

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
24 February 2019**

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From the Pastor's desk.....

I spy with my little eye. This children's game, often played in the back sit of a family car making a long trip, is a lesson is observation. What do we see? How do we see?

We are constantly observing the world around us. But what do we really see? Do we see creation as something sacred so that we become aware that the very ground that we stand upon is holy. Surely such a perception would help us to tread more gently upon God's earth. And what do we see when we encounter another person: someone created in the very image of God, or is our vision limited to classifying people as friend or foe.

Jesus teaches us to see the world through the eyes of God. The teachings of Jesus are not a list of moral prescriptions but a way of seeing that expands our horizons and enables us to transcend humankind's limited vision of the world

This is not a Pollyanna view of life. Enemies still remain enemies. Yet we are called to love our enemies: *Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you (Luke 6.27)*. Jesus teaches us that our attitude toward everything that is created by God must be one of love: *Be compassionate as your Father in heaven is compassionate (Luke 6.36)*.

As we learn to see through the eyes of God we begin to live more freely. Our hearts open up to the world around us and our love freely flows as a life-giving stream. This openness and generosity is so beautifully illustrated in today's gospel:

Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back Luke (6.38).

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

"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
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.

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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.....

Sacrament of Penance

Presentation Masses this weekend

We pray for the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance. The children will receive the Sacrament on Thursday 21st March. May they continue to grow in faith and recognise God's forgiveness and love.

We're Going Back To School



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Classes commencing on 24 February

Over 45's will meet on **Wednesday 27 February** 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. Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

The **Refugee Resettlement Committee (RRC)** will hold a **morning tea** after the 10am mass on **Sunday 3 March** in the parish centre. This is to say thank you to our wonderful volunteers and others who have helped us over the last year. However, all parishioners are invited to come along, to find out more about the RRC and the work it does. New volunteers are always welcome.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB



We are reading
Working Class Man, by Jimmy Barnes
Sunday 17 March- 3:00 pm
Parish Library.

St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

The next breakfast is
7:30am Tuesday
26 February 2019

Lucky Shot Espresso Bar
Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX



Hurry Vinnies doorknock
finishes 28 February



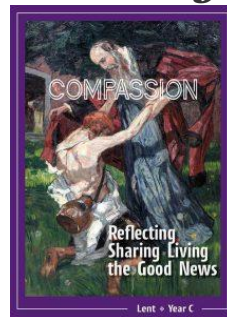
Please return
collections and the
kit bags by the end
of the weekend
2/3 March

Time is running out

St John the Apostle Primary School
Twilight Multicultural Carnivale FETE
Friday 1st March 4pm - 8pm.

A Fete with a difference! Multicultural food stalls, Tombola, amazing rides, cake stall, hampers, face painting, petting zoo and much much more for children and adults. Come along and join the Carnevale fun!!!

Lent Program - "Compassion"



Available now
Parish Bookstore

Book \$10 each
CD/DVD \$20 each

*If you would like to join a
Lenten Prayer Group
please telephone the Parish
Office.*

**FATAL
FLAWS**
LEGALIZING ASSISTED DEATH

Documentary film

Screening Information

Date: Sunday 3 March

Time: 1:30pm

Location: Parish Centre,
Holy Trinity Church
3 Strangways St Curtin

RSVP: 6251 2989

Reflection

Loving Enemies

Some people are easy to love. They get on with their lives and make very little demands of us. Their lives do not impinge on our lives. It takes no effort to treat people whom you like, well – anybody can do that. But what of the more difficult people, or our family members, the ones who demand of us unconditional love that requires us to dig deep into our reserves. The challenge is to treat people you don't like as you would like to be treated yourself. How do we love people who make it difficult for us to love them?

God loves "the bad and the good." Jesus is telling us to love as God loves. Jesus said, 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that? Be kind, be merciful, forgive and do not condemn, for the measure you give out is the measure you will receive'.

Christianity has put a major emphasis on us loving God. But God loved us first. God is the initiator, God is the doer, God is the one who seduces us. It's all about God's initiative. When we experience God's love, then we certainly want to love back the way we have been loved.

The real moral goals of the Gospel--loving enemies, caring for the powerless, overlooking personal offenses, living simply, eschewing riches--can only be achieved *through surrender and participation*. These have often been ignored or minimized, even though they were clearly Jesus' major points.

God's love sets the standard and the bar of love very, very high, but that does not imply we can't ever reach it. We must aim and ask for this kind of love.

Resources used: *Love Shows Itself as Mercy*, by Richard Rohr, & *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter.

Heart Spirituality

Love your Enemies

We should not maintain any resentment against our enemies. Jesus commands us to love our enemies. Despite its cost, this is essential if we want to be disciples and friends of the Sacred Heart.

How many pious people delude themselves on this point. They are content to say: I do not wish trouble upon my enemies, but everything in me resists my seeing them and speaking with them; they have offended me too greatly.

If those are our sentiments, we are not Christians.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Méditations 1,p. 322f, Issoudun 1891)

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

Stewardship

Stewardship and Relationships

Good stewardship is the careful management of something entrusted to one's care.

Christ is clear. Loving God with our whole being is the most important and greatest commandment.

Our relationship with God is central to all other relationships. Understanding our vertical relationship with our Creator informs our horizontal relationships with others.

When God commands us to love with our whole being, he clearly spells out his purpose for the relationships he entrusts to us.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30)

Heart - Our words and actions are ultimately a result of what is rooted in our hearts (Lk. 6:45, Prov. 4:23).

Soul - Our being is more than physical, emotional, and intellectual. The soul encompasses all that we are.

Mind - Stewarding our minds asks us to spend time studying God's truth. Knowing, loving, and honouring God with our minds involves diligence.

Strength - means devoted totality. We are to direct all we have at our disposal to the glory of God.

To apply stewardship to our relationships, we should first apply it to God.

<https://tifwe.org/applying-stewardship-to-our-relationship-with-god/>

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

Recently Deceased:

Vincent Mawson (Husband of Barbara)

Anniversary: Vincas Puzas, Judith Hickey, Rodney Chapman, Eamonn Murtagh, Rudi Meyer, James Wiley, Johanna Garratt, Reg Lazaro, John Marane, Ivan Mikulic, Angeles Arranz, Lillian Luke, Elena Zamora, Adrian Newton, Adrienne Stewart, Ashley Kent, Tony Lay, Eun Cho Shin, Hayden Ricketts, James McKay, Dorothy Jeffrey, Leo McDonald, Rachael Netting, Francisca Benedictos, Sharon Williams, Ian Coffill, Evelyn Swaris, Josephine Hawkins, Liana Rivera

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: A collection of prayers and meditations is among the newly acquired books on display this week.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Readings – 3 March 2019

First Reading	Sir 27:4-7
Psalm	Ps 91:2-3. 13-16.
Second Reading	1 Cor 15:54-58
Gospel	Luke 6:39-45

3 March

Reading Roster

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

3 March

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	Margaret Curry, Maria Devine, Anthony Dunicliff-Hagan, James & Toni Cox

3 March

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:	25 Feb	Margaret Stanford
Grounds:	2 March	VACANT
Counting:	3 March	Group 1
Church Cleaning:	25 Feb	Joseph Lé Văn Hải, Sam Van Nguyen

On a Lighter note

I've started my new job at the toy warehouse. There are only two of us that work on a production line for Dracula figures. I have to make every second count.