

Reflection

God's love and grace are for everyone

Today's gospel passage carries a profound message that resonates with the way Jesus lived his life, emphasizing inclusivity and challenging societal norms.

In this parable, the king represents God, and the wedding feast symbolizes the kingdom of heaven. The initial guests who reject the invitation represent the religious elite of Jesus' time. Their refusal reflects their indifference and spiritual blindness to the kingdom of God. The king then invites others from the streets, both good and bad, demonstrating God's desire for all to partake in His grace and salvation.

This gospel passage aligns perfectly with the idea that Jesus was a scandal in his society due to his inclusive nature. He defied societal boundaries by engaging with outcasts, sinners, and marginalized individuals. He taught that God's love and grace were not reserved for a select few but extended to everyone.

Today, our society has its own boundaries and outcasts, though they may be less overt than in Jesus' time. People continue to be marginalized based on race, gender, economic status, sexual orientation, mental health issues, and more. The boundaries may be subtle, but their impact is no less harmful.

If we were to imagine Jesus in today's society, he would undoubtedly be found among those advocating for the rights and dignity of the marginalized. He would be standing up against discrimination, working for justice, and showing compassion to all. His message would remain consistent: God's love and grace are for everyone, and it is our duty to be inclusive, just as He is.

Today's gospel calls us to follow Jesus' example by actively seeking to include those who are often shunned and to break down the boundaries that separate us from one another.

Resource used: Inclusivity 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.

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



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.

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.

The Annual Remembrance Mass

Saturday 11th November 10:00 am

At this mass, we will pray especially for all those whose funerals or burials we celebrated here in the past year, but all are welcome to join us and pray for all their beloved dead.

Morning tea will be held in the foyer after mass.



The Parish raised \$1285.50 through Poor Box donations in September for the Oznam appeal. Once again Vinnies thanks the Parish community for its generosity.

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

Marian Movement of Priests

The International Director of the Marian Movement of Priests, Rev Fr Luca Pescatori is visiting Australia in November for the celebration of Masses and Cenacles of Prayer. He will be accompanied by Fr Donal McIlraith SSC, Responsible for OCEANIA. Fr Luca and Fr Donal will be at St Brigid's Church, Dickson on Saturday 11th November where there will be a Mass at 9am followed by Adoration and Cenacle at 10am. There will be morning tea after the Cenacle in the Parish Hall where people will have a chance to meet with them. For more information visit the website: mmp-oceania.net

Sacrament of Penance

Preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance in lent 2024 is commencing now.

If you have a child in year 2 or above and they have not made this sacrament please contact the parish office.

The preparation commences with a formation evening for Parents.

Date: Monday 6 November

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

Each person is unique

Each of the elect, angel or saint, shares in the divine life in time by grace and in eternity by glory. That is the common basis everywhere of perfection and of beatitude. But each receives this grace and this glory in a special way, in their own proper, personal measure. This makes each one, for all eternity, a special being, able to say like God: ***I am he who is***; and to do this not in some general way, but in particular: I am this, this particular someone who is not and never will be someone other. In heaven each will receive the name of their being, a personal name, different from every other, that will say for all eternity who is the one who bears it.

Jules Chevalier msc,
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 83., Paris 1900.

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

Stewardship

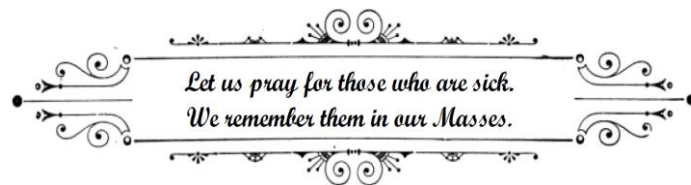
God will Provide

In these times, it's incredibly easy to become entangled in the worries and distractions of the present moment, losing sight of what truly matters—dedicating our lives to the Kingdom of Heaven. The stewardship way of life, emphasizing the virtuous utilization of our Time, Talent, and Treasure, empowers us to approach daily existence, with all its demands, with a constant awareness of eternity.

Paul reveals, "I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things, I have learned the secret of being well fed and going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need." In essence, Paul has mastered the stewardship way of life.

It is not easy, but God will fully supply whatever you need. Living this way demands both courage and humility, qualities that God will provide if we seek them.

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Recently Deceased: Dolores Mansillas,
Clara Di Pauli, [mother of Daniella Kiley],
Peter-John Di Michiel

Anniversary: 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, Lauri Brennan,
Margaret Van Halderen, Malcom Waterton,
Edwardus Van Audenaerde, Jeffrey Ashauer,
Hernando Paz, Peter Naughton, Justin Fisher,
George heath, Matthew Nelson, Ferdor Sonnenberg,
Angela Bajrami, Chee Keng Loh, Sebastian Licciarrello,
Bruce Davis, Patricia Hall, Cheryl Tramantini,
Ursula Gormely, Constance Goodall, Richard Koch,
Carmel Johnston, Johannes Blengst, Robert Imber,
Michael McKenzie-McHarg, Ross Webber,
Lorrel Newton, Marion Boland, Barry Parsons,
Patricia Harman, Dorothy Sutton, William Lilley

Mass Intentions the week of 16 - 22 October

Mon 16/10	Melvin D'Souza
Wed 18/10	Lindsey Gertstneberg
Thur 19/10	Peter-John Di Michiel
Fri 20/10	Gerry Lang

Sat 21/10	
5:00pm	Ken Walpole

Sun 22/10	
8:30am	Duncan Gaul
10:00am	People affected by recent earthquakes in Iraq
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 16 October

Pins & Needles



Friday 20 October

Mens Group



Saturday 21 October

Chevalier Day Celebrations

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:

I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia

May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the
hope to which we are called.

Alleluia

Readings – 22 October 2023

First Reading	Is 45:1,4-6
Psalm	PS 95:1, 3-5, 7-10
Second Reading	1 Thes 1:1-5
Gospel	Matthew 15-21

ROSTERS

22 Oct

Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Di Bruce, Murray Bruce
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Lourdes Asoy
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy, Peter Polkinghorne

22 Oct

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Ann Reynolds, Bernadette Murnane
6:00pm	Caitly D'Cruze, Andrew Luck

22 Oct

Ministers of Communion

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

22 Oct

Hospitality Roster

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

22 Oct

SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	15 Oct	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	21 Oct	
Church Cleaning:	15 Oct	Carol Blyth, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena

On a Lighter note



"I'm sending you to a seminar to help you
work harder and be more productive."