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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

8 October 2017

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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



Hearing Loop: - in the body of the church.

LITURGIES

Liturgy of the Word with Communion: Tues 9:30am

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

Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm or by
appointment with the priest

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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REFLECTION

The Justice of God

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

There are often facets of our personality or character of which we are ashamed or about which we despair. From gossip to greed, past hurts to anger, sexuality to broken relationships, we can often get discouraged at how un-together our Christian life is. The parts of our character we most despise could be the most marvellous moments of amazing grace. Nothing is irredeemable to God; nothing has gone too far or become too entrenched. In the Christian life there is no room for shame, only for repentance and starting over.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS, &
Homily by Richard Leonard SJ

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on the last Friday of each month after the 9:30am mass.

Next anointing will be 27 October.

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

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

Next gathering 15th Oct

We gather for a meal, play games and share our stories. A group where young people can explore their faith in a safe environment, share experiences, and encourage each other in their faith journey.

Contact the Parish Office
for more information

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

"Killers of the Flower Moon" 
by David Grann

Sunday 15 October - 3:00 pm
Parish Library.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Perhaps you know someone who is
interested in becoming a Catholic?
Enquiry Night

Monday 9 October 2017 - 7:00pm
Come and See John 1:39

***Please note a change of
day and date***

Pins & Needles Craft Group



Third Thursday Monthly

Next Meeting: 19 Oct 2017

7:15pm Parish Library

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursdays Weekly – Parish Church

Next Practice: 12 October

4:00pm – 5:00pm

The Children sing at the 10:00am Mass
on the second Sunday of the month.



NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION REFUGEE RALLY

Sunday **8 Oct** at 1:00pm – 2:00PM

Garema Place [near the Merry Go Round].

*Manus and Nauru are not
safe places for refugees.*

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one
of the least of these who are members of
my family, you did it to me." Matt. 25:40
Come along to help support this cause.

*"Hospitality means primarily the creation of
free space where the stranger can enter and
become a friend instead of an enemy".*

Henri Nouwen

Christians for an Ethical Society in association with the Catholic Social Justice Commission presents a Lecture on the Social Justice Statement

Topic: Everyone's Business: Developing an
inclusive and sustainable economy.

Keynote speaker: Fr Frank Brennan AO SJ.

Chair: Dr Helen Watchirs OAM.

When: 18 Oct - 7.30 to 9.00pm

Where: Chapel, Australian Centre for
Christianity and Culture - Barton

Cost: \$5.00 donation appreciated

Enquiries: Ph. 6254 0487 or

Email: Social.Justice@cg.org.au

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Fatima 100th Anniversary

Pauline Fathers Monastery

"Penrose Park" near Berrima

Friday 13th October for Fatima Day

For Bookings: Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn on
6254 6202

BLACK FRIDAY TRIVIA

The Calvary Hospital Auxiliary

Day & Date: Friday 13th October

Time: 7.00pm

Place: Belconnen Labour Club.

Cost: \$20/head

Enquiries: Daphne Ashley 62547409

*All profits from the evening will go towards
purchasing equipment for the
Calvary Public Hospital.*

Come along and have an enjoyable night out.

PARISH NEWS

We welcome Fr. Len Helm msc who will be with us for the next few weeks while Fr. Gerard takes his annual holiday. We pray that Len's time with us is a blessed one.

SJACare

SJACare currently has 23 ministers registered to participate in the ministry of pastoral care. Seven of these ministers take Holy Communion to 14 sick or housebound parishioners and six ministers visit 20 parishioners who live alone. If you, or if you know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or a pastoral visit please contact the parish office.

Parish Pastoral Council membership

We are looking for new members for the Pastoral Council. If you are interested please contact Marian at the parish office.

Heart Spirituality

We too are inspired by the same gift that Jules Chevalier received. In our communion we live our faith in the compassionate love of the Lord; at the same time, we are sent into the world to proclaim the Good News of the love and kindness of God our Saviour and to bear witness to it in the whole of our lives. #4

Jules Chevalier was charitable towards everybody. When anyone spoke ill of someone in his presence, he would say: "We all have our defects. Let him who is without fault, cast the first stone. As our Lord says in the Gospel, we see clearly the splinter in our brother's eye, but we do not see the plank in our own."

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

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- » Family Support Services
- » Mental Health Services
- » Housing, Homelessness

Phone. 02 6295 4300

www.catholiccare.cg.org.au

DID YOU KNOW

Volunteering and Contact ACT

Provides information on organisations that can provide

Free Meal, Laundry & Shower services

For those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Canberra's Community Info Hub,
Griffin Centre, 20 Genge Street
CANBERRA. Website:

www.actcommunitydirectory.com.au

Anti-Poverty Week

15th to the 21st of October.

International Anti-Poverty Day is the 17 Oct. All Australians are encouraged to organise or take part in an activity aiming to highlight or overcome issues of poverty and hardship here in Australia or overseas.

The Marymead Fete

DATE: Sat 14 October

TIME: 9:00am to 1:30pm

WHERE: Rheinberger Centre Yarralumla

*Kick off Anti-Poverty week
by supporting the Marymead fete.*

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Frederick Jackson, Norma Hall, Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren, Norma Flood, Henryk Jalocha, Verdi Guy, Raymond Dummett, Josif Szakal, John Whigham, Eugenia Wlodarczyk, Connie Thomas, Bradley Wattam, Luke White, Audrey Walker, Michael O'Neill, Lauri Brennan, Margaret Van Halderen, Edwardus Van Audenaerde, Jeffrey Ashauer, Hernando Paz, Justin Fisher, George Heath, Matthew Nelson, Ferdor Sonnenberg.

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation [Library]	Friday 7.30-8.15 pm
Morning Prayer:	Mon, Tues, Fri 9:10am
Stations of the Cross	First Friday Monthly After 9:30am Mass
Children's Mass	Second Sunday monthly 10:00am
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm
Children's Choir	Thursday 4:00 – 5:00pm

SOCIAL LIFE

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 rd Thursday 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 Little Chef Café Belconnen
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre

School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term
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LIBRARY NEWS: "For better, for worse, for ever?; overcoming problems in marriage", "By love refined; letters to a young bride" and "Maybe 'I do': modern marriage and the pursuit of happiness" are three of the books currently on display in the library.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The vineyard of the Lord
is the House of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Readings – 15 October 2017

First Reading	Is 25:6-10
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 22.
Second Reading	Phil 4:12-14. 19-20
Gospel	Mt 22:1-14

15 Oct Reading Roster

6:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30am	Violet Duve, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Matthew Toohey

15 Oct Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Patrick Corr, Laurine and Daryl Smeaton
8:30am	Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Marie Flint, Colin Fox, Maida Kajkic, Ann Reynolds, VACANT
6:00pm	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, Matthew Garton, VACANT, VACANT

15 Oct Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	9 Oct	Margaret Stanford
Grounds:	14 Oct	Group 2
Counting:	15 Oct	Group 6

Church Cleaning: 9 October	Ted & Carol Quade
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On a Lighter note

Walking into his doctor's office, a man is nearly knocked over by a hysterical older woman running out of the exam room. "That poor woman is really upset," says the man. "What's wrong?" "Not much," says the doctor. "I told her she was going to have a baby." "Holy smoke!" says the man. "She's really pregnant?" "Hardly," replies the doc. "But it took care of her hiccups."