

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
16 February 2020

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Reflection

True Wisdom

Jesus demonstrates the crucial nature of interpretation. It is easy for us today to look at something like the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes and dismiss them as irrelevant. Taken literally, they have fairly limited application to our modern lives. However, interpreted in a broader context and within the context of our own lives, such ancient codes of behaviour can take on new significance. Jesus points us towards the importance of looking beyond the surface and searching out the truth of such statements. Interpretation of scripture for our modern lives and modern world is vital to living life to the fullest.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

Resources used: Reflection, by Greg Sunter, Reflection, by Dianne Bergant CSA, at LiturgyHelp

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

Baptisms:

1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass

Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.

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SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



SMOKE-FREE
ZONE

Friendship with God

Our heart has not only the need to love; it experiences also the need to be loved. Jesus Christ has a keen desire to be our friend, so let us turn to him. How precious his friendship is! We can count on his fidelity; he will never fail us, not even when we are in the midst of trials, not even on the other side of the tomb. Jesus makes no exceptions of people. No matter what our talents, no matter where we may be or what may have happened to us, his friendship will always be genuine. His Heart will always be open to receive us, to lavish his love upon us.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Méditations 1, p.414f, Issoudun 1891)

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

Stewardship

The scribes and Pharisees were the spiritual heavyweights of their day. They ticked all the boxes when it came to the proper exercise of the religious practices required of them. Yet our Lord says it wasn't enough.

Why? They did not allow those practices to penetrate their hearts and change them internally. Jesus explains with a further illustration saying, "You have heard that it was said... you shall not kill... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others.

In the week ahead let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then we will experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities.

The choice is ours.

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com

SENIORS RETREAT

Date: Thursday 20 Feb 2020
Time: 10am - 3:00pm
Venue: St John the Apostle Catholic Church
Facilitator: Sr Lorraine Cupitt rsm
Registration Essential
RSVP 17 Feb 2020
Ph: 6254 3236 or
Email: kippax@cg.org.au
Lunch, tea/coffee will be provided

Thank you - I would like to thank the Parishioners of St John the Apostle for their loving support during Ian's short illness and at the time of his death. Thank you also to all who attended Ian's funeral. I appreciate your continued love and support which sustains me during this painful time. Sharon Loiterton.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nunga Umaru who became an Australian Citizen on Monday 10 February. Nunga, may you be blessed with God's love and peace, all of your days.

Frs. Kimi and Michael will be away this week at Douglas Park at a gathering of the younger MSC.

A Liturgy of the Word with communion will be held on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

SJA BOOK CLUB

The SJABookclub is now aiming to give our readers more titles throughout the year. We encourage anyone interested in joining us to come along for a meeting.

Next Meeting St Johns Library - 16 Feb 3:00pm

MARCH BOOK: *A Sand Archive* by Gregory Day

... put
this in your
calendar



CLAIM the Date

Sat 21 March

Fri 1 May

Fri 30 Oct

Seasons for Growth -
Grief & Bereavement
Anointing within mass
Anointing within mass



TAP & GO

St John's has joined the 21st Century and has Tap & Go EFTPOS facilities. The donation amount is set at \$10. If you want to donate more than \$10 you just tap the number of times it takes to reach the amount you want to donate. As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt if one is required.

BELCONNEN YOUTH

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in Years 7 to 12

**First and Third Sundays
after the 6:00pm Mass**

**Our first gathering for this year
16 February**

This group is a way for young people to learn about the church and deepen their faith together.

Contact Eoin.Garton@cg.org.au;

Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 17 February
7:15pm Parish Library



SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Next gathering: Friday 21 February

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Relax, Review, Reflect Faith and film

Friday 28 February at 7:30pm



We are watching:

"The Two Popes"

Behind the Vatican walls, Pope Benedict and the future Pope Francis must find common ground to forge a new path for the Catholic Church.

To register your interest or for more information, please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

VINNIES MEMBERSHIP

In recent months our Vinnies Conference at Kippax has experienced an increase in demand for home visitations and material support. Thanks to your generous donations we are able to meet the material support, but the load on our members to meet people in need in their homes is excessive. We need a couple of new members to help lighten the load. If you are interested in volunteering and would like to learn more about Conference work you are welcome to attend our next meeting on Monday 17 February at 7:30pm. Please contact Mike on 0419818410 or a Conference member.



Values and Voices in the Public Sphere

When: Wed 19 Feb 2020 - 7.30pm
Where: The Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Blackall Street, Barton ACT.

Presenter: The Hon. Dr. Ken Crispin QC

Lenten Prayer Program "Grace"

This year our Lenten Prayer Program is from the Wollongong Diocese. The program starts on Ash Wednesday 26 February and concludes with Easter Sunday, 12 April 2020. Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, Gospel readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions for prayer groups.

Available in the Bookstore

Book - \$10.00

Book and CD Pack - \$18.00 (2 available)

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

*Let us pray for those who are sick.
We remember them in our Masses.*

Recently Deceased:

Mary-Anne McGrath (wife of Paddy)

Anniversary: Henry Moulis, Philip Babic, Edward Blake-Smith, John Thompson, Carmel Page, Vincent Mawson, Raychell Nolan, Paulina Jabagat, Charlotte Lansdown, David Lowe, Colin Waterford, Ian Bransby, Ondina Finzi, Michael Vella, Giuseppe Mammoliti, Vincas Puzas, Judith Hickey, Rodney Chapman, Eamonn Murtagh, Rudi Meyer, James Wiley, Johanna Garratt, Reg Lazaro, John Marane, Ivan Mikulic, Angeles Arranz, Lillian Luke, Elena Zamora, Adrian Newton.

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Friday of the Month 8:00pm – 9:00pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

Becoming Catholic

Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]
please contact the parish office for more information.

SOCIAL LIFE

Coffee Club	Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass
Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
Men's Group	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

On a Lighter note

Why don't ants ever get sick?
Because they've got little Anty bodies.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Happy are they who follow
the law of the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Readings – 23 February 2020

First Reading	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18
Psalm	Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
Second Reading	1 Cor 3:16-23
Gospel	Matthew 5:38-48

23 Feb Reading Roster

6:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Dennis Puniard
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Judy Lane, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

23 Feb Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Marie McKie, John Drury, Margaret McMahon, VACANT, VACANT
8:30am	Agnes Pham, Gerard Teng, Ted and Clare Kell, VACANT
10:00am	Robin Williams, Libby Costello, Pat Sheppard, Erin Pitt, Maida Kajkic
6:00pm	Raquel Salmeron, Ignatius Rozario, Mark Haureliuk, James and Toni Cox

23 Feb Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Judy Netting, Marie McKie
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Margaret Ohlin
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	17 Feb	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	22 Feb	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Counting:	23 Feb	Group 8

Church Cleaning:	17 Feb	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams
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LIBRARY NEWS: "Honouring the death: a journal of new earth prayers", "Beyond the trees: meditations on the environment", "Barefoot dreaming: dancing the colours and rhythms of the earth" and "The Garden planet: a call to ecological conversion" are some of the titles on display this week.