

COMPACT

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
3 February 2019**

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From the Pastor's desk.....

In last week's gospel we had Luke's account of the beginning of Jesus' ministry where he enters the synagogue of his home town of Nazareth and reads from the prophet Isaiah. Today we continue with that episode.

After Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah he announces "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." At first, the listener's respond favourably to Jesus. But then the mood suddenly changes, the air turns sour, and their hostility is of such intensity that they try to kill him.

The key to understanding their hostile reaction is in the word 'prophet'. The theme of the prophet runs thick in this passage: Jesus quotes from the prophet Isaiah, he refers to prophets being rejected in their home town, and he refers to the prophets Elijah and Elisha. But above all, Jesus himself is the prophetic Messiah.

Like the prophets of old who provoked the ire of the listeners by challenging their complacency and their exploitation and lack of compassion for the poor, so Jesus upsets his listeners by challenging their narrow mindedness and parochialism.

In this particular context, Jesus has used the examples of Elijah and Elisha to point out that God's mercy and healing was bestowed upon foreigners in preference to the Jewish people. His audience doesn't want to hear this and they obviously miss the point. God's salvation is for all people. They want to hang on to their narrow understanding of God: a provincial God whose love is limited to his own people. (One thinks of many wars that have been waged where each side believes that God is on their side).

Jesus' prophetic action harks back to an earlier passage in Luke's gospel – the scene where the infant Jesus is presented in the Temple and the prophet Simeon (another prophet) who witnesses this event exclaims, "my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

There is a hymn titled "There is a wideness in God's mercy". It is a beautiful image of the boundless love of God for all people.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am
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



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Matthew Garton

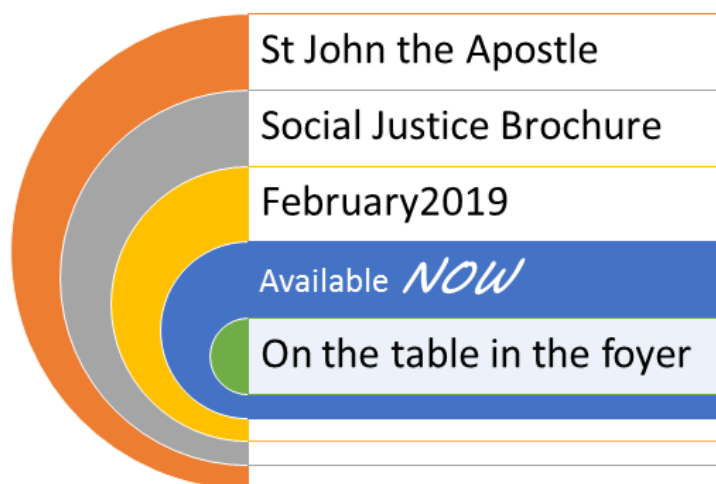
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Becoming Catholic Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]

St John the Apostle Parish runs a RCIA program all year. If you know someone who would like to become Catholic, please contact the parish office for more information.

Parish News.....



February Baptisms

We welcome into our community:

Alianna Dugdale,

daughter of Patrick and Jacqueline;

Jack Raets,

son of Paul and Joanne;

Archer Barker-Smith,

son of Westley and Tracey.



Relax, Review, Reflect Faith and film

Friday 22nd February at 7:30pm



We are watching:
"The Good Lie"

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.

To register your interest or for more information, please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au



SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading
The Shepherd's Hut

by Tim Winton

Sunday 17 February

3:00 pm

Parish Library

Catholic Social Teaching: Living the Gospel Short Course

Australian Catholic University Canberra

Time: 6pm - 8pm - (refreshments provided from 6pm)

Date	Topic & Speaker
Mon 25 Feb	<i>Catholic Social Thought: Theological foundation for action.</i>
Mon 4 Mar	<i>Living Justly: Sacred Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching</i>
Mon 18 Mar	<i>Exploring human dignity</i>
Mon 25 Mar	<i>The Common good: The good of all of us.</i>

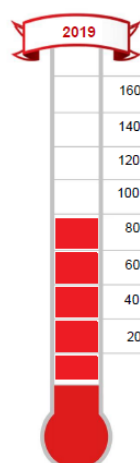
Fees: Certificate of Participation: \$100.00
Attendance only: \$50

Vinnies DOORKNOCK

THANK YOU

Another big THANK YOU to the people who have already volunteered to doorknock and help on the Kippax stall.

160 collection areas



We still desperately need

Volunteers

to cover 70 doorknock areas. If you can help, please see one of the Conference members in the foyer and collect a kit. Each kit contains detailed instructions and all you need to know to do the Doorknock.

Volunteers for the Kippax stall on the last two weekends of February are also needed.

You can make a difference... volunteer now

The **Refugee Resettlement Committee** will hold its next meeting on **Thursday 7 February at 7.30** in the Parish Centre. New members are welcome to attend.

"To be on earth the Heart of God"

Reflection

Call to Discipleship

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.

The word 'love' has to be one of the most misused words in our language. We say we love our house, holiday, car, and even ice cream. But using love in this way we scarcely come close to what Christian love is all about.

St Paul teaches today that love is not primarily about warm fuzzy feelings and violins. Paul knew that Christian love is an intensely practical business. There is no point in any of us saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make.

We can say the right words about loving God and each other all we like, but if we do not show it in how we live, then we are noisy gongs and clanging cymbals.

Christian love always and everywhere involves sacrifice. So, how can we love like this? Why should we love like this?

We can love sacrificially because other people have loved us in the same way. When anyone has been gentle, kind and patient with us, when they did not insist on their own way, were not irritable, resentful or enjoy our downfall, we were on the receiving end of love. They showed us how to do it. That's love.

We can take this enormous gamble to love like this only when others have loved us enough to tell us the truth about ourselves and we in turn have spoken the truth to them. That's love.

Jesus does not promise us in the Gospel that any of this is going to be easy, just necessary if we are going to live life to the full. And we also have legions of companions who have been down this road before us.

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

Heart Spirituality

The Heart of the Mystical Body

Though composed of different members, humanity forms one body and blood, *Unum corpus multi sumus*. The heart that gives life to all the members of this great body is the Heart of Jesus. He alone unites us together and he alone unites us also to God. As soon as we separate ourselves from him, we separate ourselves from one another and we lose the true feeling of human fraternity by losing the life of God, which is its source. This divine Heart is the centre around which all hearts gravitate. It is the sacred bridge thrown across the bottomless chasm that separates divinity from humanity.

(Article in the *Messenger du Sacré Coeur de Jésus*, Tome VII; June 1865, p. 529)

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

Stewardship

God's Call to Stewardship

Each of us is frequently involved in stewardship. The sharing of our gifts within the parish, school and community often takes place without deliberate and planned action. Each of us is called to be God's steward. We are called to make stewardship decisions that are intentional, planned and proportionate. Every day we are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. This is a personal call to look inward and examine our lives, to take time to recognise our gifts, to discern how those gifts may change from year to year, and reflect on what God wants us to do with these gifts.

Each person contributes to making the parish a place of hospitality, prayer, formation and service.

Some people have more time, talent and treasure to share; others are more in need of receiving. All will have to give to God an accounting of their stewardship of what God has given to them. As Catholics we should be examples for others!

<http://www.stalcron.org.au/our-parish/200-the-call-to-stewardship>

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: *Rupert Waterford,
Declan Morris, Margaret Hiss, Jehanne Thelland,
Alice Tonna, Alexander Powell, Robert Thomas,
Doreen Kennedy, Salvatore Nasca, Julian Oakley,
Annie McCreath, Clements Cox, Bruce Walker,
Carmelita Godfrey, Maria Carrusca, Kenneth Vella,
Victoria Wilkinson, Faye Menegazzo, Stella Bell,
Margaret Ephgrave, Margaret Davis, Elias Kiki,
John Maher, Peter Moore, Roberto Millucci,
Robert Galliano, Rene Stubbs, George Griffiths,
Trent Foster, Glenn Foster, Nellie Bannon,
Henry Moulis*

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	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 rd Monday 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 Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax
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: Our display this week is of a collection of newly-acquired books that have recently been donated to the library. Among them titles on suggestions on how to develop our spiritual life, as well as, examples of the lives of the saints.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I will sing of your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to
the poor and freedom to prisoners
Alleluia!

Readings – 10 February 2019

First Reading Is 6:1-8
Psalm Ps137:1-5. 7-8.
Second Reading 1 Cor 15:1-11
Gospel Luke 5:1-11

10 Feb Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mary French, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Children's Mass
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Anna White

10 Feb Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Margaret Conlon, Marian England, Robert Greig, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh, VACANT
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Frank Colley, Francesca Deklin, Sugi Mohanadas
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck, John McGee, Rod Gardiner

10 Feb Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Jenny Maher
8:30am	Violet Duve, Jean Tierney
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	4 Feb	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds:	9 Feb	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Denis Puniard, John Machin
Counting:	10 Feb	Group 4
Church Cleaning:	4 Feb	Ted & Carol Quade

On a Lighter note

Q: What do you say when you are
comforting a grammar teacher?

A: There, Their, They're