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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
7 April 2019**

**Year C
#19.19**

From the Pastor's desk.....

In today's gospel, the focus is not on the woman and her sin of adultery, but rather on the encounter with Jesus. In this dramatic scene the callousness of the crowd is countered by the compassion and mercy of God made manifest in Jesus.

The Pharisees and scribes use the woman merely as a prop in order to undermine Jesus' authority. However, it is they themselves who are outwitted and forced to acknowledge their own sinfulness. All of us are sinners, yet it is through the encounter with Jesus that we experience the liberating love of God.

There is a profound mystery at work here. The wondrous workings of God's heart are revealed in this encounter: 'Has no one condemned you?' asks Jesus, 'Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more.' It is clear, is it not: God does *not* condemn. God heals. God redeems. God liberates. The harsh condemning god that continues to lurk in bad theology and preaching is an idolatrous god. A human construct. A projection of our own self-loathing, which in turn is projected onto others.

It is clear from this beautiful episode in John's gospel, that, while God does not condone sin, neither does God condemn the sinner. Too often, I think, we focus on our own sins rather than focus on the compassionate heart of Christ. It is through the encounter of the Risen Lord that we are healed and forgiven.

***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.....



**Next Weekend
13 April 2019**

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

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

Sacrament of Confirmation:

The children of the parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be presented to the parish at the masses this weekend 6/7 April. The children will hand their prayer cards to parishioners asking them to pray for them.

The Sacrament will be celebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse on Thursday 16 May at 5:00pm



TIME ● TALENT ● TREASURE

Forms are due now

***If you have not completed a form
please contact the parish office***

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

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

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

Next gathering 7 April

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

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

The Lost Man, by Jane Harper

Sunday 14 April - 3pm Parish Library

Date changed due to Easter



Holy Week and Easter Services



Holy Thursday: 18 April 2019

Mass of the Last Supper 7:00pm

Prayers at the Altar of Repose:

Concluding with night prayer 10:00pm

No 9:30am Mass Thursday Morning

Good Friday: 19 April 2019

Stations of the Cross – 10:00am

The Lord's Passion - 3:00pm

Holy Saturday: 20 April 2019

No confession on Saturday

Easter Vigil – 7:30pm

Easter Sunday: 21 April 2019

8:30am, 10:00am

Mass of the Resurrection

No 6:00pm Mass Sunday night

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend –
relationship enrichment for married couples**

26th-28th April. Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville NSW

Bookings at www.wwme.org.au or

adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419

Hospitality Ministry Meeting

all ministers to attend the following meeting:

Day: Sunday April 7

Time: 2:45pm

Venue: Parish Library

Contact: Judynetting@yahoo.com.au

CLAIM THE DATES

Thurs 11 April – Parish Pastoral Council
Information night - recruiting new members

Sun 5 May - Ministry thank you lunch

Sun 19 May - Parish family picnic

Lenten Celebration of the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

St Monica's Evatt

Tuesday 9 April 7:00pm

"To be on earth the Heart of God"

Reflection

Dignity & Honour

When the accused woman is brought before Jesus for judgement he neither looks at the woman nor at the accusers. He bends down and writes in the dirt. When the accusers melt away, Jesus (still kneeling on the ground) looks up at the woman to speak to her. She has probably never been treated with this level of respect in all her life. With this action, as much as anything else, Jesus restores dignity and honour to the woman. No longer looked down upon, she can begin a new life.

During his ministry Jesus didn't focus on individual sin *outside* or *over there*, where we can point to it, punish it, and try to change it. That is too easy and mostly ineffective. Without making light of evil, he showed how to actually overcome and heal it. Sin, for Jesus, was *the very act of accusing* (Satan means "the accuser"). Whenever we try to expel and accuse others, and somehow leave ourselves or our group out of the equation, we end up "sinning." We must first recognize our own complicity in evil before we can transform it. We see this pattern when Jesus himself was faced with three temptations to power (Matthew 4:1-11). Until we face our own demons, none of us are prepared to fight evil elsewhere.

Jesus thus stood in solidarity with individuals who were excluded, deemed unworthy, or demonized. Why? Because *the excluded from any group always reveal the unquestioned idolatries of that group!* He even partied with sinners and tax collectors, and the "pure" hated him for it (see Luke 15:2). The way Jesus tried to change people was by loving and healing them, accusing only their accusers.

His harshest words of judgment were reserved for those who perpetuated systems of inequality and oppression and who, through religion itself, thought they were sinless and untouchable. *Jesus did not so much love people once they changed, but he loved people so that they could change.*

Resources used: *Inner Transformation*, By Richard Rohr OFM & *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter

Heart Spirituality

"Return to your heart" Isaiah 46:8

Jesus Christ urges us to change our life. Return into yourself, he tells us through his Prophet: Sinners, return to your heart (Is 46:8); that is, change your ideas, for most of them are false and contrary to the Gospel. Often you call good what in reality is evil, and evil what in reality is good: Woe to those who call evil good and good evil (Is 5:20).

If we want to profit from yourself a new heart (Ez 18:31). this teaching, we should esteem from now on what we have despised; we should make ourselves a new heart by changing our sentiments:

Make yourself a new heart (Ez. 18:31).

How often our ideas turn towards material objects and fasten on to them as though they world was not due to pass away; and far too often, unfortunately, we remain insensitive to the good things of eternity. Let us live as Christians, let us live as priests and religious according to the situation in which we are.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Méditations 1,p. 347f, Issoudun 1891)

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

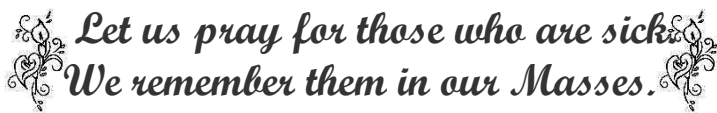
Stewardship

Service

If you ever you feel unworthy to be called Jesus' disciple — to serve in a ministry or tell others about your faith — because of your past or because of a vexing sin you can't seem to overcome, take heart! Seek out God's forgiveness in the healing sacrament of Confession. Then, forget what is behind you, be filled with gratitude that He has made you brand new — and go! He's counting on you to share His good news through your witness and through your service to those around you.

We're all unworthy of the great privilege of being called His disciples. But that is simply cause for greater joy in serving Him and seizing the prize of God's upward calling in Christ Jesus.

Taken from: *Catholic Stewardship*,
www.TheCatholicSteward.com



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Vivienne Montgomery,
 Jordan Matthews, John Napier, Caitlin Brice,
 Alyssa Brice, Betty Kerekes, Janelle Brice,
 Leonard Smith, Trevor Agnew, Elena Guindas,
 Kenneth Marlor, Jim Curran, Noel Smith,
 Leon Fernando, Kees Van Rooy, Daniel Cassar,
 Leslie Thomson, Edward Yewdall, Ian Stephenson,
 Wanda Parkitny, Paul Rogers, John Margetts,
 Adrian Krook, Keith Aikins, Sharon Hannah,
 Mihaly Baruta, Augusta Colquhoun, Alan Hodge,
 Sharron Diamond, Jim Fallon msc, Leslie Savage,
 Joan Sculthorpe, Julio Vinales, Otto Trenka,
 Leonard Franks, Drago Polak, Barbara Normann,
 Delilah Wilson, Leslie Barry, Josh de Smet.

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	Wednesday 4:15 – 5pm

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: "Biblical spirituality of the heart", "All shall be well: Julian of Norwich", "Making all things new" and "The Turin Shroud" are some of the recent additions to the library on display at present.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us;
 We are filled with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
 king of endless glory!
 With all your heart turn to me,
 for I am tender and compassionate.
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
 king of endless glory!

Readings – 14 April 2019

First Reading	Is. 50:4-7
Psalm	Ps. 21:8-9,17-20,23-24.
Second Reading	Phil. 2:6-11
Gospel	Luke 22:14-23,56

14 April Reading Roster

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

14 April 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

14 April 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:	8 April	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	13 April	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard, John Machin
Counting:	14 April	Group 4
Church Cleaning:	8 April	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman

On a Lighter note

Q: What did daddy spider say to baby spider?
 A: You spend too much time on the web.