

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
3 March 2019**

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From the Pastor's desk.....

Has justice been done? With the conviction of Cardinal George Pell made public last Tuesday many will be satisfied the verdict delivered by the jury was the right one, others are left wondering.

While our legal system in Australia is robust and independent, it is not perfect. There have been many cases where there has been a miscarriage of justice – one recalls the infamous case of the Chamberlains in the early 1980's.

George Pell has made many enemies over the years and his hard-line approach and confrontational style has not helped him. Still, he deserves a fair trial. The Jesuit lawyer, Fr Frank Brennan has cast doubt on the outcome of this particular case.

I was very surprised by the verdict. In fact, I was devastated. My only conclusion is that the jury must have disregarded many of the criticisms so tellingly made by Richter [Pell's defence lawyer] of the complainant's evidence and that, despite the complainant being confused about all manner of things, the jury must nevertheless have thought — as the recent royal commission discussed — that children who are sexually violated do not always remember details of time, place, dress and posture. Although the complainant got all sorts of facts wrong, the jury must have believed that Pell did something dreadful to him. The jurors must have judged the complainant to be honest and reliable even though many of the details he gave were improbable if not impossible. Frank Brennan's full article can be accessed www.eurekastreet.com.au/article/truth-and-justice-after-the-pell-verdict.

There seems to be no question that the Victorian legal system did its utmost to ensure a fair trial for Pell, given the huge media attention and a perceived public mistrust of the Church. However, the verdict of the jury came as a bombshell.

In the light of the Royal Commission the victims/survivors have understandably had the sympathy of the public. Nevertheless, objectivity should ultimately be the benchmark in any judicial hearing.

***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.

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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.....



6 March
MASS TIMES
9:30am and 6:00pm

Plenary Council 2020

Submissions close next Wednesday 6 March.

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

FUNERAL NOTICE

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of
Grant Lalor

will be celebrated at 11:00am

Friday 8 March 2019

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

There will be no 9:30am mass



Relax, Review, Reflect
Faith and film

Friday 8th March at 7:30pm

We are watching:

"The Hundred-foot journey" Produced by Steven Spielberg and Oprah Winfrey

"The Hundred- Foot Journey is a film about Indian cooking and about French cooking, with some most impressive visuals in the kitchen and on the tables of the restaurants a hundred feet apart. "(Peter Malone msc)

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

Liturgy Committee Members 2019

Sabina Van Rooy -	Chair /Coordinator and Acolyte Ministry
Joan Breen -	Music Ministry
Mary French -	Reading Ministry
Elaine Laycock -	Ministers of Communion Ministry
Xavier Munoz -	PowerPoint /IT
Shane Murtagh -	Minute Secretary
Judy Netting -	Hospitality Ministry
Erin Pitt -	Children's Ministry
Fr Gerard -	Parish Pastor
Fr Kimi -	Assistant Pastor

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

Working Class Man, by Jimmy Barnes

Sunday 17 March- 3:00 pm

Parish Library.



Liturgy of Lament and Hope

Thursday evening of **7 March at 7.30pm**

followed by a light supper.

The conviction of Cardinal George Pell has had a devastating impact upon the Catholic community. This is but one more trauma that Catholics have had to endure in recent times.

This liturgy will offer an opportunity to lament the state of the church in relation to sexual abuse and to unite ourselves in solidarity with the Crucified One who will surely lead us into the resurrection and a hope-filled future.



Forum: Voicing our Concern

Thursday evening of **14 March at 7.30pm**

followed by a light supper.

As a follow up to the Liturgy of Lament and Hope a forum will be held to address parishioners' concerns about the state of the church and to explore ways of being a community of faith, love and integrity in these difficult and challenging times.

Vinnies Doorknock

is over for 2019



A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to doorknock and help at the Kippax Fair Stall. Thank you also the parishioners who assisted in other ways and made direct donations to the doorknock appeal.



There are still several kits that need to be returned, please do this as soon as possible as we must finalise the appeal next week.



St Johns Vinnies is always in need of new members so if you are interested in joining this group please contact one of our members for more details.

Many thanks for making the 2019 Doorknock such a great success. James Cox 0432 563 299

CLAIM THE DATE

Acolyte Meeting and Training

Date: Sunday 17th March

Time: 2pm-3pm in the church.

RSVP: Friday 15 March

Sabina Van Rooy Mobile: 0428 329 951

Email: sm.vanrooy@bigpond.com

CALVARY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AUXILARY Plant Stall

Thursday 14 March - 7.30am - 4pm,
Jamison Shopping Centre

Further information from Jan on 0437 790 980.

"To be on earth the Heart of God"

Reflection

Universal Truths

Today's gospel is made up of three separate teachings of Jesus that have been put together by the gospel writer to convey a particular message. When taken together, the three teachings all shed light on the way believers influence one another in community. Before we seek to teach another we must ensure we have adequately learned the lesson ourselves. In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an over-arching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority.

Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today's gospel: the blind leading the blind.

Our actions towards one another are a reflection of our intentions; good actions come from goodness of the heart.

Resources used: *Gospel Reflection*, by Greg Sunter – LiturgyHelp.

Heart Spirituality

Our actions show what we are

Saint John the Baptist asked Jesus if he were the Messiah. Our Lord answered by pointing to his works. This is the authentic way to make ourselves known to others and also to know ourselves.

The tree is judged by its fruits. Words may be as charming as possible, clothes as striking as can be, a state of life more holy than one can imagine – all this could beguile us, bring about a wrong judgement or delude us; but actions and conduct cannot lead us into error.

How far we are from possessing the sentiments of the Heart of Jesus!

Jules Chevalier msc
(Méditations 1,p. 67f, Issoudun 1891)

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

Stewardship

How Do We Steward Our Relationship with God?

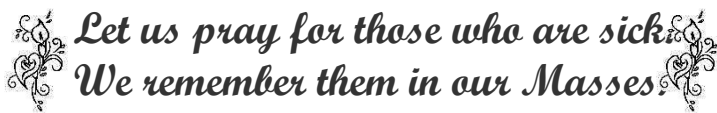
To steward our relationship with God, we need to recognize the ways we were created to love him. God has given us incredible capacity to love – with our heart, mind, soul, and strength. Through faith and by grace, we can all love God with everything that we are and everything that we have.

Follow the Example of Jesus

Jesus sets the example to love his Father, to love himself, and to love others. The life of Jesus demonstrates many ways to love God.

- **Intimacy:** Jesus retreats regularly to be with God, intimately and alone.
- **Time:** Christ spent hours and nights praying to his Father (Lk. 6:12, Matt. 14:23). In order to know our Creator, we must spend time with him.
- **Worship:** We can worship our Creator every minute of every day.
- **Service:** Jesus lived a life for others. He lived selflessly and loved abundantly.

<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: Grant Lalor

Anniversary: 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, Damien Lamb, Oscar De Jesus Zamora, Darrell Rutter, Alan Leach, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan, Bernard Fitzgerald

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
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LIBRARY NEWS: "Triumph through failure: a theology of the Cross", "Lost in God: rediscovering modern prayer forms in traditional saints", and "Convinced by the truth: embracing the fullness of the Catholic Faith" are some of the newly acquired titles on display this week.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Readings – 10 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

10 March Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mary French, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgeiser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	CHILDREN'S MASS
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Anna White

10 March Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Marian England, Margaret Conlon, 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 March 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 March	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds:	9 March	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard, John Machin
Counting:	10 Mar	GROUP 3

Church Cleaning:	4 Mar	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman
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On a Lighter note

I was listening to some inspirational CDs in the car. They kept telling me to go the extra mile. So I did, and I got lost.