

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
20 August 2023

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Reflection

God's saving grace is for everyone.

Today's scripture passage is an important story in Matthew's gospel. This gospel was written predominantly for Jewish Christians but this story reveals that the ministry of Jesus and the reign of God is open to anyone who believes.

This week's gospel provides a fascinating illustration of Jesus' response to those in need. Jesus has travelled to the area of Tyre and Sidon – part of modern-day Lebanon. He was physically removing himself from the place of his very active ministry and taking a break. When the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and his disciples, she is an interruption; a nuisance. Jesus is very abrupt with her. He tells her simply that his ministry is to the house of Israel – the Jews – and is not for her. But the woman is persistent and again asks Jesus to help her. Jesus is even more abrupt and tells her that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. Through this use of metaphor, Jesus refers to the children of Israel (the Jews) and to the gentiles and pagans – sometimes referred to as 'dogs' to reflect their lowly status in the eyes of the Jewish tradition. Still the woman persists and turns Jesus' metaphor back on him, saying that even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table.

The woman's persistence and faith pay off. Jesus is moved by her faith and through that faith heals the woman's daughter. Despite his initial abruptness and reluctance, Jesus responds with compassion to the woman's request. It is as though she needed to demonstrate that she was really serious and that she did in fact believe that Jesus could make a difference in her life and the life of her daughter.

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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
kippax@cg.org.au**

Funeral Notice

*Requiem mass for Lesley Givens
will be celebrated on
Thursday 24 August at 1:00pm
St John the Apostle Catholic Church*



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.



Gethsemane

**Contemplative Prayer with
the Blessed Sacrament**

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Thursday 7 September

Could you not stay awake with me one hour.

Matt 26:40

RFBI – Holt Masonic Village (Kalparrin)

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Thursday 31 August

12:30-2:00pm

Live entertainment – Trish Ollman

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Funeral Notice

*Funeral Prayers for Margaret Chinn
will be celebrated on
Monday 21 August at 10:30am
Tobin Brothers Chapel
Nettlefold Street Belconnen*

Season of Creation

1 September – 4 October

“Future generations will never forgive us if we
miss the opportunity to protect our common
home. We have inherited a garden; we must
not leave a desert for our children.”

Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical
Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of
Canterbury.

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**Integral Ecology Pilgrimage -
Let Justice and Peace Flow**

Thursdays	ZOOM 6:30pm – 8:30pm
31 Aug 23	Cry of the earth, Cry of the poor
7 Sept 23	Ecological spirituality
14 Sept 23	Ecological economics
21 Sept 23	Ecological education
28 Sept 23	Adoption of simple lifestyles
5 Oct 23	Community resilience & empowerment

a series of six online dialogue sessions

Convened by ACU's

Jacqui Remond and Dr. Megan Seneque

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

This series is a vital step on our Care for Our
Common Home journey together, as part of
the Year of the Holy Spirit.

Safeguarding Sunday

10 September 2023

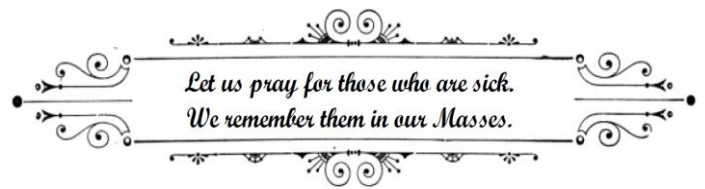
**EVERY CHILD
IN EVERY COMMUNITY
NEEDS A FAIR GO**

**NATIONAL
CHILD
PROTECTION
WEEK**

STARTING FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

NAPCAN PREVENT
CHILD ABUSE
IN AUSTRALIA
www.napcan.org.au

Heart Spirituality



Reasons for Trust in Jesus Christ

Our trust in Jesus Christ is based on his goodness. Why did he become fully human? *For us and for our salvation.* Jesus' incomparable goodness gave us his death, his Church, his sacraments, his heart, his divine Mother. We shall esteem this infinite goodness better if we realise that its object is not only human beings in general, but each of us in particular. He loved me and gave his life for me (Gal. 2:20). After so many signs of love, could we hesitate in showing him boundless trust?

Moreover, we shall obtain from his Father everything that we ask for in his name. Whatever our weakness, our temptations and even our failures, let us drive away all discouragement and open our hearts to trust.

Jules Chevalier msc,
Meditations I p. 223/ Issoudun 1891.

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

Stewardship

Trusting in God

Our Gospel today from Matthew reminds us to trust in God even when it seems He is not answering our prayers. God wants to lead us to the joy of heaven to spend eternity with Him. For that, we must be strong in faith and live our lives as an act of love and gratitude to Him.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel passage. She called out to Him on behalf of her daughter, and when Jesus does not respond she is undeterred. The woman continues to call out to Him, yet He still does not give her what she asks for. Instead, He continues to challenge her faith. And she rises to the challenge to such an impressive degree that Jesus exclaims, "O woman [a term of deep respect in that day], great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

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Recently Deceased:

Lesley Givens, Margaret Chinn

Anniversary: 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, Hedwig Von Straaten, Winifred Bridges, Joseph Weinheber, Andres Munoz, Tere Fearon, Bill Fearon, Anna Yoo, Sheila Dignam, Antonia Mrsnik, Armanda Cavuoto, Patrick Sheehan, Barry Cormack, Gladys Anderson, Virginia Matera, Melinda Davis, Annette Polak, Mary Houn Nguyen, William Wiegold, Philip Smith, Mary Telford, Gaye Walmsley, Isidro Jabagat.

Mass Intentions the week of 21 - 27 August

Mon 21/08	Alan Bailey
Wed 23/08	Melvin D'Souza
Thur 24/08	Dominic
Fri 25/08	Maria Nguyen

Sat 26/08	
5:00pm	Steve Smith

Sun 27/08	
8:30am	
10:00am	Joe Mewburn
6:00pm	

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 27 August 2023

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2023-24

Listen,
Learn, Love

A New Engagement with Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander Peoples



2023-2024 Social Justice Statement

<https://bit.ly/SJS2023-24>

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:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
Jesus preached the Good News of the
kingdom and healed all who were
sick.
Alleluia

Readings – 27 August 2023

First Reading	Is 22:1-23
Psalm	PS 137:1-3, 6, 8
Second Reading	Rom 11:33-36
Gospel	Matthew 16:13-20

ROSTERS

27 Aug

Lector Roster

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

27 Aug

Ministers of Communion

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

27 Aug

Hospitality Roster

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

27 Aug

SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	20 Aug	
Grounds	26 Aug	David Pigram, Mike Lavis Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	20 Aug	Carol Blyth, Dushyanthi & Nisha Upasena

On a Lighter note.

