

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

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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.....

At the beginning of the Baptismal rite the priests says to the parents and godparents: “You have asked to have your child baptised. In so doing you are accepting the responsibility to train her/him in the practice of the faith, to teach her/him to love God and neighbour...” In today’s gospel Jesus spells out what it means to love God and neighbour in the telling of the parable of the Good Samaritan. This is the heart of our religion: love. Going to the aid of someone in need is one thing, but to put one’s life at risk is another. And that is what the Good Samaritan does by stopping on a route notorious for ambushing bandits. Furthermore Good Samaritan reaches out to the aid of his enemy – as Jews and Samaritans were at that time.

On the one level, it is a beautiful story of compassion and mercy. That is, if we just read it as a story. To apply this teaching to our lives is a different matter. It means, at times, that we put ourselves at risk, as the Good Samaritan does. This is the costly demand of love. Not for the fainthearted. Our nation’s present policy toward asylum seekers is the antithesis of the Good Samaritan. In 2013, moved with compassion for the plight of refugees, Pope Francis made a trip to the tiny island of Lampedusa, a temporary safe haven for those attempting the perilous crossing of the Mediterranean Sea. The words of Pope Francis continue to challenge us in the light of today’s gospel:

We have fallen into the hypocritical attitude of the priest and of the servant of the altar that Jesus speaks about in the parable of the Good Samaritan: We look upon the brother half dead by the roadside, perhaps we think “poor guy,” and we continue on our way, it’s none of our business; and we feel fine with this. We feel at peace with this, we feel fine! The culture of well-being, that makes us think of ourselves, that makes us insensitive to the cries of others, that makes us live in soap bubbles, that are beautiful but are nothing, are illusions of futility, of the transient, that brings indifference to others, that brings even the globalization of indifference. In this world of globalization we have fallen into a globalization of indifference. We are accustomed to the suffering of others, it doesn’t concern us, it’s none of our business.

Peace & blessings, Gerard

See, Judge, Act

St Thomas Aquinas, calls charity the mother of all virtues. He argues it is more concerned with the feelings of the heart than external action. Aquinas maintains that charity enables us to sort through our desires, to see what we really want – whom we actually love; it helps us use the other virtues to act accordingly. Christian charity is not a feel-good moment; it is a life-changing experience. Understood this way, the Good Samaritan can be a great example of charity.

For Jesus, nonetheless, he is a model of mercy. The Good Samaritan is not 'good' because he has the money to act on what he sees. His greatness is that he has eyes to see it at all. To really see it. The priest and the morality-teaching Levite pretend it's not happening and walk on the other side of the road. But the most unlikely, the least liked person in Israel – a Samaritan – has the view of mercy.

Christian tradition teaches us that mercy and justice are intertwined. Thomas Aquinas says that mercy helps us hear, and justice calls for us to do something. The Samaritan does what he can at the scene of the crime and then he takes the victim with him. He not only sees, but judges and acts. In doing so, he breaks nearly every religious and social law in the book; but it doesn't matter. The virtues of mercy and justice enable us to see all sorts of things more clearly, even civil and religious laws that inhibit the justice of God.

This entire episode in Luke's Gospel is about the movement from an individualised faith, which can think that it is just 'me and Jesus against the world', to a faith that goes out to the world acting mercifully and justly. This parable is about what we see, whom we love, and what we want to do about it.

Resources used: *Homily* by Richard Leonard SJ at LiturgyHelp

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

There will be a leaving collection after each mass the weekend 16/17 July. There will also be envelopes for credit card payments available.

PLANNED GIVING

2015-2016 TAX RECEIPTS

Planned Giving 2015-2016 Tax Receipts were emailed out this week. If you did not receive your receipt please contact the Parish Office Ph. 6254 3236 or email kippax@cg.org.au

ENGLISH CONVERSATION and a CUPPA.

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

On Break:
resuming
21 July
10:00am

Thursdays 10:00am- Next Meeting 21 July

Pre-school age children welcome.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Practice Thursdays

St John the Apostle Church at 4:00pm

We sing next: 10:00am Mass – 14 August

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading



"The Sea"

By John Banville



Sunday 17 July - 3:00 pm - Parish Library.

VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT CHALLENGE – TED KELL

Thank you for your support of the Vinnies CEO Sleepout. You are still able to donate to me and support Vinnies with donations. Online donations go to:

www.ceosleepout.org.au search for Ted Kell

LIBRARY NEWS: Some of the books on display this week are, "Servants and leaders: eminent Christians in their own words", and "The Drownings' argument: Australia's inhumanity: offshore processing of asylum seekers".

JUBILEE OF MERCY

Prior to meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus, Paul dedicated his life to pursuing the justice of the law with zeal (cf. *Phil* 3:6). His conversion to Christ led him to turn that vision upside down, to the point that he would write to the Galatians: "We have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified" (2:16). Paul's understanding of justice changes radically. He now places faith first, not justice. Salvation comes not through the observance of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, who in his death and resurrection brings salvation together with a mercy that justifies. God's justice now becomes the liberating force for those oppressed by slavery to sin and its consequences. God's justice is his mercy (cf. *Ps* 51:11-16). #20

Misericordiae Vultus – Pope Francis

Key Quotes from *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology & Climate

Each age tends to have only a meagre awareness of its own limitations. It is possible that we do not grasp the gravity of the challenges now before us. "The risk is growing day by day that humanity will not use its power as it should". Human beings are not completely autonomous. Our freedom fades when it is handed over to the blind forces of the unconscious, of immediate needs, of self-interest, and of violence. #105

Annual Dinner Forum

Christians for an Ethical Society (CES)

Date & Time: Thursday 21 July~ 6pm
Place: Bella Vista Restaurant,
Presenter: Fr Frank Brennan SJ
Topic: What Makes for the Common Good
Bookings: www.ces.org.au.

MenAlive Breakfast

Date & Time: 26 August – 7am - 9am
Where: Canberra Yacht Club
Hosted by: Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Presenter: Professor Greg Craven – ACU V.C.
Topic: *Children, Cows and Catholicism*
Info: Peter Hilton peter.hilton@menalive.org.au
(0417 771 761) brad.moffitt@menalive.org.au

L'Arche Genesaret Classical Piano Concert

Date & Time: Sunday 7 August at 3:00pm
Where: Wesley Music Centre
Presenter: Dr Robert Schmidli
Online: Adult \$25, Concession \$20,
Student \$15, Child \$10
Tickets: Ph. 6282 9066
At the Door: Adult \$30, Concession \$25,
Student \$20, Child \$15
All proceeds go to L'Arche Genesaret.

ACU Short Course

on Christian Faith and Theology:

ACU invites registrations for this upcoming 4 weeks Short Course, which is open to the public

Topics include: What is faith? Who is God?

Jesus' life, death & Resurrection;
& Christian ethics.

Dates: 8, 15, 22 and 29 August, 6-8pm.

Venue: Australian Catholic University, ACT.

Cost: \$80 for a Certificate of Attendance.
\$40 for attendance only.

Register: <http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses>
Click on the 'Canberra' page.

Registration is essential by 5 August.

Details: shortcourses.ftp@acu.edu.au

Carers Spiritual reflection day (retreat)

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" for all women who care for children or adults with disabilities

Date: 30 July

Venue: Rheinberger Centre Yarralumla

Time: 9.30am -2.30pm.

Cost: \$30 per head,
including lunch and morning tea.

Limit to 15 participants. RSVP 20 July 2016.

Contact Karna O'Dea email

karnakd9@gmail.com, Ph.0450 811 010 or

Patricia Mowbray at disability@catholic.org.au

Call to Connect Women's Ministry day retreat

Where: The Carmel, 28 Mugga Way, Red Hill,

Date: **Saturday 6 August,**

Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm.

Theme "Open the Door of your Heart".

Cost: \$25, concession available, which includes morning tea, lunch and coffee breaks.

RSVP: Monday 1 August –

Bronnie 0432 257 622 or

www.calltoconnect.org

ROSTERS

17 July Ministers of Communion

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

Reading Roster

6:00pm	Jim Jones, Mindalesia Jones
8:30 am	Bert Broekhuyse, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00 pm	Meg Millband, Matthew Toohey

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Mary Barrett
8:30 am	Norma Sloan, Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Joe Pisciotta, Maria Hannan
6:00 pm	Brian Mahony

Other Rosters

- 11 July **Altar Society:** Maresa Laird
- 11 July **Church Cleaning:** Maresa Laird, Joseph Lê Văn Hải
- 23 July **Presbytery Cleaning:** Maryanne Ferguson, Margaret Sheehan, Ann Clementine, Lynette Weaver
- 17 July **Counting Roster:** Joy McInerney, John McInerney, Judy Netting
- 16 July **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:

MARTIN WHAT'S-HIS-NAME

A collector of rare books ran into an acquaintance who had just thrown away an old worn-out family Bible. He happened to mention that Guten something-or-other had printed it.

"Not Gutenberg?" gasped the book collector. "Yep, that was the name!" "You idiot! You've thrown away one of the first books ever printed. A copy recently sold at an auction for \$400,000!" "Mine wouldn't have been worth a dime," retorted the man. "Some clown named Martin Luther had scribbled all over it."

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Christopher Davis, Mary Ryan, Josephine Allester, Mollie Paterson, Marie Richards, Laurence Swift, Linda Dawson, Victoria Norton, Bede Stinson, Lionel Carberry, Jan Kurzynski, Catherine Raadts, Gayle McGoogan, David Leonard, Veronica Hannah, Paul Kurlowicz, Mona Castle, Stephen Carson, Chris Penders, Stephen Gorst, Leo Williams, Naomi Slater, Rudi Weiss, Rita Riddle, Joseph Myatt, Isabella Backhaus, Gwnedoline White, Sheila Marshall, James Patterson, Queenie Solomonsz, Mary Mules, Maria Pedic, Thomas Pinner, Czeslaw Kowalski, Wallace Johnson, Dianne Fraser, Darryl Bremer, Frank Sculthorpe

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Turn to the Lord in your need,
and you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Lk 10:25-37

Today's gospel is such a familiar one and such an enduring image that the title for the hero has passed into everyday use to describe a stranger who does a good turn for another. Many countries even have what is known as a 'Good Samaritan Law' that protects those who may hurt another person when they act in good faith to provide aid. The priest and Levite get a pretty bad wrap out of this story. Yet, their behaviour would have been unremarkable to the original audience. In Jewish culture, to touch blood made a person ritually unclean and unable to participate in religious rites. Both characters in the story were heading towards Jerusalem – towards the Temple – to carry out their religious duties. To touch the bloodied man would have meant that they were unable to perform their duties. The audience would have expected nothing different from these two men. Their 'crime' was to place duty before compassion and the needs of another.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp