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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
13 August 2023

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Reflection

Why did you Doubt?

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be discipled to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

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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You are Invited to an
Information Session
Sunday 20 August 2023
3:00pm - 4:30pm
Parish Centre
RSVP 17 August
kippax@cg.org.au

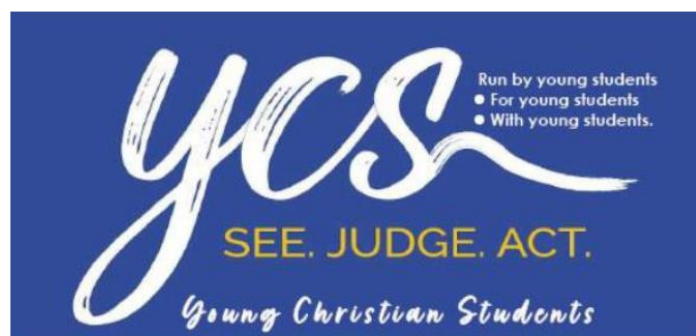
SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



For more information
contact the parish office.

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



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

Enquiries phone 6254 3236



Pins & Needles
Mon 21 August– 7:15pm
Parish Library

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 22 AUGUST– 7:30AM
BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ
NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on **Wednesday 30 August**
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.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

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

Anonymous Donation

*This is to help towards
paying for the church's
electricity bill.*

Thank you to the person who made a \$200
donation towards the parish's electricity
expenses. For the 3 months May, June, July,
our electricity expense net total is
\$9,838.60. Your thoughtful donation is
much appreciated.

An Introduction to the Prophets: A Biblical Perspective

*The ACT Jewish community presents a
series of talks on the prophets. Members
of all Christian denominations are warmly
invited to attend this interfaith event.*

First session

Date & Time: Sunday 20 August - 2.30pm

Where: National Jewish Memorial Centre,
31 National Circuit, Forrest.

Presenter: Frank Selch

Register: via email below

<https://www.actjc.org.au/event/PropTenakh-1>

Integral ecology pilgrimage

31 August | 6:30pm

The Archdiocese with the ACU, is
convening a series of online dialogues on
Care for Our Common Home teaching as
first steps in our synodal journey for the
year of the Holy Spirit.

**Six Thursday evenings 6.30-8.30pm 31-
Aug/5-Oct. Information -**

<https://cgcatholic.org.au/services-directory/caring-for-creation>

Register at <http://bit.ly/3rTieKp>

Heart Spirituality

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

As soon as the Heart of Mary was formed, the Blessed Trinity took delight in it. After the Heart of Jesus, they made it the masterpiece of creation, and enriched it with every grace. This abundance of grace did not lie barren in the Heart of Mary. Through her faithful response she made it bear fruit minute by minute, from the first moment of her existence until her blessed death. If the angel called her full of grace on the day of the Incarnation, before she had become the Mother of God, what expression will he use at the end of her life to denote all the treasures her Heart contains? To us also grace is given in abundance. Do we profit from it? Let us take great pains to respond to it faithfully.

Jules Chevalier msc,
Méditations II p. 668. Issoudun 1891.

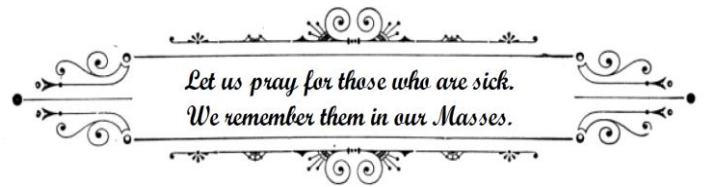
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
everywhere loved.....forever!

Stewardship

Keeping our eyes on Jesus

Today's readings remind us that, amazing things can happen when we fully permit God to take charge of our lives. When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all is gift from Him, we lose trust in Him and we do not make our lives a grateful response to Him. Peter makes this mistake. Jesus sends the disciples ahead of Him to the other side of the shore. Later that evening, Jesus casually strolls up to the boat, walking on the sea. He invites Peter to join Him. As Peter begins to walk on the water, he momentarily takes his eyes off Jesus to notice the strong wind surrounding them. With that, he sinks. When we take our eyes off Christ, the many blessings He has given us, and the loving way He treats us, we sink, too. When we let go of a tight hold over our money, time, and talents, our lives become, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us.

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Recently Deceased: Paul Kelly

Anniversary: Wesley Perceval, Margaret Cole, John McGee, Jean Tierney, Alfred Clynych, 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, James Marlor, Iris Schofield, Zenona Skiba, Emily Jacob, William Smith, John Ray, Joseph Zuk, Ronald Ryan, Alfred Niquet, Jill McNevin, Majorie Carew, Edmund Kennedy, Alexander Aikman

Mass Intentions the week of 14 - 20 August

Mon 14/08	The McGrath Family
Tue 15/08	9:30am Joe Mewburn 6:00pm Eileen Hawke
Wed 16/08	Paul Le
Thur 17/08	Special Intention
Fri 18/08	McGrath & Sheahan families
Sat 19/08	
5:00pm	Maria Dinh
Sun 20/08	
8:30am	
10:00am	Peter Duong
6:00pm	

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

Holy Water Font – Baptismal Font

Holy water has returned to our baptismal font. As we enter the church it is also our blessing font. 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).

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 Cafe Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i>

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word
Alleluia

Readings – 20 August 2023

First Reading	Is 56:1, 6-7
Psalm	PS 66:2-3, 5-6
Second Reading	Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel	Matthew 15:21-28

ROSTERS

20 Aug

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

20 Aug

Ministers of Communion

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

20 Aug

Hospitality Roster

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

20 Aug

SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	13 Aug	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	19 Aug	
Church Cleaning:	13 Aug	Christine Lancaster, Pam Connor, Shovin Weerawarnakula

On a lighter note

