

Reflection

Saying Yes to God

In today's gospel passage, Jesus tells the story of two sons and their responses to their father's request to work in the vineyard.

The first son initially responds with a resounding "No" to his father's request, but later he has a change of heart and goes to work as requested. The second son, on the other hand, immediately agrees to work but doesn't follow through on his commitment.

The first son exemplifies someone who might say 'No' at first but ultimately demonstrates a true commitment through his actions. His initial 'No' represents the acknowledgment of his imperfection, perhaps even an awareness of his past failures to live up to his commitments. Yet, he doesn't stop at just saying 'Yes' to please his father; he allows his actions to reflect his newfound dedication.

Conversely, the second son, who initially says 'Yes' but doesn't act accordingly, represents those who may outwardly appear devout, attending church and participating in religious rituals, yet fail to let their faith genuinely influence their lives. Their 'Yes' might be a mere formality or a way to maintain appearances, but it doesn't lead to any meaningful transformation.

This parable calls us to examine our own lives and faith commitments. It reminds us that merely showing up at church or verbally professing our faith is insufficient. If our faith doesn't result in a tangible change in the way we live, if it doesn't impact our actions, values, and relationships, then it raises the question: Are we truly saying 'Yes' to God?

Faith that genuinely transforms us doesn't end with words; it extends to our daily choices and interactions. It challenges us to align our actions with our professed beliefs and to continually strive for a faith that isn't just lip service but a living commitment that reshapes our lives in accordance with God's will. In essence, this parable reinforces the idea that our 'Yes' to God must be reflected in the way we live and treat others, or else it may indeed be a silent 'No.'

Developed from: Living the Gospel – Saying 'Yes!', 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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St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.

Vigil Mass Time

Thank you to our vigil mass attendees for participating in the survey. A majority of those surveyed have indicated a preference for the vigil mass to be celebrated at 5pm consistently throughout the year. In light of this, from Saturday, 7 October, 2023, the parish vigil mass will now be at 5pm with confessions from 4pm - 4.30pm.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour at 2:00am on Sunday 1 October 2023.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Kate Fisher

Requiem Mass will be celebrated on
Tuesday 3 October 2023
at 11:00am

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

Live Stream link:

<https://attnd.com.au/kate-fisher>



Vinnies
good works

This weekend members of our Vinnies Conference are sharing their experiences of Conference work. Leaflets are available in the foyer. Thank you for your continuing support of Vinnies' good works.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

SJA Reconciliation Action Group (RAG)

Voice to Parliament

Invites parishioners to join them for a referendum information

morning tea after

10am Mass on Sunday, 8 October.

CES FORUM:

**A VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS:
THE FATE OF TRUTH IN PUBLIC DISCOURSE**
Facilitator: Rt Revd Professor Stephen Pickard

Thursday 12 October 7:00 pm

Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
Blackall Street Barton

The Referendum of the Voice to Parliament is an important case in point. The voice that cries for recognition struggles to be heard in a modern wilderness marked by a cacophony of competing voices, sounds, noise and static. How might we hear a true voice in such times? What must we do to act truthfully? What may we hope for?

The forum will seek to encourage discussion from the floor. A donation would be appreciated. Christians for an Ethical Society is an autonomous mainstream Christian organisation. Contact: Ann Skamp – secretary@ces.org.au www.ces.org.au



Gethsemane

**Contemplative Prayer with
the Blessed Sacrament**

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Thursday 5 October

Could you not stay awake with me one hour.

Matt 26:40



Chevalier Day Saturday

21 October 2023

119th Anniversary
of the death of

Fr. Jules Chevalier – founder of the
Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

A pot luck dinner will be held after
the 5:00pm Vigil Mass.

Heart Spirituality

Go into my vineyard to work

The vine represents souls; God created it; it belongs to him. Is it not an honour for us to be called to cultivate it, to mingle our sweat with that of the Apostles and so many other workers for the gospel?

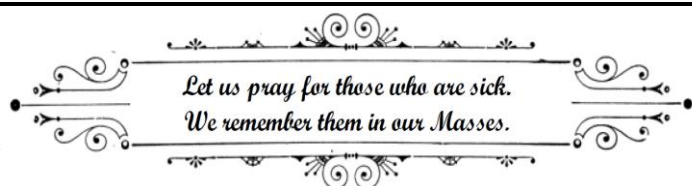
It is also an advantage for us, for we are sure that our labours will be generously rewarded. Nothing is dearer to the Heart of Jesus than the salvation of the souls for whom he shed all his blood.

Let us thank him for the honour given us when he chose us to work for him in the part of the vineyard that he has destined for us. Let us do all we can to fulfil his expectations.

May the Sacred Heart make our efforts in the vineyard fruitful.

Jules Chevalier msc.
Méditations I p.267, Issoudun, 1891

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



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Edmond Sarrah, Joseph Sciberras, Vic Puzas, Patricia Tyers, Antonia Prieto, Antonella D'Ambrosio, Victor Bitterman, Bernard Roberts, Robert Smith, Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy, Anne Bynum, Fred Aschenberger, Patricia Richardson, Gaeto Vella, Renee Tozer, Wendy McCarthy, Agustin Fernandez-Budiel, Frederick Jackson, Norma Hall, Lillian Templeton, Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren, Pauline Thompson

Mass Intentions the week of 2 - 8 October

Mon 02/10	Rita Martyn
Wed 04/10	Anderson Weerawarnakula
Thur 05/10	Doris Galea
Fri 06/10	Verdi Guy

Sat 07/10	
5:00pm	Eric & Mary French

Sun 08/10	
8:30am	Joe Mewburn
10:00am	Dusan Lovrinevic
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

Season of Creation

1 Sept – 4 Oct

Called to Protect Creation

In today's parable where a son said yes but did nothing, Jesus offers a striking indictment of empty lip-service. In our age, one of the Church's most insistent calls has been for people to work for the protection of the vineyard of the earth. Speaking of climate change, deforestation and chemical pollution, Pope Saint John Paul II declared in 1990 'that the ecological crisis is a moral issue' and called on all people to 'recognise their obligation to contribute to the restoration of a healthy environment'.

In 2009 Pope Benedict XVI insisted that 'technologically advanced societies can and must lower their domestic energy consumption'. In 2015 Pope Francis called on all of humanity 'to recognise the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming' of the world's climate which we are currently facing. Successive Popes have therefore called us all to work for the protection of our planet and its people. But it is up to every Christian to ensure that these words are not just empty rhetoric.

Season of Creation, by Nick Brodie

PARISH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Monday 2 October

Public Holiday

Parish Office Closed



Thursday 5 October

Gethsemane

Contemplative Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament



Monday 16 October

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	<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:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia

Readings – 8 October 2023

First Reading	Is 5:1-78
Psalm	PS 79:9, 12-16, 19-20
Second Reading	Phil 4:6-9
Gospel	Matthew 21:33-43

ROSTERS

8 Oct Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Anthony Jayawardena, John Hogan
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Frank Craddock
10:00am	Peter Kain, Eman Basheer
6:00pm	Anthony Jayawardena, Nunga Umaru

8 Oct Lector Roster

5:00pm	Paul McGrath, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Marianna Rollgejser
10:00am	Pam Connor, Kelechi Nnaji
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Brian Mahony

8 Oct Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Maria Catazariti, Marian England
8:30am	Shan Murtagh, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Frank Colley, Margaret Gill
6:00pm	John McGee, Chitra Jayawardena

8 Oct Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor
10:00am	Judy Kenny, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy

8 Oct SJAShop

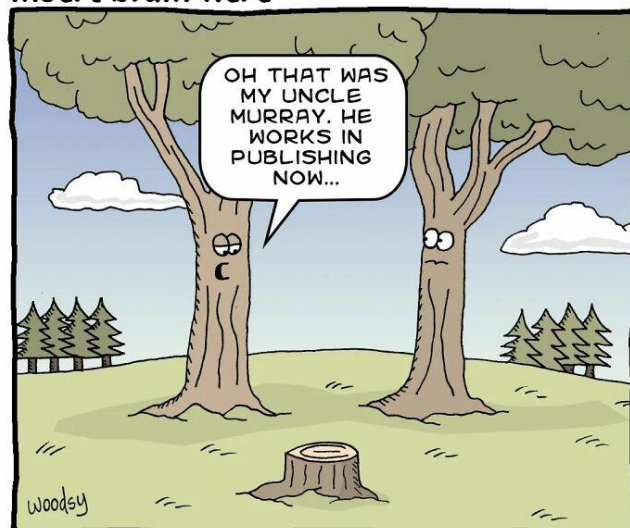
5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	John McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	01 Oct	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	07 Oct	
Church Cleaning:	01 Oct	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne

On a Lighter note

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