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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**Second Sunday of Lent
17 March 2019**

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#16.19**

From the Pastor's desk.....

In the opening lines of today's gospel we read: "Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray." However, it turns out that Jesus is the only one who does pray. The others fall asleep, presumably overcome by the exertions of a steep and strenuous climb.

During this season of Lent we are encouraged to pray more. But often we are like the apostles – we are just too tired to pray. With the hectic pace of life, constant demands on our time, and the all-too-many schedules, it becomes difficult to find the time and space necessary for prayer.

Yet prayer is essential for our wellbeing; without it something is lacking in our lives. One way of understanding prayer is that prayer opens us to God's transforming grace.

While transformation always begins with the individual, it also applies to institutions. Our church, to state the obvious, is in desperate need of transformation. The unhealthy power structures, which particularly are entrenched in the Vatican curia, are stumbling blocks to the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Let's pray that God's transforming power may bring about a cleansing and renewal of the church.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

The Sacrament of Penance

The children in our community have been preparing for the sacrament since November 2018. They will make the sacrament on Thursday 21 March 2019. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

"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.....

St Patrick's Day Blessings - Wishing you...
A heart free of sadness,
A mind free of worries,
A life full of gladness,
A body free of illness and
A spirit full of God's blessings.



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 to deepen their faith.
Contact Eoin.Garton@sfx.act.edu.au

Acolyte Meeting and Training

Date: Sunday 17th March
Time: 2pm-3pm in the church.

SJA Vinnies Conference

Next meeting Monday 18 March
at 7:30pm in our room at the back of the
Parish Centre. Visitors welcome. Contact
Mike on 0419818410 for information.

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

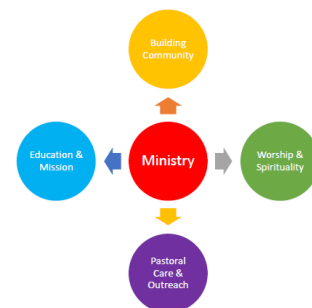
End of Daylight Savings time

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

13 April 2019 to 6 October 2019.

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

TIME ● TALENT ● TREASURE ●



**The ministry
commitment
period is....**

1st June 2019 to 31st May 2020.

Through our baptism we are all called to participate in Christ's Mission. Forms for rosters and explanation brochure are on the table in the church foyer.

Please return by 31 March 2019

Over 45's will meet on **Wednesday 27**

March for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre.

At 11:00am we have a **guest speaker** from ACT Policing regarding Community Safety Education and Diversion.

Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Bring a plate to share.

Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

Vinnies DOORKNOCK

Overall the Doorknock Appeal for this year totalled over \$12,000, a very pleasing result. This is our major appeal for the year and will greatly assist the needy and marginalised people within our community.

Approximate break of donations

Doorknock \$8,100

Kippax Stall \$2,100

Parish Donations \$2,000



THANK YOU

to the people who volunteered on the stall and doorknocked. We specially thank our generous parishioners who support us financially.

FETE – Villaggio Sant' Antonio's

Community Hall –35 Burkitt St PAGE

Raising funds for a new bus

Saturday 23 March 10am – 2pm

Betty 6255 3325 – lifestyle@villaggio.com.au

Reflection

The Transfiguration is not a one-time event

An American Jesuit theologian, tells the story of a young man named Tommy who was the resident atheist during one of his courses in the Philosophy of God at Loyola University in Chicago.

At the end of the course while he was turning in his final paper, Tommy said to the theologian, 'Do you think I will ever find God?' 'No', The priest replied bluntly, but as he walked away he continued, 'But I think God will find you'. Tommy kept walking.

Years later, Tommy returned to see his old lecturer to tell him that he had been diagnosed as having terminal cancer. More than ever, Tommy said, he wanted to find God or to be in the right place at the right time to be found by God. The priest told Tommy to go and tell the people that he most loved in the world that he loved them.

Within a week Tommy reported back that in the midst of doing this he had a genuine and significant encounter with God. They had found each other. Tommy died three months later. The priest reports that the only way to describe the final three months of Tommy's life was to say that, whatever happened to him in the process of telling others he loved them, he was transfigured by God.

The Transfiguration is no mountaintop light show. In borrowing heavily from similar stories in the Old Testament, it describes, in a dramatic way, how loved Jesus was by God and how this experience was seen and known by his disciples.

So often we hear people say they have not, or cannot, experience the presence of God, and therefore deny that God exists. These readings show us that if you want to encounter God then you have to experience love. This is not an optional extra for the Christian life. As St John says, 'The one who says they love God, yet they hate their brother or sister, is a liar.'

The Transfiguration is not a once off event for Jesus alone. It is a moveable feast for all of us who have become God's sons and daughters in Christ.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ at LiturgyHelp

Heart Spirituality

Without grace our life is empty

Grace and glory, that is our end.

The natural cannot satisfy us.

Souls need grace, and they do not have it. One could say that the world is in a state of damnation.

It suffers from this less than in hell, but it does suffer.

What should be done to heal and save the world?

We have to make the world know, love and embrace devotion to the Sacred Heart.

That will give it everything it lacks.

It is the only remedy, given by God, to heal the nations of our time and put them back on the way of salvation that they have abandoned.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus 1, p. 285f, Paris 1900)

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

Stewardship

Everyday Stewardship

When we journey on a pathway of stewardship, we are bound to experience moments of grace where we see even the smallest seeds we planted grow into something amazing. At these moments, we are reminded that God is real and that our stewardship is not in vain. The giving of our gifts and talents is not just a response to God's calling. The giving is one way that God breaks through into the lives of others. As we use what God has given us for his glory, he uses us as instruments of grace to be truly present to others.

The greatest example of this occurs at the Mass. Through the hands of an ordained priest taking the gifts of bread and wine, God is really present with us. When we then take Christ into our bodies, we accept the offer to take him into the world to others. The world cannot see Jesus in us with human eyes, but through our works of stewardship, they can see Jesus in us. One could say they even have a chance to see a glimpse of heaven.

Taken from: <http://4lpi.com/blog/glimpse-heaven/>

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Eileen Luke, Jill Wilson,
Brendan Patterson, Michael Hamilton,
Caelan MacKenzie, Eugene De Rose, Helen Murphy,
Richard Kingsford, Richard "Sandy" Corr,
Peter Roache, Marijan Cavlovic, Generoso
D'Ambrosio, Brian Weston, Jack Ranson,
Michael Lowe, Ludvik Koren, James Broderick.

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

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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Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Friday 29 March after the 9:30am mass. The sacrament is celebrated on the last Friday of each month.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud
the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Readings – 24 March 2019

First Reading Ex 3:1-8. 13-15
Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11.
Second Reading 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel Luke 13:1-9

24 March

Reading Roster

6:00pm	Margaret Luck, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

24 March

Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Marie McKie, John Drury, Barbara Witrzens, Terry O'Brien, Margaret McMahon
8:30am	Violet Duve, Judith Deklin, Ted & Clare Kell, VACANT
10:00am	Robin Williams, Libby Costello, Pat Sheppard, Erin Pitt, VACANT
6:00pm	Agnes Pham

24 March

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Barbara Witrzens, Marie McKie
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Margaret Ohlin
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	18 Mar	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	16 Mar	VACANT
Counting:	24 Mar	GROUP 7

Church Cleaning:	18 Mar	John & Jenny Maher, Carol Blyth
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On a Lighter note

Dad: "You know how scuba divers sit on the edge of the boat and fall out backwards into the water? You know why they do that?"

Child: "No, why?"

Dad: "If they went forward they'd fall in the boat!"