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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**First Sunday of Lent
10 March 2019**

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#15.19**

From the Pastor's desk.....

The setting for today's gospel takes place in the wilderness where Jesus, led by the Spirit, goes to pray and fast in preparation for his ministry. For the ancients there was nothing romantic or attractive about the wilderness. It was a place of danger, deprivation, and was thought to be the domain of the devil. It was a place of testing, but it also could be a place of encounter with the divine.

By entering into the wilderness, Jesus reveals his solidarity with humanity. Although Son of God, he enters into our human story with all its struggles, in order to show us the way to life in all its fullness and richness.

I found the following words of James Healy, the first African-American bishop, a helpful meditation on this aspect of Lent:

Whether we gaze with longing into the garden or with fear and trembling into the desert, of this we can be sure- God walked there first! And when we who have sinned and despoiled the garden are challenged now to face the desert, we do not face it alone; Jesus has gone there before us to struggle with every demon that has ever plagued a human heart. Face the desert we must if we would reach the garden, but Jesus has gone there before us.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

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.

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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.....

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

**First and Third Sundays
after the 6:00pm Mass**

Next gathering 17 March

This group is a way for young people to learn about the church and deepen their faith together. Contact Eoin.Garton@sfx.act.edu.au

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

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

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

Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 18 March

7:15pm Parish Library



**Relax, Review, Reflect
Faith and film**

Friday 22nd March at 7:30pm

We are watching:

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

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

Changing Mass Time

End of Daylight Savings time

The Vigil mass time will move forward
to 5:00pm commencing

13 April 2019 to 12 October 2019.

Confessions will also move forward
one hour 4:00pm – 4:30pm

"To be on earth the Heart of God"

TIME ● TALENT ● TREASURE

Through our baptism we are all called to participate in Christ's Mission.

You are invited to participate in the mission and ministry life of our parish with your time, talent and treasure. Please give your prayerful consideration to how your gifts may be used to best serve God.

Forms for ministry rosters are on the table in the church foyer.

**The ministry commitment period is
1st June 2019 to 31st May 2020.**

Please return by 31 March 2019

PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE

Canberra Day

**The parish office will be closed on
Monday 11 March 2019**

CALVARY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AUXILIARY Plant Stall

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

Further information from Jan on 0437 790 980.

**FETE – Villaggio Sant' Antonio's
Community Hall –35 Burkitt St PAGE
Raising funds for a new bus**

Saturday 23 March 10am – 2pm

In need of donations & volunteers

You can even have your own stall

Betty 6255 3325 – lifestyle@villaggio.com.au;

Daramalan College Open Evening Thursday 28 March 2019.

Info sessions - Year 7, 2020 4.45pm & 7.00pm

Year 11, 2020 - 6.00pm.

School tours - 5.00-6.30pm.

Year 7, 2020 enrolments 6-24 May 2019.

For more information contact

enrolments@daramalan.act.edu.au



St Vincent de Paul Society is currently looking for enthusiastic and passionate volunteers to take part in our **Compeer** program.

Compeer matches people with a mental health diagnosis with a "friend" who is a caring and compassionate volunteer, to circumvent social isolation for people with mental health issues.

For further information contact

compeer@svdp-cg.org.au

Reflection

Preparing to answer our Call

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

We are told that Jesus was indeed tempted, not just pestered by the devil. The opportunities laid before Jesus were actually tempting to him. They challenged his resolve. They made Jesus question the sort of Messiah that he was to be: the all-conquering, powerful Messiah that the people expected; or the servant to the poor who will be tortured and put to death. Jesus is tempted to use his power to make his task easier or to display his authority to others. Had he chosen to do this, surely it would have been easier to get people's attention – and that was the temptation: to take the easier path or stick to the more subtle, more personal, more difficult path.

The three temptations Jesus faces all focus upon the nature of his mission and ministry. The first temptation is to miraculously feed himself – is his ministry to be about himself or others? The second is to take power and authority over all the world – to fulfil the human expectations of what a Messiah ought to be or fulfil God's plan of service, rather than domination? The third temptation is about grandstanding – to make a spectacular declaration of his arrival or to minister to the lowly and reveal himself in that way?

The 40 days that Jesus spent praying and preparing in the wilderness is reflected in the season of Lent that lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday until the day before Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays in the season). It has been traditional that during the time of Lent Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All three of these practices are actions of preparation. Just as Jesus prepared for his ministry in the wilderness, so too is Lent an opportunity for us to be deliberate about our reflection on what we are called to do in this world.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

Heart Spirituality

The enemy within

Our most formidable enemies, those that should inspire the greatest fear, are not those outside ourselves but those within. Our nature is a centre of concupiscence that ceaselessly bears us towards evil. The passions, the bad habits that fill our hearts are the greatest obstacle to salvation.

How many Christians, how many priests and religious, after having lived in fervor, slackened and abandoned the way of virtue because of the fickleness that is natural to us.

"Those who think they stand should take heed lest they fall" (1Cor. 10:12).

Jules Chevalier msc
(Méditations 1,p. 218f, Issoudun 1891)

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

Stewardship

We are in the midst of an amazing time of self-reflection. We have the opportunity to hold up a mirror and consider how closely our image reflects that of a professed follower of Jesus. We are easily tempted off our path. Below is a list of five temptations of a Christian Steward.

To put time, efficiency and productivity before matters of protecting the earth: - We are only trustees of God's creation, we are entrusted to care for the earth for future generations.

Basic ingratitude: - We know that much of how we live our lives as disciples of Jesus is based on understanding how we are truly blessed.

To forgo hospitality and opt for judging:- How open am I to truly see and hear the people that God has placed around me?

Not acknowledging the urging of the Holy Spirit to step up and generously serve in our parishes, communities and world: God taps us on the shoulder and sometimes uses others to invite us. So often we say, "I'm too busy," "I have children," "I'm retired," "I don't want to commit."

The fifth temptation has to do with God's money, i.e., the financial blessings placed in our care: - Our Lenten practice calls us to "give alms" during this holy season but our baptism challenges us to a lifetime of generosity.

Mary Ann Otto - <https://www.thecompassnews.org/2017/03/five-temptations-christian-steward/>

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Damien Lamb, Darrell Rutter, Oscar De Jesus Zamora, Alan Leach, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan, Bernard Fitzgerald, Eileen Luke, Brendan Patterson, Michael Hamilton, Jill Wilson, Caelan MacKenzie, Nicola Torelli, Eugene De Rose, Helen Murphy, Richard Kingsford, Richard "Sandy" Corr

PRAYER LIFE

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| 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

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| 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 |

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| School of Religion (Parish Centre) | Sunday 9.15am during school term |
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LIBRARY NEWS: "Vocations anonymous: a handbook for adults discerning priesthood and religious life" and "War and terror, peace and hope" are two of the books on display this week.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless Glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
But on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless Glory!

Readings – 17 March 2019

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| First Reading | Gen 15:5-12. 17-18 |
| Psalm | Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14 |
| Second Reading | Phil 3:17-4:1 |
| Gospel | Luke 9:28-36 |

17 March Reading Roster

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

17 March Ministers of Communion

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

17 March Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

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| Altar Society: | 11 Mar | Pat Gilchrist |
| Grounds: | 16 Mar | VACANT |
| Counting: | 17 Mar | GROUP 5 |

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| Church Cleaning: | 11 Mar | Ted & Carol Quade |
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On a Lighter note

A mime was arrested after getting into a bar fight and breaking his left arm. He still has the right to remain silent.