

# St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time    Year B**

30 September 2018 #44.18

## “To be on earth the Heart of God”

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## MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm  
 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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun during  
 10:00am Mass  
 Reconciliation: Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm or by  
 appointment with the priest

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## From the Pastor's desk.....

“Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!” (Numbers 11.29) These words of Moses that we hear in today’s first reading provide a kind of segue into Social Justice Sunday. In baptism we have been anointed as priests, prophets and kings. There is not the space to pursue an understanding of all three terms, but I’d like to dwell briefly on the word prophet. Too often the word is applied to someone who predicts the future. But the biblical notion of prophecy has more to do with calling the people back to God. In a nutshell, a prophet is one who is so possessed by God’s word and is therefore enabled and empowered by the Spirit to speak God’s word.

It is particularly in the arena of Social Justice that the church – and that’s all of us – is called to be prophetic. To speak out in the face of injustice and to call society back to a more humane and loving existence, one in which the rights and dignity of all people are upheld.

This year's Social Justice Sunday Statement is titled *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*. In his introductory message, the chairman of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, Bishop Vincent Long writes: *All over our nation, a ruthless housing market leaves people struggling to find secure and affordable housing, whether they live in cities or in regional areas. That struggle has a corrosive effect on family life, on employment, on study and on our capacity to contribute to and benefit from our society. At its worst, the struggle leaves the vulnerable in our society homeless – sleeping on the street, in cars or in doorways, or hoping for a space on someone's couch or floor. The last Census showed the number of homeless Australians had increased to more than 116,000 people.*

***Peace & blessings,  
Gerard***

# PARISH NEWS

## Public Holiday Notice *Labour Day*

The parish office will be closed on

**Monday 1 October 2018**  
And will reopen Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Saturday Vigil Mass Time will revert to 6:00pm on **Saturday 13 October 2018.**

The AGM and next ordinary meeting for the **REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE (RRC)** will be held on **Thursday 4th October at 7.30pm** in the library. All are welcome to attend.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

*"Extinctions"*

by *Josephine Wilson*

Sunday 21 October - 3:00 pm  
Parish Library.

*New members are always most welcome*



## Sunday Scripture Readings

The Sunday readings for mass with a commentary are available for parishioners who are interested in praying with the Scriptures for the upcoming weekend. They are on the information table in the church foyer.

## Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12  
**First and Third Sundays**  
after the 6:00pm Mass

## Next gathering 7 October

*This group is a way for young people to learn about the church and deepen their faith together. Contact Jake 0431797644 or [Jake.Wenger@sfx.act.edu.au](mailto:Jake.Wenger@sfx.act.edu.au)*

## 30 - September "Social Justice Sunday"

This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: ***Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land.*** The Statement confronts the growing challenge of homelessness and housing insecurity in Australia.

*Copies of the statement, prayers cards and leaflets are available on the table in the foyer.*

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website

[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au); or call 02 8306 3499

## Ozanam Sunday 29/30 September Gold Coin Appeal

Our St Vincent de Paul Conference supports twin conferences in Lembata in Eastern Indonesia and Tamil Nadu in Southern India. In memory of our founder Frederic Ozanam, this weekend we are seeking donations for our twin conferences. If you can help please place a donation in the Poor Box at the back of the church near the Sacristy. All money received this weekend will go to supporting our twin conferences. Thank you. For more information contact Mike on 0419 818 410.

## October Baptisms

*We welcome into our community:*



Klara Nilsson,  
daughter of Catherine and James;  
Joshua and Mikayla Gallagher,  
children of Tanya and James;  
Thomas Gerrard,  
son of Tammy and Robert;  
Grace MacDonald,  
daughter of Kathryn;  
Max MacDonald,  
son of Elissa and Paul.

## Women's Prayer Weekend **St Mary's Towers Douglas Park** **Praying with Julian of Norwich**

Presenters: *Pauline Compton fdnsc,*  
*Michelle Vass*

23 – 25 November 2018

Email: [towersretreat@bigpond.com](mailto:towersretreat@bigpond.com)  
<http://www.towersretreat.org.au>

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# Reflection

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## Habitual and Compulsive Behaviour

As Catholics we believe the Scriptures reveal the truth of our salvation – they are not books of fact. Jesus was a skilled and powerful communicator. And like all great teachers he used metaphor and exaggeration to make his point. In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us to stop doing the destructive things that prevent us from loving God, each other and ourselves.

Sinful behaviour often falls into two categories of human activity: habitual and compulsive. There are habits that can start out well-intentioned, but end up being obsessions, like caring for one's physical fitness. And there are habits that bring moments of relief or let us off the hook – like lying, dishonesty and stealing – but always end up being destructive.

Compulsive behaviour, however, is of a very different order. Gambling, drinking, shopping, smoking, violence, work, sex, eating, drugs, pornography, money and the internet are fairly common modern manifestations of compulsive behaviour. These addictions are, the presenting problems of deeper issues related to self-esteem, personal history and even genetic disposition.

To stop our destructive behaviour Jesus offers three pieces of practical advice. Firstly, do whatever helps, as long as it doesn't lead to other destructive behaviour.

Secondly, accept help. None of us can battle through life carrying all our burdens on our own. Our family and friends are not mind readers and we need to seek out wise counsel and follow it wisely. The help and support we receive could be like the cup of refreshing water Jesus tells us about today.

Finally, habitual and compulsive behaviour always has a pattern. It was only when we regularly examined ourselves to see where, when, how and with whom we are most likely to walk away from God's love, that we can work out why we do it and change the pattern.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ

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# Heart Spirituality

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Before Pentecost, the apostles were worldly people, jealous, inconstant, ambitious, eager for the first places (Luke 22:24).

As soon as the Holy Spirit descends, all this is changed.

Divine love is poured into their hearts (Rom. 5:5); uplifting their sentiments, inspiring them with generosity, transforming them into people who have died to themselves and seek only the glory of God, the salvation of souls and the happiness of heaven. O divine Spirit, work these same wonders in our souls.

Everything in us tends towards evil; with difficulty we drag ourselves along the path of virtue; we lack the courage and the generosity to lead holy lives.

Méditations 1, 649-650  
*Jules Chevalier*

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

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Becoming Catholic



"In virtue of their baptism,  
all the members of the  
People of God have become  
missionary disciples". Matt. 28:19

**RCIA Enquiry Night**  
**Monday 15 October 2018**  
**7:00pm Parish Library**

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

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Edmond Sarrah, Joseph Sciberras, Vic Puzas, Patricia Tyers, Antonia Prieto, Antonella D'Ambrosio, Victor Bitterman, Robert Smith, Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy, Anne Bynum, Fred Aschenberger, Patricia Richardson, Gaeto Vella, Renee Tozer, Wendy McCarthy, Frederick Jackson, Norma Hall, Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren.

## 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 4:30 – 5:10pm

## SOCIAL LIFE

Coffee Club	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
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

**LIBRARY NEWS:** "Themes and Issues in Christianity", "The Catholic Church at the end of an age", "Confronting power and sex in the Catholic Church", and "Prayers and Spiritual Readings" are books currently on display.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The precepts of the Lord give joy  
to the heart.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
make us holy in the truth.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 7 October 2018

First Reading	Gen 2:18-24
Psalm	Ps 127
Second Reading	Heb 2:9-11
Gospel	Mark 10:2-16

## 7 Oct

## Reading Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O'Heir, Violet Duve
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Matthew Garton, Dennis Puniard

## 7 Oct

## Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Janet Almond, Judy Netting, Joe & Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Victoria Scarano, VACANT
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Jenny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	James Cox, Toni Cox, Margaret Curry, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan

## 7 Oct

## Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joe & Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Mercia Needham
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margaret Gill
6:00pm	Agnes Pham

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	1 Oct	Gabrielle Culhane
Grounds:	6 Oct	VACANT
Counting:	7 Oct	Group 2

Church Cleaning:	1 Oct	Marian England, Sharon Greaves
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## On a Lighter note

One day an employee received an unusually large pay cheque. She decided not to say anything about it and instead quietly pocket the windfall. The next week her pay cheque was for less than the amount she would normally be paid. Angry, she confronted her boss. "How come", the supervisor inquired, "you didn't say anything when you were over paid?" Unperturbed, the employee replied: "Well, I can overlook one mistake - but not two in a row."