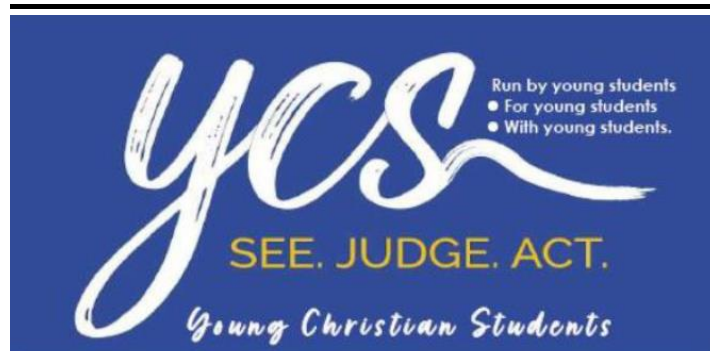
Mass Intentions the week of 7 - 13 August

Mon 07/08	Philippa Ness
Tue 08/08	Mieke Van Rooy
Wed 09/08	Dominic Pham
Thur 10/08	All the departed souls
Fri 11/08	Brigid Dunstan

Sat 12/08	
5:00pm	John Pham

Sun 13/08	
8:30am	Horst Lawatsch
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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



SJA Youth Group
Sunday 20 August 2023
7:00pm – 9:00pm
Students from Years 7-12

Enquiries phone 6254 3236

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	<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:

The Lord is king, the most high over
all the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
This is my Son, my beloved, in who
is all my delight:
Listen to him.
Alleluia

Readings – 13 August 2023

First Reading	1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13
Psalm	PS 84:9-14
Second Reading	Rom 9:1-5
Gospel	Matthew 14:22-23

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

ROSTERS

13 Aug Lector Roster

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

13 Aug Ministers of Communion

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

13 Aug Hospitality Roster

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

13 Aug SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	6 Aug	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	12 Aug	Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard, David Momi
Church Cleaning:	6 Aug	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne

On a Lighter note.

