

Reflection

'Ah-ha' Moments

In today's gospel passage, Matthew reflects on what happened to Jesus at the hands of the Chief Priests, Scribes and Romans. In a great 'ah-ha' moment he sees that it is Jesus, not Israel, who is the stone rejected by the builders which has now become the key building block of a new edifice.

Doing exactly the same as Matthew does with this passage, we can apply it to our own lives as well. There are often facets of our personality or character of which we are ashamed or about which we despair. From gossip to greed, past hurts to anger, sexuality, to broken relationships, we can often get discouraged at how un-together our Christian life is.

Even though we have worked hard to overcome our worst traits, we often think nothing good will ever come of them. In such a context we need to hear today's Gospel, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

The parts of our character we most despise could be the most marvellous moments of grace. Nothing is irredeemable to God; nothing has gone too far or become too entrenched. In the Christian life there is no room for shame, only for repentance and starting over. Looking at things we have thought of as only being problems provides us with the greatest potential for 'ah-ha' moments, where the healing and love of Christ enables us to turn our lives around, to demolish all the negative and defeatist self-talk in which we can indulge and rebuild ourselves with Christ, the master builder.

Once we get into the habit of doing this, it's amazing how many 'ah-ha' moments we have as our history ceases to be a problem to be overcome but turns into a challenge to be harnessed for the building up of the Kingdom of God on earth.

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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

The parish vigil mass is celebrated at 5:00pm, with confessions from 4:00pm - 4.30pm.

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?



With changes to email providers and parishioners no longer using a landline [home phone], our records need updating. Please ensure that the parish office has your correct contact details.



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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Friday 27 October

Mass - 11:00am

Lunch - 12 noon



The Sacrament of the Anointing of
the Sick will be celebrated during
this mass.

Following the mass lunch will be
served in the church foyer.

Parishioners who are sick, housebound,
and have difficulty attending Sunday
Mass are invited to this celebration.

*“Come to me, all you who are weary
and burdened, and I will give you rest”*

Matthew 11:28-30

“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 this weekend.

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 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

Kairos Information Morning

Saturday 4 November

10:30AM – 12:30pm

**St Thomas the Apostle Parish Centre,
Kambah**

Come and hear about how God is using
Kairos Prison Ministry to change the
lives of those who are in prison and the
families and friends of those who are
impacted by their imprisonment.

Morning tea will be provided.

RSVP kocanberrasec@kairos.org.au

St Thomas More Forum

Tuesday 10 October 2023 - 7.30-9pm

St Thomas More School Hall, Campbell

Speaker: Professor Patrick McGorry AO

This is World Mental Health Day, our
speaker is former Australian of the Year
and will speak on the issue of mental
health in today's culture.

Cost: \$15 / \$8 (Student/Concession).

RSVP: Noon Monday 9 October 2023.

Enquiries: forum@stthomasmore.org.au
or 0416 823 447. Register on Eventbrite:

<https://bit.ly/stmf-231010> .

PARISH OFFICE NEWS

Fr. Kimi is on leave returning to the
office on Wednesday 11 October.

Heart Spirituality

Return to your Heart

Jesus Christ urges us to change our life. Return to your heart (Is. 46:8); that is, change your ideas, for most of them are false and contrary to the Gospel. Make yourself a new heart (Ez. 18:30). How often our ideas turn towards material objects and fasten on to them as though the world was not due to pass away; and far too often, unfortunately, we remain insensitive to the good things of eternity. Let us live as Christians, according to the situation in which we are.

Jules Chevalier msc.
Méditations I p.347, Issoudun, 1891

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

Stewardship

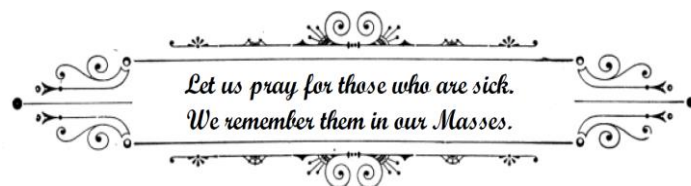
Called to Work in God's "Vineyard"

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus uses the image of a vineyard to teach the importance of using our blessings well. He tells the story of a landowner who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants before he goes on a journey. Instead of tending the vineyard, the tenants mistreat the servants in the vineyard and even the son of the landowner, whom they kill. When the landowner realizes what the tenants have done, he puts them to death and leases his vineyard to tenants who "will give him the produce at the proper times."

By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in Kingdom of God — we are now "tenants" called to work in the "vineyard" and produce fruit for its owner, our Heavenly Father. Jesus makes it clear that we if we squander the gift of salvation, we will lose it. It is a sobering truth.

So, let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God's glory.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Wendy McCarthy,
Agustin Fernandez-Budiel, Frederick Jackson,
Norma Hall, Lilliana Templeton, Anita Clobus,
Charlie McLaren, Pauline Thompson, Norma Flood,
Henryk Jalocha, Verdi Guy, Ramond Dummett,
Iosif Szakal, Gwen Jones, John Whigham,
Eugenia Wlodarczyk, Connie Thomas, Brenda Boreham,
Bradley Wattam, Luke White, Audrey Walker,
Michael O'Neill, Margaret Van Halderen, Lauri Brennan,
Malcom Waterton, Edwardus Van Audenaerde,
Jeffrey Ashauer, Hernando Paz, Peter Naughton,
Justin Fisher.

Mass Intentions the week of 9 - 15 October

Mon 09/10	All Souls
Wed 11/10	Amy Stephenson
Thur 12/10	The souls of two Mary's
Fri 13/10	
Sat 14/10	
6:00pm	Grace & Michael O'Brien
Sun 015/10	
8:30am	Parish Intentions
10:00am	Maria Le Thi Tien
6:00pm	Philomena D'Cruze

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Monday 16 October

Pins & Needles



Friday 20 October

Mens Group



Saturday 21 October

Chevalier Day Celebrations



Tuesday 24 October

Women's Breakfast



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	<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

15 Oct

Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, John Drury
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Francesca Deklin
10:00am	Rose Benedictos, Boni Benedictos
6:00pm	John McGee, Carl Madsen

15 Oct

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

15 Oct

Ministers of Communion

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

15 Oct

Hospitality Roster

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

15 Oct

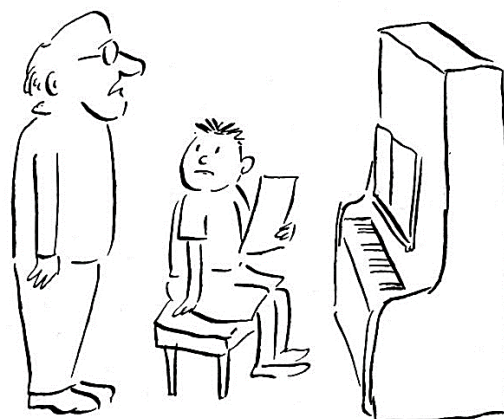
SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	08 Oct	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	14 Oct	
Church Cleaning:	08 Oct	Christine Lancaster, Pam Connor, Shovin Weerawarnakula

On a Lighter note



"Before I heard you play it, that used to be my favorite piece."