

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
27 August 2023

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Social Justice Sunday

Reflection

Listen, Learn, Love

This year's Social Justice Statement exhorts us to "listen".

Bishop Vincent Long launched the Statement on Thursday 24 August and said, "Listening is hard. Hearing about young people taking their lives, about so many people ending up in jail, of children still being taken away from their parents and grandparents and about the ongoing racism is tough," "It must be so much more difficult for these people to tell us about their painful experiences. We are deeply grateful to those who shared their stories of pain with us."

"We need to listen with deep respect and learn from them about what needs to be done to improve their situations. We need to walk with them, day by day, and work with them to bring about change for the better – for their people and for all of us."

"Strengthening our relationship with our First Peoples is integral and indeed critical to the strengthening of the whole nation." "Our attitudes and actions towards First Nations Peoples need to be grounded in justice, love and humility".

Deep listening is contemplation. In the Ngan'gikurunggurr and Ngen'giwumirri languages of the Aboriginal people of the Daly River region, deep listening is called dadirri. "Dadirri is inner, deep listening and quiet, still awareness. Dadirri recognises the deep spring that is inside us. We call on it and it calls to us."

Dadirri is in everyone. It is not just an Aboriginal thing.
— Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann,

Dadirri also means awareness of where you've come from, why you are here, where are you going now and where you belong. It can be used as a tool to quieten the mind as it teaches about "the quiet stillness and the waiting".

"Our Aboriginal culture has taught us to be still and to wait. We do not try to hurry things up. We let them follow their natural course – like the seasons."

Resources used: Social Justice Statement launch, Bishop Vincent Long, & Jens Korff at, Source: Deep listening (dadirri) - Creative Spirits, retrieved from <https://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/education/deep-listening-dadirri#deep-listening-explained>

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

turgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

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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>

Dadirri

Deep listening is available to everyone. "Everybody has it," reveals Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann. "You have it. We all have it. It's just that you haven't been given the opportunity to discover it ... We can call on it and it calls to us. This is the gift that Australia is thirsting for." ^[10]

Exercise

Reserve a space regularly for about 5 minutes, in the morning or evening. Go outside if you can. Simply sit and look at and listen to the earth and environment that surrounds you.

Focus on something specific, such as a bird, a blade of grass, a clump of soil, cracked earth, a flower, bush or leaf, a cloud in the sky or a body of water, whatever you can see.

You can also let something find you, be it a leaf, the sound of a bird, the feel of the breeze, the light on a tree trunk. There's no need to try, just wait a while.

Be still and silent and listen.

Following this quiet time, there may be, on occasion, value in expressing in some way your experience of this quiet, still listening. You may wish to talk about the experience or journal, write poetry, draw, paint or sing. This needs to be held in balance - the key to dadirri is in simply being, rather than in outcomes and activity.

To experience dadirri first-hand, contact the Miriam Rose Foundation.

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Safeguarding Sunday 10 September 2023



"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Achoo.....Bless You!

We are currently in Flu season.

And COVID is still making its presence felt.

Out of concern for the welfare of all parishioners please consider staying home from mass if you are feeling unwell.

Face masks are still an accepted form of dress to protect you and others from catching either the Flu or COVID. Thank you

SPAM TEXT MESSAGES

Some parishioners have received text messages purporting to be from Fr. Kimi. Please note our priests will never contact you asking for money.

RFBI – Holt Masonic Village (Kalparrin)

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Thursday 31 August

12:30-2:00pm

Live entertainment – Trish Ollman

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 by 31 August 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.

Heart Spirituality

Habitual recollection

A mind that is fickle, superficial and undisciplined could not live in habitual recollection. Imagination will dominate in it, drawing it towards external objects and depriving it of that intimate union with God that should be its whole joy and consolation. So if we want to live in interior recollection and taste its delights, let us get rid of everything in us that can cause an obstruction to it. And let us use the means that will make it easy for us to acquire it. Let us love to draw aside and be silent. Let us flee the world and only in so far as we need, have contact with creatures. Let us enclose ourselves in the Heart of Jesus, and we shall come under his spell in a way that is beyond words.

Jules Chevalier msc,
Meditations I, p. 172/ Issoudun 1891.

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

Stewardship

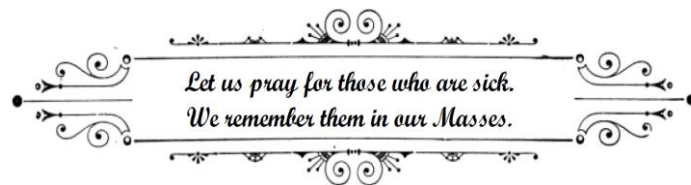
Who is Jesus for you?

Jesus poses the same question to each one of us today that he put to the disciples: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Can we answer the way Peter answered? "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Do our lives truly reflect this answer? Do my ambitions and priorities in life say that Christ is my Saviour and I am His disciple? Does my budget, my family life, my entertainment say so?

The gifts and blessings that God has given us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — are meant to be used in a manner that says "Christ is my Saviour and I am His disciple." The most eloquent praise we can offer Him is a life lived in grateful response to His unfathomable love. This is the beauty and power of a stewardship way of life.

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Recently Deceased:

Di Sutherland [sister-in-law to Helen Tremayne]

Anniversary: 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, Susan O'Dwyer, Josephine Smith, Ralph Dunn, William Schofield, Dorothy Hush, Andrew Domjan, Ivan Jones, Kathleen MacKay, Collin McEvoy, Anton Mrsnik, Sonia Mewburn, Andre Jeffers, Wesley Dunn, Patrick Whittle, Joseph Boyd, John Grannall, Michelle Brewer, Alvaro del Busto, Christopher Halloran

Mass Intentions the week of 28 August – 3 September

Mon 28/08	Thomas Bannon
Wed 30/08	Steve Smith
Thur 31/08	Lesley Givens
Fri 01/09	Steve Smith
Sat 02/09	
5:00pm	Maria Pham
Sun 03/09	
8:30am	Edna Iroha
10:00am	Parish Intentions
6:00pm	Steve Smith

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 28 August – 18 September

Wednesday 30 August
St John's Friendship Group

✠
Thursday 7 September
Gethsemane

Contemplative Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament
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Friday 15 September
Mens Group

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Monday 18 September
Pins & Needles

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	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not
forsake the work of your hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
You are Peter, the rock on which I
will build my Church;
The gates of hell will not hold out
against it.
Alleluia

Readings – 3 September 2023

First Reading	Jer 20:7-9
Psalm	PS 62:2-6, 8-9
Second Reading	Rom 12:1-2
Gospel	Matthew 16:21-27

ROSTERS

3 Sept

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Marian England
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Frank Colley, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Erin Trevaskis

3 Sept

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

3 Sept

Hospitality Roster

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

3 Sept

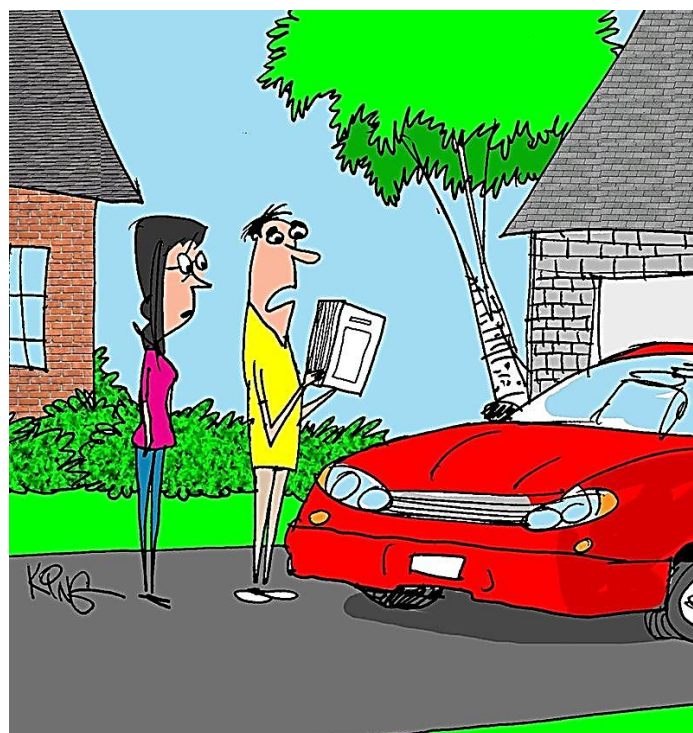
SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	27 Aug	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	2 Sept	
Church Cleaning:	27 Aug	Joseph Le Van Hai, Lanh Dang, Sam Van Nguyen

On a Lighter note



"Why must everything be so complicated these days?
This is the manual just to set the car's clock."