

## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C**

**23 October 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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 11:30 am  
Reconciliation: Sat 11:00 – 11:30 am or by  
appointment with the priests

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## From the Pastor's Desk.....

### The Place of the Word

Vatican II issued in a new appreciation of the Word of God. “The treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that a richer share in God’s word may be provided for the faithful” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy). Before Vatican II the priest read both the epistle and gospel at the altar with his back to the people (with the inevitable result that the word was inaudible to most of the congregation). The pulpit was designed only for the sermon, which was usually unrelated to the scripture of the day.

The reforms of Vatican II called for the readings to be proclaimed and heard by all the assembly. Vatican II also restored the ancient understanding of Christ being present in the Word proclaimed as He is present on the Altar in the Eucharist.

The Mass is made up as it were of two parts: the liturgy of the word and the liturgy of the Eucharist. These two parts are so closely interconnected that they form but a single act of worship. (Introduction to the Roman Missal)

The celebration of the Word has its designated place of prominence and beauty. This is called the Ambo (sometimes referred to as the lectern). There is nothing functional about this liturgical furnishing. Like the altar, it is a symbol of Christ.

It is reserved for proclaiming the scripture readings, the responsorial psalm, the Easter proclamation, the general intercessions and the homily. It should not be used for any other purpose, e.g., for commentators, addresses, etc.

***Peace & blessings,  
Gerard***

## **Demeanour in Prayer**

The story of the Pharisee and the tax collector is an example of divine reversal. It shows that judgment is based on self-assessment not on the evaluation of another. The Pharisee is a model of religious observance. His description of himself is probably accurate, and his negative estimation of the tax collector may be accurate as well. The tax collector does not deny possible involvement in offensive practices. In fact, his prayer for mercy seems to be an admission of his guilt. The tax collector prayed for mercy, and his prayer was answered. The Pharisee asked for nothing, and received nothing.

For the Pharisee, his prayer is a competition. He prays aloud so that others can hear him and be impressed. His prayer is an opportunity to make himself look good at the expense of another.

One of the pitfalls of personal success is the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. The Pharisee was, no doubt, a very good-living, devout man, but he made himself feel important by putting others down. He even did this in his prayer, reminding God of just how good he was in comparison to others.

Tax collectors were despised in Palestine. They were Jewish functionaries used by the Roman occupying army to extort the ferocious Imperial taxes from the local community. But here he is in prayer recognising the brokenness of his life and his need for God. This tax collector becomes the model of right behaviour for Luke's community.

Christian humility does not mean we hide or minimise our God-given gifts, talents or resources. It means we honour others by sharing them, enabling them to benefit from the goodness of God.

Prayer is a time to celebrate with God our triumphs and successes, but above all it is an opportunity to be truly honest with God and with ourselves. The prayer of the tax collector is the most honest of prayers. This honesty is what is impressive; not the competitive showing off.

**Resources used:** *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS, Greg Sunter & Richard Leonard SJ at LiturgyHelp.

## **HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER MASSES**

Please complete your November mass intention envelope and return it to the parish office. We would appreciate receiving these before 31 October. The names of your deceased loved ones who you want to remember during the month of November will be read out before the weekday mass. We will also continue to have mass intentions during the month of November for those anniversaries and intentions that occur during that month.



**All Saints day – Tuesday 1 November**  
**Mass – 9:30am**

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**God in the Here and Now:**  
***A retreat for those living with a  
life-limiting / life threatening illness***

St Mary's Towers Douglas Park  
**4-6 November 2016**

This retreat is offered to those who are living with a life-limiting illness that causes them to face the prospect of their dying. The aim is to reflect on the meaning of life and how faith can encourage and enrich the grace we are being offered to live life in our present condition.

**Retreat presenters:** Michael Fallon msc,  
Therese Compton, Michelle Vass,

Application forms and further information available from:

<http://towersretreat.abundance.org.au>

The Administrator,  
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## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Ministry thank you Lunch**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 12noon

*All current members of the many parish ministries are invited to a thank you lunch.*

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**LIBRARY NEWS:** Our display this week is a collection of the library's holdings on Church history and the place of the Church in the modern world.

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# JUBILEE OF MERCY

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## The Ten Commandments of Mercy:

### 4. *Remember that, having received mercy, we must show mercy to others.*

We only receive and appropriate God's mercy and the mercy of others when we extend that same mercy to others. Mercy has to flow through us. If we don't extend it to others we become self-indulgent and too harsh on others.  
By Ronald Rolheiser OMI

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## SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

### *"Behind the Beautiful Forevers"*

By Katherine Boo



Sunday 20 November - 3:00 pm  
Parish Library.

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## ST JOHN THE APOSTLE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast is:

**TUES 25 October - 7:30 am**

Little Chef Café  
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

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**Over 45's** will meet on Wednesday 26 October for Mass at 9:30am followed by morning tea in the parish centre. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

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## MSC MISSIONS

We welcome Fr Adrian Meaney msc who will celebrate masses in the parish on the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> October. There will be a leaving collection for the MSC Missions at each of these masses.

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## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

### Formation Night for Parents

Mon 14 Nov 2016 - 7:00 - 8:30pm  
St John the Apostle Parish Centre



## NATIONAL RALLY

30 October – 1:00pm

Civic Square – ACT Assembly

Speaker Julian Burnside

Refugee Action Committee, Canberra

Web: [www.refugeeaction.org](http://www.refugeeaction.org).

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## NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY (NCLS)

Archbishop Christopher Prowse is committed to all parishes in the Archdiocese participating in the survey this year. Our parish has participated in two previous surveys. We will conduct the survey on the weekend of 12/13 November.



## GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Lk. 18:9-14

This week's gospel passage flows on directly from last week's gospel and continues the teaching of Jesus about prayer. Whereas the preceding passage emphasised the need for persistence in prayer, this passage is about the way in which we come before God in prayer. It is the tax collector, whose simple prayer is 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner,' who goes home at rights with God. In this simple prayer, the tax collector recognises that he is not in right relationship with God and asks for God's mercy. This is a hallmark of the lowly and outcast in the gospel of Luke: they recognise their need and seek God's forgiveness and mercy.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at Liturgy Help



# ROSTERS

## 30 October Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Daryl Smeaton, Joy McInerney, Maresa Laird, VACANT
8:30 am	Fay Stephenson, Carmel Screen, Janet Almond, Jean Tierney, Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Colin Fox, Antony Noakes, Robin Williams, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00 pm	Margaret Curry, Margaret McMahon, Brian Mahony, VACANT, VACANT

## Reading Roster

6:00pm	Rob Caskie, Joe Catanzariti
8:30 am	Sigrid Kropp, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Kerry Yard
6:00 pm	Brian Mahony, Andrew Luck

## Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Barbara Witrzens, Marie McKie
8:30 am	Bert Broekhuysse, Fay Stephenson
10:00am	Lucia Moran, Judy Kenny
6:00 pm	Judith Deklin

## Other Rosters

- 24 Oct Altar Society:** Gabrielle Culhane  
**24 Oct Church Cleaning:** Agnes Le & Family  
**29 Oct Presbytery Cleaning:** Maresa Laird, Meg Millband, Pat Cowburn, Sabina Van Rooy, Lynnie Traynor  
**30 Oct Counting Roster:** Sharon Greaves, Marian England  
**29 Oct Grounds:** VACANT

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### PRAYER LIFE

- 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  
 Children's Mass Second Sunday monthly 10am

### SOCIAL LIFE

English Conversations	Thursdays during school term 10:00am Parish Centre
Coffee Club	Second & Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass
Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Little Chef Café Belconnen

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

### Recently Deceased:

Robert McEwen (Mary Fox's brother)

**Anniversary:** Robert Imber, Marion Boland, Barry Parsons, Patricia Harman, Dorothy Sutton, William Lilley, Patrick Menzies, Anne Jones, Helen Gorrell, Martin Moloney, Malcolm Lovelock, Francis Fulton, Peter Geraghty, Alejandro Bai, Jack McMahon, Kerry Hogden, Elsie Screen, Silva Sants, Gregory Robinson, Ann Raadts, Paul Newton, Peter Fox, May Skelly, Gavin Smith, Maurice Scheerlinck, Emily Flynn, John Joyce, Narim Dawalibi, Anne Jones, Rex Kelley

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 God was in Christ, to reconcile the world  
 to himself;  
 And the Good News of reconciliation he  
 has entrusted to us.  
 Alleluia!

### 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. Adjust your hearing aids according to audiologist's advice.

### On a Lighter Note:

