

# St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time      Year B**

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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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun during  
10:00am Mass

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

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

The Age of Enlightenment flourished during the Eighteenth Century. The Age of Enlightenment was not understood in a spiritual sense but rather it represented and championed the light of reason and scientific discovery which were meant to illumine civilization and pave the way to a more bright and optimistic future. In its more radical form the Age of Enlightenment represented the triumph of reason over faith and philosophy over religion. The influence of this movement continues to dominate much of Western thought and values.

However, in today's gospel the opposite is at work: "enlightenment" is understood primarily as a spiritual disposition. In the gospel passage Jesus gives sight to Bartimaeus – a name which means "son of Timaeus". This name is significant as it is an allusion to the book *Timaeus* written by the philosopher Plato. In this book the leading character, Timaeus, claims that philosophy gives us true *insight* into the nature of the universe and the human person, but this knowledge is restricted to an elite, the 'ordinary man' is metaphorically *blind* to this 'higher' philosophical knowledge. But in Mark's gospel, it is Timaeus' son who is blind. The message is clear: it is faith in Jesus that provides true insight.

Philosophy and science are, of course, essential for human progress. But without the underlying spiritual illumination humankind is wont to lose its way. In the baptism of children the priest addresses the parents and godparents: "This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ." At each Easter we are reminded that Christ has dispelled the darkness. It is faith that illumines our lives and enables us to use the gift of reason for God's purpose

***Peace & blessings,***

Gerard

# PARISH NEWS

**Over 45's** will meet on **Wednesday 31 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. **Guest Speaker** from Sneddon Hall and Gallop talking about Wills and Estates.  
Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

"Little Failure: A memoir"

by Gary Shteyngart

Sunday 18 November - 3:00 pm

Parish Library.

*New members are always most welcome*



## Parish Bookstore

### Items for sale

2019 Columban Calendars \$9.00

Majellan Christmas Cards \$7.00 Pkt of 10

GOD'S WORD 2019 \$20.00

Daily Reflections - Incorporates the reading and a reflection for each day of the year.

## Relax, Review, Reflect Faith and film



*Come and relax, (re)view a contemporary film and reflect and share how you would approach issues raised in the film in light of your own life's experience.*

*The first viewing will be held on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm** in the parish library.*

*To register your interest or for more information, please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)*

## 2018 Catholic Mission Appeal

The Mission appeal held last weekend raised \$3877.20.

## Farewell Mr. Angus Tulley

All staff, students, parents and alumni of St Francis Xavier College, Florey are invited to farewell Angus on

Thurs 1 Nov at the College 5pm – 7pm at a cocktail reception.

To assist with catering purposes please rsvp to [school.office@sfx.act.edu.au](mailto:school.office@sfx.act.edu.au). If you wish to send Angus your best wishes, please contact the College office.

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

*What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?*

Our first plenary session will be held on  
**Thursday 8th November 7:00pm**  
and repeated on  
**Sunday 11th November 3:00pm**

There is a box in the church foyer where you can place your ideas, or any issues you would like to have addressed in the formulation of our submission. These may be anonymous if you wish, they will be treated confidentially.

*Come and share your ideas and stories.*

## 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>*

## SPIRITUALITY DAY

Two wonderful DVD presentations will be of great interest not only to practitioners of Christian Meditation and Centring Prayer, but to all those who want to deepen their spiritual journeys:

Where: Marian Hall, St. Matthew's Church, Page  
When: Saturday, 17 November 10.30 am – 2 pm  
Facilitator: Sr. Lorraine Cupitt rsm  
Registration: phone: 6288 6074  
Bring a personal lunch

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# Reflection

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## The Blind can See

Bartimaeus is a man who has almost nothing in life. His blindness has made him an outcast. When Jesus encounters Bartimaeus he is sitting by the side of the road – a reject of society sitting off to the side as the world passes him by. There are times in all of our lives when we feel like this: hurt; ashamed; unloved; rejected; cast aside. It is at these moments in our lives that Jesus really wants to 'break through' into our experience.

'What do you want me to do for you?', is the pivotal question in this parable. As Bartimaeus considers his options, he hears the voices of those he might have to look at if he regains his sight. The poor remind him that, 'once before you could see and what you saw disgusted you'. The hungry ask, 'do you have the courage to experience and share my hunger?' The elderly enquire whether he wants to see them be 'put away because they remind him of the frailty of life'. The captives challenge him to see those 'unjustly bound and oppressed'. And finally the Self wants to know, 'Are you willing to look inside yourself to see your beauty and ugliness, darkness and light?'

We are reminded that sight, and the insight that can come from what we see, bestows on us the dignity of having options and the responsibility to do something about what we behold. We are in the position of making choices about what we look at. Not everything in the world needs to be seen. There is enough violence and abuse of human dignity in real life to discourage us from seeking out most fictionalised portrayals of it. We cannot, however, let ourselves off the hook in regard to seeing the world as it is and doing something about creating a better vision of humanity for everyone, everywhere.

If we allow ourselves to hear Jesus' voice calling us to him, then we too can 'throw off our cloak' – our old life – and join him on the road.

*Resources used: Reflection, BY Greg Sunter & Homily, by Richard Leonard SJ.*

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# Heart Spirituality

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## The act of creation takes place within us

God does not create from a distance, sending existence to us like the sun its rays. He is in us, in our most intimate depths more present to us than we are to ourselves. Our God is everywhere; equally everywhere; fully present in an angel and a grain of sand. He could not be more present in one than the other. But God is not active in all beings equally. His intimate, creative action gives existence with a variety of characteristics.

To the plant, it gives life; to the animal, a more perfect life; to a human being and to an angel, intelligence in various degrees. How great and beautiful is the world when seen in this light! It is a divine discourse expressing in space all the perfections of God.

Blessed are those who listen to this discourse and understand something of it.

That, in fact, is our natural end. To attain it, we need two things: an intellect and a heart.

*Jules Chevalier*

*Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus  
Quatrième ed. Paris 1900*

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

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## Sacrament of Penance

Preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance in Lent 2019 is commencing now.

If you have a child in year 2 or above and they have not made this sacrament please contact the parish office.

The preparation commences with a formation evening for Parents.

Date: Monday 12 November

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

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## Becoming Catholic

**St John the Apostle Parish runs a RCIA program [Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult].**

**Please telephone the parish office for information.**

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

**Recently Deceased:** Br. Ray Mulvague fms

**Anniversary:** Patricia Harman, Dorothy Sutton, William Lilley, Patrick Menzies, Anne Jones, Helen Gorrell, Martin Moloney, Malcolm Lovelock, Francis Fulton, Peter Geraghty, Alejandra Bai, Jack McMahon, Kerry Hogden, Elsie Screen, Silva Santos, Gregory Robinson, Ann Raadts, Paul Newton, Peter Fox, May Skelly, Gavin Smith, Patrick Healey, Maurice Scheerlinck, Emily Flynn, John Joyce, Narim Dawalibi, Rex Kelley, Edward Dwyer, Ursula Bell, Grace Carmichael, Patricia Smith, John Roots

## 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:** One of the books on display this week is Pope Francis' "Amoris laetitia – on love in the family".

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has  
done away with death,  
and brought us life through his gospel.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 4 November 2018

First Reading	Dt 6:2-6
Psalm	Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51.
Second Reading	Heb 7:23-28
Gospel	Mark 12:28-34

## 4 Nov

## 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

## 4 Nov

## Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joe & Maria Catanzariti, Helen Kennedy, Janet Almond, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Victoria Scarano, VACANT
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Jenny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Agnes Pham

## 4 Nov

## Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	29 Oct	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds:	3 Nov	VACANT
Counting:	4 Nov	Group 1
Church Cleaning:	29 Oct	Joseph Lé Văn Hải, Sam Van Nguyen

## On a Lighter note

My mum bought me a really cheap dictionary for my birthday.  
I couldn't find the words to thank her.

Dogs can't operate MRI machines.....  
But catscan.