

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C**

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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 theme of hospitality is beautifully illustrated in today's gospel. It is the well-known story of the woman who washes Jesus' feet. The woman is not identified by name. But she is known publically as a sinner. Sinners were outcasts, shunned and despised. Simon the Pharisee is therefore mortified by the action of this woman who enters his house and proceeds to shower her tears upon the feet of Jesus. He does not raise a verbal objection, but censure is clearly written on his face. This prompts Jesus to take him to task: "Simon, I have something to say to you".

Jesus not only exposes the hardness of heart, so typical of the righteous, but also points to the lack of hospitality.

I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. "You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

Hospitality is a major theme in Luke's gospel. What is truly remarkable is that Jesus accepts the hospitality of sinners who in their own humble way mirror the hospitality of God.



After a beautiful Mass celebrating the Feast of Sacred Heart on Friday June 3, students and teachers of St John the Apostle Primary School held a walkathon which raised \$11,000. The school is generously sending \$2,500 of this to a school in Kenya, St George's Academy. I congratulate the school on this mighty effort.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

Salvation is a Gift from God

Jesus turns to his host and asks, 'Simon, you see this woman?' The question is left unanswered and left dangling. When Simon looks on a woman like this he *does* see her – but he sees only her sinfulness and her unworthiness. He sees what he wants to see. He does not look at the woman with the eyes of compassion; the eyes of God. He does not see *who* she is; he only sees *what* she is. The question to Simon is left unanswered – inviting *us* into the question; inviting *us* to consider those we see without seeing.

Although the journey toward salvation is initiated by God, and everything that we need on that journey is supplied by God, salvation itself is never forced upon us. If we are to be saved, we must first acknowledge our need. If we are to be forgiven, we must first admit our sin. Then no sin, once admitted, is beyond the forgiveness of God. The corollary to admitting our sin is acknowledging the source of the grace of salvation. We do not earn our salvation. It is granted to us through faith in Christ, which itself is a gift from God.

Here the apparent tension seen in the gospel narrative takes the form of a question: Do we love because we are forgiven or are we forgiven because we first love? We are not forgiven because we love. We are forgiven because we are loved. Repentance may precede forgiveness but even repentance is a grace offered by God.

There is no way that we can repay God for the magnanimous mercy shown to us. However, gratitude is often expressed through service of others. The repentant woman in the gospel narrative was possessed by a desire to serve. Do we realise that the reconciliation with God which we enjoy makes us ambassadors of reconciliation for others? Do we do what we can, give what we have to further the ministry of reconciliation?

Resources used: Reflections @ LiturgyHelp by Dianne Bergant CSS & Greg Sunter.

The St John the Apostle Refugee Resettlement Committee Invites you to celebrate the launch of **REFUGEE WEEK**

Where: St John the Apostle Parish Centre

When: Friday 17 June 2016

Time: 7:00pm

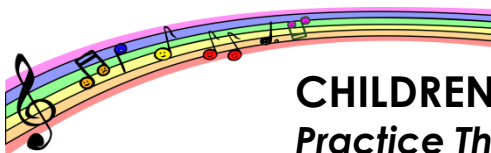
a light supper will follow

RSVP: Wed 15 June (for catering purposes)

Sigrid Kropp - 62547281 or 0400304878

Guests include: **Sister Jane Keogh-**
Sr. Jane is a retired Brigidene nun and school principal. She supports refugees and stands in solidarity with asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island.

Liz Hughes-Brown: Liz Hughes-Brown (nee Huynh) is a former refugee from Vietnam who has her own legal practice, Welcome Legal. Liz helps people with their immigration matters, including asylum seekers in the community who are applying for the new Safe Haven Enterprise Visas.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR Practice Thursdays

St John the Apostle Church at 4:00pm

We sing next: 10:00am Mass – 10 July

ENGLISH CONVERSATION and a CUPPA.
If English is not your first language then come and join in the conversation.

Thursdays - Next Meeting 16 June

We will take a break over the school holidays

Pre-school age children welcome.

The Journey through Adolescence:

CatholicCare offers a 3 week course for parents of Adolescents

Date & Time: Wed 15 June 2016. ~ 6-9pm

Where: 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill.

Cost: \$80 includes course materials & supper

Who: Parents of children in Primary School Years 5+6 and Secondary School Years 7-12.

Contact: 1800 068 698 free call.

Bookings are essential

JUBILEE OF MERCY

Forgiveness

We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offences becomes the clearest expression of merciful love, and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves. At times how hard it seems to forgive! And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart. To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge are necessary conditions to living joyfully. Let us therefore heed the Apostle's exhortation: "Do not let the sun go down on your anger" (Eph 4:26). #9

Misericordiae Vultus – Pope Francis

Key Quotes from *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology & Climate

What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? This question not only concerns the environment in isolation; the issue cannot be approached piecemeal. When we ask ourselves what kind of world we want to leave behind, we think in the first place of its general direction, its meaning and its values. Unless we struggle with these deeper issues, I do not believe that our concern for ecology will produce significant results. #160.

Freedom of speech petition:

The ACT Right to Life Association has drafted a petition calling for the repeal of ACT legislation that has created a "protest-free zone" extending over 50 metres from the entrance to an abortion clinic in Civic. The legislation even prohibits people from saying prayers within the zone which have taken place peacefully for seventeen years. Go to <http://actrighttolife.org/> to download and sign the petition. Further information phone 6281 2365.

SANCTUARY PROJECT

Our project manager, 'Established Builders', has engaged a new joiner, *Blackforest Joinery & Stairs*, to build the new Sanctuary for our church. It is anticipated that it will take 3 weeks to assemble the construction in the church. It is scheduled to commence on Monday 22 August and be completed on 9 September. This part of the project will cost \$56,100.00

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: 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au

The 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.

VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT CHALLENGE 23 June 2016

Support our parishioner Ted Kell raise funds for Vinnies. Online donations go to: www.ceosleepout.org.au search for Ted Kell

ROSTERS

19 June Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Maresa Laird, Daryl & Laurine Smeaton
8:30 am	Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Marie Flint, Colin Fox, Erin Pitt, Maida Kajkic, Paddy Corr
6:00 pm	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, Jacinta Le, VACANT, VACANT

Reading Roster

6:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30 am	Andrew & Sarah Shafik
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00 pm	Meg Millband, Matthew Toohey

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Mary Barrett
8:30 am	Norma & Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Marie Flint
6:00 pm	Brian Mahony

Other Rosters

- 13 June **Altar Society:** Margaret Stanford
13 June **Church Cleaning:** Ted & Carol Quade
25 June **Presbytery Cleaning:**
Ann Clementine, Maryanne Ferguson,
Margaret Sheehan, Lynette Weaver
19 June **Counting Roster:** Therese Kercher,
Matthew Toohey, Elizabeth McDonald
18 June **Grounds:** David Pigram, Rob Caskie,
Matthew Garton, Mike Lavis

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: 🎵

Q: Why did the man go into the pizza business?
A: He wanted to make some dough.

Q: "Waiter, will my pizza be long?"
A: "No sir, it will be round!"

Q: What's the difference between a pizza and my pizza jokes?
A: My pizza jokes can't be topped!

LIBRARY NEWS: "The Role of the Christian family in the modern world", "By love refined: letters to a young bride", "Men and women, he made them" are some of the titles of books on marriage and family life on display in the library at present.

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Ilona Ham, Elsie Dickason, Robert Scarr, Wendy Hawes, James Webb, Ingrid Soria, Marie Tyack, Mavis Southwick, Sheila Phillips, George Carney, Ann Joyce, Kerry Montgomery, Maureen Ashely, Helen Heindl, Francis Quinn, John McAppian, Christopher Robinson, Vivienne Thompson, Lucy Wilcott, Robert Cocks, Joan Loughry, Dulice Henshaw, Adrian Uhr, Giovanni Scalora, Jason Murray

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
God first loved us
and sent his Son to take away our sins.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Lk 7:36 – 8:3

The last few verses of today's gospel provide a fascinating and often overlooked insight into the ministry of Jesus. It names the followers of Jesus as being the Twelve (the apostles), three named women – Mary of Magdala, Joanna and Susanna – as well as several other women.

Interestingly, it is the women who are identified as being the 'financial backers' of Jesus. They 'provided for them out of their own resources'. It is not clear how these women came to be financially independent but they used their wealth to support the work of Jesus and his apostles.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp