

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
17 September 2023

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#43.23

Reflection

No limits to Forgiveness

Today's Gospel passage presents a powerful lesson on forgiveness and the nature of relationships. It also gives us an insight into Peter's character and his relatability to the common person. Throughout the gospels, Peter is a fantastic example of the common person. He has insights of faith at times but usually messes it up with his next breath.

In this passage, Peter, like many of us, grapples with the concept of forgiveness and its limits. He wants to know how many times he should forgive someone who repeatedly wrongs him. Peter's question reflects the human tendency to seek a clear boundary on patience and forgiveness. It's a question born out of the genuine struggle to balance our desire to do what's right with our natural inclination to protect ourselves from harm.

Jesus' response to Peter's question provides a profound insight into the nature of forgiveness and relationships. He tells a parable about a king who forgives a massive debt owed by his servant but later discovers that the same servant refuses to forgive a much smaller debt owed to him by a fellow servant. Jesus' point is clear: if we operate from a place of compassion and a genuine desire to nurture life-giving relationships, there is no limit to the number of times we should be willing to forgive.

Peter represents the common person, someone who is flawed and often struggles to fully grasp and live out the teachings of faith. However, Peter's question and Jesus' response remind us that we are all capable of growth and transformation. We can learn to extend forgiveness and compassion beyond our initial limits.

Ultimately, this passage encourages us to reevaluate our approach to forgiveness and relationships. Instead of seeking a predetermined limit to our patience, we are called to imitate the boundless mercy of God. We are challenged to build and rebuild relationships that are characterized by forgiveness and grace, even when it's difficult. In doing so, we reflect the compassion and love that Jesus exemplifies in his teachings and actions.

Resource used: *Just like Peter*, 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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SJAYouth ● YCS

Young Christian Students

TONIGHT

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)

Season of Creation

1 Sept – 4 Oct

Time to Heal

Twice in today's gospel we hear indebted servants cry 'Give me time'. Through this parable Jesus shows us that patience and forgiveness are high virtues. These inform the Church's teaching on what Pope Francis calls an 'integral ecology', which basically insists that human progress should be sustainable and compassionate. All human beings exist as part of nature and in relation with each other. God too is part of this dynamic by virtue of the mystery of Creation, but also in a special way through Jesus in the Incarnation and through the Spirit in the Church. We Christians are called, therefore, to be patient and forgiving with nature and with each other as part of God's transcendent plan.

Our opportunities to do this come in many forms. We can reconsider whether our consumer habits are too burdensome on our planet, extracting resources more quickly than they can be replenished. We can choose to buy foods that are sustainably produced, and which justly supports small farmers. And we can encourage our political leaders to be like the good master, supporting debt relief for impoverished countries, abiding by international climate agreements, and taking other such actions that might give our world and its people time to heal.

Season of Creation, by Nick Brodie



SJA BOOKSHOP

NEW STOCK AVAILABLE!

**Rosary Beads, Candles,
Christmas Items, Angels**

Columban Calendars \$10.00

Majellan Christmas Cards \$10.00 [pk 10]

Preloved items also available for a donation

**Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals
Morocco / Libya**

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Donate at www.caritas.org.au**

Heart Spirituality

How the Holy Spirit is known

The Holy Spirit makes himself known in the symbol of tongues of fire. He wants us to understand that the Apostles have to convert the world by the word, by preaching, by instruction.

The weapon of persuasion was the only weapon the Spirit of God gave them to conquer the world and subject it to the law of Jesus Christ.

And since tongues of fire and of love have in fact renewed the face of the earth and brought souls back to God, it is by these same means that we should win for Jesus Christ many brothers and sisters, many poor sinners sunk in depravity and ignorance. 'Do our words breathe the sacred fire that penetrates, touches, and converts?'

Jules Chevalier msc,
Méditations I, p. 647f. Issoudun 1891.

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

FUNERAL NOTICES

Robert Greig

Requiem Mass will be celebrated on
Thursday 21 September 2023
at 11:00am
St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

Bert Broekhuysse

Requiem Mass will be celebrated on
Wednesday 20 September 2023
at 11:00am
Sacred Heart Parish Moruya

Kate Fisher

St John the Apostle Parish
Date to be advised

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Survey:

Saturday Vigil Mass Time

Attendees at the Saturday Vigil Mass this weekend will be asked to complete a survey regarding retaining the Vigil mass time at 5:00pm.

109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

“Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay”

Sunday 24 September 2023

There will be a Sausage Sizzle after the 10:00am Mass.

Please bring a cake or slice to have with tea and coffee.

Who would like a cuppa?

Last week’s readings and homily spoke of the need for *community*.

With this in mind, would anyone like to join me in re-starting monthly morning teas after the Sunday 10:00 mass?

I’m looking for some volunteers to help me set up and pack down after mass.

If we get enough people, you should only need to volunteer once or maybe twice a year.

You don’t necessarily have to prepare any food, as I’ll be trying a BYO approach, just offer people tea, coffees, juice and water.

If you’re interested, please contact Jenny McGee on 0481-706-966 or leave a message either

jemapm59@gmail.com or the parish

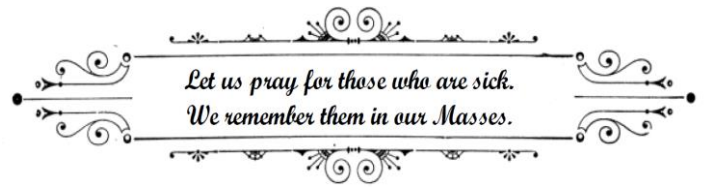
office at Kippax@cg.org.au .

AUGUST 2023 – AUGUST 2024



“It seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit”
(Acts:15-28)

YEAR OF THE
Holy Spirit



Recently Deceased: Kate Fisher, Robert Greig, Bert Broekhuysse.

Anniversary: 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, Josephine Mulligan, Luke White, Beryl Mannix, Aileen Antcliffe, James Sarah, Zoila Wait, Philip Hazell, Patrick Clarke, Lidia Torelli, Georgina Kukolic, Hok Tung, Fr. John Rate msc, Carol Gibb, Joyce Smith

Mass Intentions the week of 18 – 24 September

Mon 18/09	Kenneth Rogan
Wed 20/09	Sonia Mewburn
Thur 21/09	Hoang Anh family
Fri 22/09	Anna Hoa & Paul Dan

Sat 23/09	
5:00pm	Maria Ciampa

Sun 24/09	
8:30am	Maria Bui
10:00am	Maria Nguyen
6:00pm	Xavier Munoz

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

“Keeping Mum”



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	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
Movie Night	4 th Friday of the Month 7:00pm Parish Library

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful;
Slow to anger and rich
in compassion.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
I give you a new commandment:
Love one another as I have
loved you.
Alleluia

Readings – 24 September 2023

First Reading	Is 55:6-9
Psalm	PS 144: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Second Reading	Phil 1:20-24, 27
Gospel	Matthew 20:1-16

ROSTERS

24 Sept

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, Andre Luck

24 Sept

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	John Drury, Laurine Smeaton
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Maureen Burgess
10:00am	Boni & Rosa Benedictos
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Priscilla Momi

24 Sept

Hospitality Roster

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

24 Sept

SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	17 Sept	Angela Boreham
Grounds	23 Sept	David Pigram, Mike Lavis Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	17 Sept	Carol Blyth, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena

On a lighter note



NEW LAPTOP DESIGN
FOR PET OWNERS