

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 September 2023

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Reflection

We are called to constant conversion

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others, we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.

In today's Gospel Jesus attends to this destructive side of our human nature. Jesus teaches us that those who do not love their neighbour as they should are to be treated with dignity and respect and offered every opportunity to seek forgiveness until it is clear they can no longer be a part of the Christian family.

The challenge and hallmark of the Christian life is the way in which we live out God's love and forgiveness. And, although the Christian community should be the last group to exclude anyone, even we have to have our boundaries. Sometimes this involves holding others to account for what they say and do, especially if they claim to be a follower of Christ. The love and forgiveness of God does not mean that 'anything goes'. It is a love that calls for constant conversion. We can witness to it only to the degree that we have experienced it, from God, from others, and in the way we love and forgive ourselves.

Resources used: Homily, by Richard Leonard SJ, & Living the Gospel, 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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Vinnies Poor Box Appeal

All donations to the poor box during September will be sent to support the community of Sts Peter and Paul in Tamil Nadu, India, our Vinnies twin conference. They are a small rural-based community who rely on farming of paddy rice and corn for food and income.

Thank you for your contribution.

Safeguarding Sunday

10 September 2023



NATIONAL
CHILD
PROTECTION
WEEK

STARTING FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

NAPCAN
www.napcan.org.au

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September -- at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

<https://www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding-sunday>

FUNERAL NOTICE

Megan Pigram

Funeral will be celebrated on
Thursday 14 September 2023 at 1:00pm
St John the Apostle Parish Kippax



SJA BOOKSHOP

NEW STOCK AVAILABLE!

Rosary Beads, Candles,
Christmas Items, Angels
Columban Calendars \$10.00

Majellan Christmas Cards \$10.00 [pk 10]

Celebrating Women of Faith Catholic Women's Taskforce Fundraising Dinner

Fundraising dinner for MacKillop House
Friday, 27th October

Southern Cross Club in Woden.

Guest speaker, Ms Genevieve Jacobs,
Tickets are \$80, but early birds are \$70
(until 29 Sept), and tables of 10 are
discounted to \$700.

Please visit www.cgwomen.org.au to
purchase tickets through Humanatix.
For further information contact Samantha
Hazlett at samanthahazlett@icloud.com.

SJAYouth ● YCS

Young Christian Students

17 September 7:00pm – 9:00pm

SJA Parish Centre

Enquiries please contact the Parish Office –
Phone 6254 3236 ● kippax@cg.org.au

Future Dates:

15 October

12 November

10 December (Christmas Party)

SJA Community Connections

Do you live alone?

Would you like to feel more connected to community?

Invitation

You are invited to an afternoon of drinks and conversation.

Exploring the issues about living alone:

Sunday 17 September 2023

3:00 – 5:00pm

RSVP 4 Sept 2023.

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.

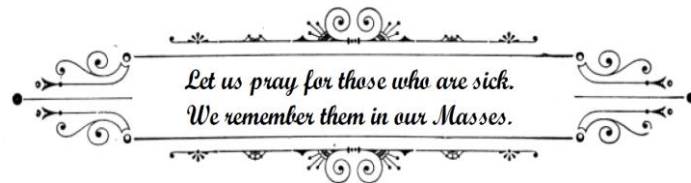
LECTOR VACANCY

There is a vacancy in the Lector roster for the Second Sunday of the Month at the Saturday evening VIGIL Mass. If you are not a Lector and discern that being a Lector is your gift, please contact the parish office.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Season of Creation

1 Sept – 4 Oct



Importance of Community

This Gospel is clearly about becoming part of team Jesus. There's the bit about gathering in twos and threes to find agreement about what we – including Jesus – want or need. Then we (the Greek 'you' is plural) are told we can jointly bind and loose, literally from the ground up.

This is, therefore, a profoundly synodal passage. It's an instruction manual for dealing with the messy realities in which the Church sometimes finds itself, and a reminder of the importance of community. There is even a plan for dealing with the odd recalcitrant brother who just won't listen! Jesus' key takeaway is about persistence and working together.

In our own times, where there is lots of scope for collective action on important issues, Jesus' frequent mention of 'earth' resonates. We are called to be the salt of the earth, a grounded people whose decisions can have heavenly effects.

Season of Creation, by Nick Brodie

Heart Spirituality

Kindness and Gentleness

Following the example of Jesus, we will strive to lead others to God with kindness and gentleness, to unite them to him by love and to free them from fear.

Trusting in God's grace, we will be ready, if necessary, to lay down our lives for them.

#12 Constitutions and Statutes of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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

Recently Deceased: Megan Pigram, Anna Hoa and Paul Dan

Anniversary: Elizabeth Murray, Des Kiley, Sheila Whigham, Giuseppe Scalora, John O'Neill, Leslie Collins, Joan Larkham, Jennifer Kenny, Alice Gibb, Taya Quade, Marie Happ, Susan Ferguson, Honoria Kelly, Kathleen Wiltshire, Cedric Pratt, Denise Busch, Mary Prospero, Raymond Free, Graham Ottewill, Robert Caskie, Pauline Jones, Therese Le, Don Nicol, Lynette katlewski, Peter Hill, Allan Biggs, Xavier Munoz, John Haley, Antonio Ahn, Frances Critchlow, Magdalena Ripszam, Jana Nassir, Marijona Grybaitis, Bernard Michael Roberts

Mass Intentions the week of 11 - 17 September

Mon 11/09	Therese Le
Wed 13/09	Peter Fah
Thur 14/09	Special Intention
Fri 15/09	Peter Duc
Sat 16/09	
5:00pm	Jo Mulligan
Sun 17/09	
8:30am	Magdalena Suh
10:00am	Family of Maria Huynh
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Monday 18 September

Pins & Needles



Friday 22 September

Movie Night



Friday 15 September

Mens Group [Change of Date]



Tuesday 26 September

Women's Breakfast



Wednesday 27 September

SJA Friendship Group

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	1st 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	3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

O that today you would listen
to his voice!
Harden not your hearts,
O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
God was in Christ,
to reconcile the world to himself;
And the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia

Readings – 17 September 2023

First Reading	Sir 27:30 – 28:7
Psalm	PS 102:1-4. 9-12
Second Reading	Rom 14:7-9
Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35

ROSTERS

17 Sept

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

17 Sept

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Janet Almond, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Therese Suh, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Charlotte D'Cruze, Lionel D'Cruze

17 Sept

Hospitality Roster

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

17 Sept

SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	3 Sept	
Grounds	9 Sept	Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard, David Momi
Church Cleaning:	3 Sept	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne

On a Lighter note



"It's hard to believe you've never
put up wallpaper before."