

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

5 June 2016

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“To be on earth the Heart of God”

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

LITURGIES

Liturgy of the Word with Communion: Tues 9:30am
Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sun 11:30 am
Reconciliation: Sat 11:00 – 11:30 am or by
appointment with the priests

PRAYER

Charismatic Prayer: Thursday 7:30pm
Maida: 0423 658 326 Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation [Library] Friday 7.30-8.15 pm
Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues, Fri 9:10am
Stations of the Cross First Fri Monthly 5:30pm

From the Pastor's Desk.....

The colour green re-enters our liturgical landscape as we resume Ordinary Time. We pick up at the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time and once again follow the readings from Luke's Gospel. The Australian Jesuit scripture scholar, Brendan Byrne, has written a book entitled *The Hospitality of God: A Reading of Luke's Gospel*. As the title suggests, Byrne takes a thematic approach to his commentary and in particular singles out the motif of hospitality that threads its way throughout Luke's gospel. Constant scenes and references to table fellowship underscore the importance of this motif.

The setting of today's gospel reading is that of a funeral procession. This story is a story of great appeal, especially in its portrayal of Jesus' compassion toward the plight of the widow. Not only was she grieving over the death of her son, but she now faced an uncertain future. In the past she had lost her husband, now she has lost her 'only son'. For a widow in ancient Israel this made her particularly vulnerable. The Jewish law of the time had a special concern for widows, but nevertheless they were still dependant on the mercy and charity of others – it was a precarious existence.

By restoring the widow's son Jesus not only revealed his compassion but also helped the widow to regain a level of social and fiscal security. The theological significance of this scene is brought out in the crowd's response to the miracle: "A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people!" In Jesus God has acted decisively to bring about a restoration of justice, dignity and hope in a better future. Let us pray that we may continue the mission of Jesus in our lives and in our parish community.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

Restoring Life!

The woman in this gospel story has lost her husband and now has lost her only male family member. In 1st Century culture this meant that she had lost her only means of support, her livelihood and her home. Without a man in the family she will become outcast within the society. Her son's death meant poverty, rejection and effectively the end of her life. When Jesus encounters the funeral procession it is noted that 'a considerable number of the townspeople were with her'. Our automatic assumption is that these people were part of the funeral and were mourning the widow's loss. Another interpretation is that the crowd is actually there to banish the widow from the town as she no longer has any means of support.

After raising the young man, Jesus 'gave him to his mother'. By restoring the young man to his mother, Jesus is effectively also restoring the life of the widow. It is an act of deep compassion by Jesus, not only in response to the woman's grief but also in response to her sudden perilous situation. In one act Jesus restores two lives.

We may not have the capacity to enact a miraculous 'resurrection' as Jesus did with the widow's son, but we certainly have the capacity and frequent opportunity to restore someone to life in the manner that Jesus restored the life of the widow. Whenever we encounter someone who has been cast out by life circumstances or by the cruel actions of others, we have the capacity to restore them to a fuller life through our actions. We restore life when we restore dignity; when we refuse to participate in grinding someone down and instead extend a hand to help them up.

Can you see those who are vulnerable? Can you perceive how society is organised in such a way as to deny some people the necessities of life: food, shelter, health care, education, companionship? Does the seeing and perceiving send a shudder of compassion through your body, as it did for Jesus?

Resources used: Homilies @ LiturgyHelp by Greg Sunter & Fr. Michael Tate.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Formation Evening for Parents:

Mon 27 June 7:00pm – 8:30pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

If you have a child who is in year 3 or is 8 years old or older and they would like to make their First Holy Communion please contact the parish office for further information: 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au

Refugee week starts on 8th June

Refugee Week function

Friday 17th June parish centre

7:00pm for 7:30pm

There will be several speakers on Refugee matters.

All are welcome to attend



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Practice Thursdays

St John the Apostle Church at 4:00pm

We sing next: 10:00am Mass – 12 June

ENGLISH CONVERSATION and a CUPPA.

If English is not your first language then come and join in the conversation.

Thursdays - Next Meeting 9th June

We will take a break over the school holidays

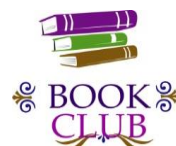
Pre-school age children welcome.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

***"The Lost Mother
(A story of Art and Love)"***

By Anne Summers



Sunday 19 June - 3:00 pm - Parish Library.

There are 4 copies of the book available in the parish office

VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT CHALLENGE

23 June 2016

Support our parishioner Ted Kell
raise funds for Vinnies.

For online donations go

to: www.ceosleepout.org.au

search for Ted Kell.

JUBILEE OF MERCY

This is the opportune moment to change our lives! This is the time to allow our hearts to be touched! When faced with evil deeds, even in the face of serious crimes, it is the time to listen to the cry of innocent people who are deprived of their property, their dignity, their feelings, and even their very lives. To stick to the way of evil will only leave one deluded and sad. True life is something entirely different. God never tires of reaching out to us. He is always ready to listen, as I am too, along with my brother bishops and priests. All one needs to do is to accept the invitation to conversion and submit oneself to justice during this special time of mercy offered by the Church. #19

Misericordiae Vultus – Pope Francis

Key Quotes from *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology & Climate

We are not God. The earth was here before us and it has been given to us. Today we must forcefully reject the notion that our being created in God's image and given dominion over the earth justifies absolute domination over other creatures. #67

Archdiocesan Commission for Women

'For Such a Time as This'.

An Ecumenical response to domestic violence.

When: Saturday 18 June 2016

Time: 9:30am – 4:00pm

Where: Australian Centre for
Christianity and Culture – Barton

Speakers: Archbishop Christopher Prowse
& Senior members of the Anglican
& Uniting Churches

Panel: Discussion with leading advocates.

Cost: Donation

Registration: is essential. You will need to bring your lunch, and beverages will be provided. For more information, contact Margaret Ryan

Email: commissionforwomencg@gmail.com or

Ph: 0417 418 838 or Delia Quigley 0438 018 799.

This event will discuss the nature of domestic/family violence. The victims of domestic violence will also have the opportunity to speak.

June Baptisms

We welcome into our community:



Aaron-Milan Melara,
son of Santiago & Jackie;
Isabelle McCallum,
daughter of Pauline & David

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

Next meeting: Tuesday 7 June - 7.30

Parish Library New members are welcome.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of

Terry Sheppard

Will be celebrated at 1:30pm

Wednesday 8 June 2016

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

Guinness & God – 7 June

"What is the Purpose of Catholic Education?"

Panel Members:

Associate Professor Patrick McArdle (ACU),

Moira Nadjeki (Director of CE),

Monsignor John Woods (Vicar of Education),

Loretta Wholley (Principal of Merici College),

Paul Compton (Catholic Schools Parents).

6.30pm: dinner and live music

7:30pm: talk followed by a Q&A

King O'Malley's Irish Pub - Civic.

G&G is a free event for all young adults (18+).

For more info email youth@cg.org.au or call

6163 4300.

The 12th Annual St Thomas More Parish and Forum Dinner, Friday 24 June

The keynote speaker will be Fr Chris Riley, who will speak of his ministry with young people and his desire for a church that is focused on social justice. For further information and registration call 6163 4300.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 16

National Catholic Youth Conference

22-25 September 2016, Brisbane

www.igniteconference.com.au

ROSTERS

12 June Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30 am	Brian Green, Fay Hodgetts, Fay Stephenson, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh,
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Jojo Mathew, Shyni Jojo, Francesca Deklin
6:00 pm	Henri Clementine, Andrew Luck, Marian Crowley Andrew Webster, Barbara Gardiner

Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mary French, Tom Halloran
8:30 am	Mariana Rollgeyser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	CHILDREN'S MASS
6:00 pm	Judith Deklin, Brian Mahony

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Lesley Givens, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30 am	David & Therese Mather
10:00am	Margarete Gill, Tony Kennedy
6:00 pm	VACANT

Other Rosters

6 June **Altar Society:** Pauline O'Gorman

6 June **Church Cleaning:** Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Kennan, Peter Hofman

11 June **Presbytery Cleaning:** Maresa Laird, Meg Millband, Pat Cowburn, Sabina Van Rooy, Linnie Traynor

12 June **Counting Roster:** James & Toni Cox, Bryan Cowman

11 June **Grounds:** Henri Clementine, John Gill, Rob Breen

School of Religion: – 9.15am-10.00am
Sundays Parish Centre (School Term Only)
For children not attending a Catholic School



Hearing Loop: - We have a hearing loop in the body of the church. To access it turn your hearing aid to the T-Switch setting.

On A Lighter Note: *At the urging of Harry's wife and doctor, Harry finally made it to the gym. After consulting with one of the trainers, Harry decided to try out a steep treadmill. "Ok", said the trainer "I'm going to set it for ten minutes, if you want to go longer just press start again." At first Harry was doing fine but after 5 seconds he started getting tired, and after a minute he jumped off gasping for breath. Walking to the side to sit down, he passed by a friend of his. "Man", said Harry. "I could barely last a full minute on that treadmill." "Alright alright", said his buddy, "no reason to brag!"*

LIBRARY NEWS: This week we are displaying some of our books on marriage and family life, including "The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia) of Pope Francis.

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

Recently Deceased: Terry Sheppard

Anniversary: Margaret Coker-Godson, Roxanne Le Cornu, Stefanie Seaton, Mary Stinton, Margaret Keogh, Thomas Guy, Stephen Carew, Elizabeth Strike, Jack Draper, Marie Johnson, Evelyn Weinman, Ian Cupitt, Denise Doyle, John Bray, Dorothea Guilfoyle, Ilona Ham, Elsie Dickason, Robert Scarr, Wendy Hawes, James Webb, Ingrid Soria, Marie Tyack, Mavis Southwick, Sheila Phillips

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among
us; God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Lk 7:11-17

Because of the way the Liturgical Calendar works, we very rarely get to celebrate the 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year C, and so, very rarely get to hear this particular gospel passage about the widow of Nain. The text of today's gospel says that when Jesus first encountered the woman at the town gates, 'he felt sorry for her'. Other translations describe Jesus as 'moved with compassion'. The Greek word used by the gospel writer is *spagnizo*. The literal meaning of the word is for the bowels to turn over. That's a fairly graphic description of Jesus' reaction. His compassion was a physical, gut-wrenching reaction to the woman's situation. The same word is also used in two parables in the gospel of Luke: the reaction of the Good Samaritan and the reaction of the father to his returning prodigal son.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp