

# COMPACT

## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

Thirty second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B

11 November 2018 #50.18

“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

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

In today's gospel Jesus exposes the greed of certain scribes who exploit widows – the most vulnerable in that society. Those scribes may seemingly benefit from their exalted position and the wealth that they have amassed, but this holds no store before the scrutiny of God's kingdom. In stark contrast the poor widow – who gives all she has – is the one who will inherit the kingdom.

Jesus holds up the example of the widow's generosity as a model of true discipleship. To follow Jesus means that we give of our all. There is no such thing as partial discipleship, or Sunday Christianity. It is a total surrender of our lives to God. And this is what the generosity of the widow symbolizes: her willingness to put her life in God's hands by giving all she has.

The touching scene of the widow's 'mite' is a good antidote to the approaching pressure of the Christmas season to spend up big. For in God's eyes the tiny gift of the widow was worth far more the surplus wealth of the rich. It is the quality of our giving that matters, not the gift itself.

*Peace & blessings,  
Gerard*

### Ministers of Holy Communion

We have a number of vacancies for Ministers of the Eucharist at our Sunday Masses. There are a total of 12 vacancies each month. Training is provided for new ministers and all parishioners are invited to consider if they may be called to this Ministry.

If you would like to put your name forward please contact the Parish Office.

Vacancies are as follows:

8:30am Sunday - 4  
10:00am Sunday - 3  
6:00pm Sunday - 5

# PARISH NEWS

*The Year 7 St Francis Xavier students will celebrate their Thanksgiving Mass at the 9:30am Mass on Monday 19 Nov.*

## 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*



## Sacrament of Penance

Formation evening for Parents.

Date: Monday 12 November

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

## 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)*

## Vinnies Christmas Hampers

St Vincent de Paul Conference members are gearing up for Christmas, gathering names for food hampers and presents for kids. We will launch our Christmas Appeal on the first weekend in December when the Christmas tree will be set up in the foyer. It is a busy time and we would appreciate your help if you have some time. For more information contact Mike Blyth on 0419818410. Thank you.

## Parish Bookstore

2019 Columban Calendars	\$9.00
Majellan Christmas Cards	\$7.00 Pkt of 10
Saviour: Advent Program	\$5.00 each

## Calvary Hospital Auxiliary

Christmas Craft and Present Stall

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November

Time: 8.00am to 4.00pm.

Place: Lewisham Building Foyer  
Calvary Public Hospital

*All proceeds will be used to provide medical equipment and items for patient comfort.*

*Enquiries: Mary Cruikshank 62544084*

## Fr Hilton Roberts 60th Anniversary Celebration

When: Sat 1 December

Where: St Matthew's Page

Time: Mass at 12noon followed by a shared lunch at the School Hall. Bring a plate to share.

Contact: South Belconnen Parish Office on 6254 1827 or [belconnensouth@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) if you have any queries



## CHRISTMAS MUSICIANS AND SINGERS

If you are interested in participating in any of the Christmas masses as either a musician or singer, please contact the parish office.

## Memorial Mass for those who have died by suicide

When: 21 November

Where: St Joseph's Church O'Connor

Time: 7.00pm – 8:30pm.

Loss from suicide gives rise to a unique type of grief and spiritual anxiety. To include your loved one's name in the liturgy and /or a photograph before the Altar, please contact Catherine Paice at [Catherine.m.paice@gmail.com](mailto:Catherine.m.paice@gmail.com) or 0415 154 784

## Prayers for Archbishop Francis Carroll

Prayers are requested for our emeritus Archbishop Francis Carroll whose health has been indifferent over the past three months and especially more recently.

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# Reflection

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## Hypocrisy

Being powerful and rich is not a problem in itself. As with all gifts, it is what we do with them that show us up for who we are. The problem with religious, political, social or even family power, and the wealth that can come from it, is that it is so seductive.

Jesus condemns the scribes who parade their wealth and seek trappings of earthly power and glory: being recognised and greeted as they walk the streets; taking the front seats in the synagogue; and expecting to be seated in the place of honour at banquets. Whilst parading their wealth and feasting at banquets, they are also swallowing up the property of widows – taking advantage of those in need.

It is interesting to note that two of the three models of selfless giving in today's readings are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give.

In today's Gospel the widows are being taken advantage of by the scribes, who are taking over their property for their own gain. One of the duties of the scribes was to administer the proper payment of Temple taxes. The treasury referred to in the passage is the Temple treasury. Rather than a great act of generosity, we can now see the widow's payment of Temple tax as a burdensome, heart-wrenching obligation to pay the very last coins she had to a corrupt, uncaring system. We usually read praise into Jesus' comments about the widow's offering, but it can also be read as moral outrage at the system that demands this woman pay all that she possesses to the Temple.

There is no nobility in poverty. Jesus does not praise the widow because she is poor. Jesus praises her for being generous and he indicates how the poor teach the rich about what really matters in life.

The more powerful and rich we become, the more we can think everything is our due. We can take our eye off the Giver of all gifts and avoid our responsibility to share with those who are left with nothing.

*Resources used: Reflections, by Dianne Bergant CSS, & Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp.*

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# Heart Spirituality

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## Our duty towards the poor

We have to devote ourselves to the poor. Jesus Christ, by his example, obliges us to do this. Generally the rich are given the bread of God's Word while the poor more often than not perish for lack of this food.

The poor are also deprived of material help. Do people concern themselves about this? The poor are a chosen portion of the flock of the divine Shepherd, the privileged friend of his Heart. Could we remain insensitive to this twofold need of the poor? If our faith was more alive, we would see in them the living image of Jesus Christ and we would make more efforts to help them.

Ordinarily the poor are easier to convince and convert than the rich; and they have less obstacles to overcome in order to practise virtue. A word, coming from the heart, spoken with interest in them, with love and compassionate kindness, touches them and moves them. Normally they receive such a word with docility; it practically always bears fruit.

(Méditations 1, p. 73f)  
*Jules Chevalier*  
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**May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!**

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## 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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## 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

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

**Recently Deceased:** Sr. Tricia Nugent rsm

**Anniversary:** Adrian Gilchrist,  
Margaret Webster, Marie-Jeanne Shatzman,  
Veronica Tippet, Gary Williams, Frances Stow,  
Maria Van Audenaerde, Brenden Keir,  
Cornelia Onstenk, William Castle, Richard Witrzens,  
Gloria Hunter, Maria Wegener, Jamie Gruber,  
Kathleen Randall, Garry Marsh, Nell Clarke,  
Matthew Biggs, Joey Griffiths, Marie Corr,  
Nelson Canas, Irene Collbourne,  
Constianus Slusser, Patricia McGee,  
Honorio Arranz, Dorothy Lenihan,  
Mary-Ellen Roots, Krissy Thomas,  
Herbert Gallagher

## 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
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**LIBRARY NEWS:** A few titles by Pope Francis are on display this week including, "On hope", "Bring forth hope", and "The Call to holiness" as well as "The daily readings" of our MSC founder, Jules Chevalier.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 18 November 2018

First Reading	Dn 12:1-3
Psalm	Ps 15:5. 8-11.
Second Reading	Heb 10:11-14. 18
Gospel	Mark 13:24-32

## 18 Nov

## Reading Roster

6:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30am	Judith Deklin, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Terry Fewtrell, Joe Ots

## 18 Nov

## Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock. Patrick Corr, Laurine & Daryl Smeaton
8:30am	Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Marie Flint, Maida Kajkic, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane, VACANT
6:00pm	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, Matthew Garton, Kerry Yard, Stephanie Stewart

## 18 Nov

## Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	12 Nov	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds:	17 Nov	VACANT
Counting:	18 Nov	GROUP 5

Church Cleaning:	12 Nov	Ted & Carol Quade
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## On a Lighter note

My wife says she's leaving me because she thinks I'm too obsessed with astronomy.  
What planet is she on!

Where do you learn to make ice cream?  
At sundae school.