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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
29 October 2023

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Reflection

Love God, love yourself, and love your neighbour.

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbour as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. Whilst to say someone 'loves themselves' is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves we must first be content and happy with who we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and you will be keeping God's laws.

Resource used: *Gospel Reflection*, 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.

Let there be peace on earth

**Prayer for Peace
Sunday 29 October
7:30pm – 8:30pm**

St John the Apostle Church

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



**Gethsemane
Thursday 2 November
Contemplative Prayer
with the Blessed
Sacrament
7:30pm – 8:30pm**

*Could you not stay awake with
me one hour.*
Matt 26:40

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

**MSC Mission Office Appeal,
St John the Apostle Parish, Kippax
October 21/22 2023**

“Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,
and to God what belongs to God.”

With thanks to the Parish of St John the Apostle Kippax a total of \$3472.95 was raised.
Roger Purcell msc Director

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.



CCR & Archbishop's retreat day: The annual Archdiocese Charismatic retreat day will be held 9am Sat 4 Nov in St Christopher's Pastoral Center Manuka. Archbishop Christopher invites all the various charismatic prayer groups (but all welcome) to come together annually for a day of shared vision under his pastoring. A special guest speaker will be Br Lalith Perera from Sri Lanka; added option is on Sunday 5 Nov 11am talks BBQ lunch and healing service at 4pm at St Brigid's Dickson. These encouraging talks about the Holy Spirit in our lives are very appropriate for this *Year of the Holy Spirit*. Br Lalith will also be speaker at the prayer meeting 3 Nov 7pm in the Parish Hall Dickson

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

The motive for my creation

God says to me, I have loved you
with an everlasting love!
Me!

It is specifically me whom God has so
loved, ungrateful me, sinful me. God of
surpassing majesty, God of supreme
beauty and limitless perfection, God has
loved me.

God!....me!.....what distance!
The Infinite!....and nothing!
And God has loved this nothing! Loved!
O God of love, make me understand this
word: Loved! He who has always
existed has always loved me, and it is
through love that he decreed my
creation from all eternity.

Jules Chevalier msc,
Retraite, p 17f. Issoudun 1904.

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

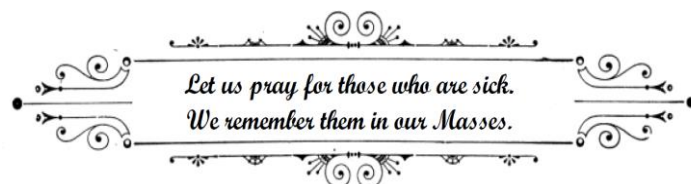
Stewardship

Who are you a neighbour to?

Often the focus of today's Gospel passage is on
who our neighbour is. However, there is
another element of the second Great
Commandment that is worthy of note, and
that is loving the neighbour "as yourself." Too
often people conclude that this means that
you have to love yourself first.

Most of us grasp what it means to love the
Lord with all we are. However, that second
Great Commandment does not mean that it is
necessary for us to love ourselves before we
can love anyone else. It means, quite simply,
that most of us are concerned with our own
interests and our own personal situations.
Jesus is telling us that just as we often think of
ourselves, we need to take care and have
concern for the interests of others as well.
In the familiar Prayer of St. Francis known to
many Catholics, we sum up what this kind of
love to which we are called really is, when we
pray, "Lord, grant that I might not so much
seek to be loved, as to love."

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Recently Deceased: Richard Majchrzak

Anniversary: Patrick Menzies, Anne Jones,
Helen Gorrell, Nicholas Moore, Martin Moloney,
Malcolm Lovelock, Francis Fulton, Peter Geraghty,
Alejandra Bai, Jack McMahon, Kerry Hogden,
Angelo Fallace, Elsie Screen, Silva Santos, Peter Fox,
Gregory Robinson, Ann Raadts, Paul Newton,
May Skelly, Patrick Healey, Rose Ireland, Gavin Smith,
Maurice Scheerlinck, Emily Flynn, John Joyce,
Narim Dawalibi, Rex Kelley, Isabella Christian,
Edward Dwyer, Ursula Bell, Grace Carmichael,
Patricia Smith, John Roots, Adrian Gilchrist

Mass Intentions the week of 30 October – 5 November

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| Mon 30/10 | Steve Smith |
| Wed 01/11 | All Saints |
| Thur 02/11 | All Souls |
| Fri 03/11 | Adrian Bakker |

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| Sat 04/11 | |
| 5:00pm | Adrian Gilchrist |

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| Sun 05/11 | |
| 8:30am | Doris Galea |
| 10:00am | Reginald & Lara Family |
| 6:00pm | Parish Intentions |

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Wednesday 1 November
All Saints Day
Mass 9:30am and 6:00pm
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Thursday 2 November
All Souls Day – Mass 9:30am
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Friday 17 November
Mens Group
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Monday 20 November
Pins and Needles

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 love you, Lord, my strength

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia

All who love me will keep my words,
And my Father will love them and we
will come to them.

Alleluia

Readings – 5 November 2023

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| First Reading | Mal 1:14 – 2:2, 8-10 |
| Psalm | PS 130 |
| Second Reading | 1 Thes 2:7-9, 13 |
| Gospel | Matthew 23:1-12 |

ROSTERS

5 Nov Acolyte Roster

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| 5:00pm | John Hogan, Rod Gardiner |
| 8:30am | Lourdes Asoy, Victoria Gonzales |
| 10:00am | Elaine Carter, Maxime Kqudzcha |
| 6:00pm | Maryanne Ferguson, Peter Le |

5 Nov Lector Roster

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| 5:00pm | Fay Padarin, Marian England |
| 8:30am | Elizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir |
| 10:00am | Frank Colley, Robin Williams |
| 6:00pm | Joe Ots, Erin Trevaskis |

5 Nov Ministers of Communion

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| 5:00pm | Joy McInerney, Judy Netting |
| 8:30am | Bernadette Murnane, Pat Cowburn |
| 10:00am | Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawarnakula |
| 6:00pm | Andrew Luck, Caitlyn D'Cruze |

5 Nov Hospitality Roster

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| 5:00pm | Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena |
| 8:30am | Carmel Screen |
| 10:00am | Libby Kain |
| 6:00pm | Christine Lancaster |

5 Nov SJAShop

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| 5:00pm | Lynn O'Brien |
| 8:30am | Marilyn Calliess |
| 10:00am | Chris Gray |
| 6:00pm | Margaret Ferguson |

Weekly Rosters

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| Altar Society | 29 Oct | Chioma Nnaji |
| Grounds | 4 Nov | |
| Church Cleaning: | 29 Oct | Edgar & Chioma Nnaji |

On a Lighter note

