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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
12 May 2019

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From the Pastor's desk.....

Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, it is also *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* – obviously there is a link between the two. Jesus says, "My sheep listen to my voice and follow me." We are all called to follow Jesus in a committed way of life, and this can be lived as single, married, ordained or as consecrated religious sister or brother. However, what remains constant is that we listen to where Jesus is calling us.

Vocations Sunday has a particular focus on vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We constantly hear that there is a shortage of priests, sisters and brothers, but that does not mean that God has stopped calling men and women to priesthood and consecrated religious life. Women and men are still responding to the call to priesthood and religious life. One must admire their courage and commitment in an era that is in many ways indifferent, suspicious and in some cases hostile toward religion. So I certainly admire young men and women who do step forward to witness in a radical way to Jesus Christ and his message of love.

We need to continue to pray and support vocations to religious life and priesthood. But at a deeper level, I believe, God is calling all members of the church. First, the church is called to renewal. Certainly the scandal of sexual abuse has highlighted that in a most dramatic and, indeed, traumatic way. Attitudes and structures within the church, especially among the hierarchy, need to change. Secondly, this is the era of the laity. It is time that laity are empowered to use their gifts for the building up of Christ's body, the Church.

Christ the Good Shepherd, is calling all of us to listening deeply to his voice. When we do, we will surely know his will for us and his church.

Peace & blessings,
Gerard

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm
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 4:00pm – 4:30pm
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.....

Archdiocesan Clergy Assembly

Frs. Gerard and Kimi will attend the clergy assembly from

Tuesday 21 May to Thursday 23 May.

On Wednesday and Thursday mornings that week the 9:30am mass will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion.

THE CHURCH FOYER IS HEATED

To maintain the heat in the foyer and to conserve energy would you please close the door when entering the church. Thank you.

Conserve
heat
Please close
the door



Sacrament of Confirmation:

The Sacrament will be celebrated on Thursday 16 May at 5:00pm

*by Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Please continue to pray for all the children preparing to receive the Holy Spirit.*



**Sunday 19 May
11:30am Cotter**

**Picnic ground near the Dam Wall
Please bring a salad OR dessert to share. Sausages will be provided.**

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB



We are reading

Ghost Empire, by Richard Fidler

Sunday 19 May- 3:00 pm

Parish Library.

There is one copy of the book available at the parish office.

BELCONNEN YOUTH

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

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

Next gathering 19 May

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

"To be on earth the Heart of God"

Vocation is today!

The Christian mission is now!

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday & World Day of Vocations.

There will be a **Leaving Collection after each mass** to support Vocations & in particular the formation of MSC's.

Currently, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart have one young man in the novitiate, Kenji Konda and three men in pre-novitiate formation, Trieu Nguyen, Dean Fonseca, & Daniel Magadia. Your financial & prayerful support for these men and vocations to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart is gratefully appreciated.

"It will not fill our hearts if we keep standing by the window with the excuse of waiting for the right time, without accepting this very day the risk of making a decision. Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now! Each one of us is called to become a witness of the Lord, here and now."

Pope Francis

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TRAINING

Sunday 19 May 11:30am For **all** Ministers of Communion – current and new ministers are to attend. Elaine Laycock – Co-ordinator

ACU BLACKFRIARS LECTURE SERIES

Future Education – Future Opportunities

When: Tuesday 21 May 2019

Where: Room 301.1.20 Veritas Building
ACU Campus Watson

Time: 5:30pm registration
6:00pm – 7:00pm Lecture

Cost: Free

RSVP: 17 May 2019

ocd.canberra@acu.edu.au

Freezing night in Canberra

Thursday 20 June 2019

our parishioner Ted Kell

is participating in the **SLEEPOUT** this year.

To donate go to www.ceosleepout.org.au and donate using his particular reference.



Weekend Retreat

Longing for a time of silence and stillness?

*Join our parish Meditation Group at
Douglas Park*

When: Fri July 26-Sun July 28

Contacts/Bookings (by May 31)

Jenny Maher: 0402 112 973

Pat Gilchrist: 0427 544 923

Reflection

What we need is Community

The point of the shepherd analogy in the Gospels, of course, is about the importance of intimacy. A sheep in first century Palestine is similar to the central role some domestic cats and dogs have in our homes. They are members of the family. Shepherds in Jesus' day belonged to nomadic tribes that moved with their small flock throughout Israel. Every sheep mattered. Every sheep had a name. In an agrarian society every sheep was a vital economic unit. To lose one caused trouble not only to the individual, but also to the tribe. To lose a flock was financial ruin for a generation. As a result, when Jesus invokes the image of the shepherd he draws attention to the intimate knowledge and care the shepherd has of them.

We know many people who, for a variety of reasons, have left the fold and been seduced into pursuing other leads. Whereas every Sunday we affirm that we cannot find a better way to live than following the Way, the Truth and the Life which is Christ present here and now. No one can suggest it is always easy to follow the Gospel and hang in here with one another.

The problem of faith in our time is the problem of unbelief among believers. For too many of us, faith in Christ is little more than a hangover... toxic residue from a former activity. What is the issue behind this? The problem, is a problem of credibility, the faith is no longer believable to, nor livable for, many in our age.

What, singularly, are we missing today within Christianity that could make us credible to the world and to our own families? Community. The greatest need of our time is for koinonia, the call simply to be church....to offer to the world a living, breathing, loving community of church.

Jesus was never under any illusions about what following his lead may cost, but he underlines how much we need each other to survive in this world.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ & *Community – Our Greatest Need*, by Ronald Rolheiser OMI

Heart Spirituality

The cry of Jesus for unity

Do you hear the cry that comes to us across eighteen centuries? It is his testament of love:

I want all to be one in love; just as we ourselves are one [John 17:11,21]. From where comes this cry? From the Heart of Jesus. He calls for unity. To break unity is to wound him cruelly. But this unity can only exist in truth. Unity becomes impossible if based on concessions to error or compromise; our Master made none. Though full of tact in dealing with sinners who had gone astray through weakness, he severely rebuked the proud Pharisees who resisted the truth and concealed their disorderly loves behind a deceitful piety [Mt. 12:24-34].

Jules Chevalier msc
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.241f, Paris 1900)

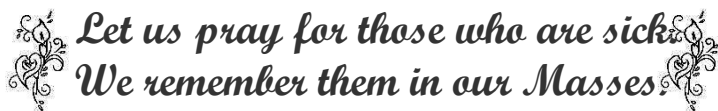
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

Stewardship

Living as God's stewards does not mean a life of ease or a life free of sacrifice. Sometimes the steward's life involves great challenges, requiring all the strength and love one has to give. But in the end there is simply no more satisfying way to live.

The Gospel reading today tells us that we must live in trust and dependence on Jesus, our Shepherd. When we cling tightly to Him by freeing ourselves from holding on too tightly to our "stuff," our time, and our achievements, we can hear His voice. He says so Himself: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." He knows us! He laid down His life for us to give us eternal life with Him. He will never ask anything of us that will harm us. A stewardship way of life is meant only to enrich us.

Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com



RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Readings – 19 May 2019

First Reading	Acts 14:21-27
Psalm	Ps 144:8-13
Second Reading	Rv 21:1-5
Gospel	John 13:31-35

19 May

Reading Roster

5:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30am	Judith Deklin, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Terry Fewtrell, Joe Ots

19 May

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Laurine Smeaton, Maresa Laird, Patrick Corr.
8:30am	Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Clyde Sloan, Pat Cowburn, VACANT
10:00am	Marie Flint, Maida Kajkic, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane, Sugi Mohanadas.
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Kerry Yard, Matthew Garton, Stephanie Stewart, Peter Polkinghorne.

19 May

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Mary Barrett, Lesley Givens
8:30am	Norma Sloan, Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Marie Flint, Olivia McMahon
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	13 May	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	17 May	VACANT
Counting:	19 May	Group 5

Church Cleaning:	13 May	Ted & Carol Quade
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On a Lighter note

Q: What do you call dangerous precipitation?

A: A rain of terror.

Q: When does it rain money?

A: When there is "change" in the weather.

Recently Deceased: Kerry Nestor
Br Bede Maher fms (brother of Brian Maher)

Anniversary: Helen Kelly, Andrew Harker, Lawrence Southwick, Jeremy Hope, Kevin Crossley, Kenneth Brennan, Krysta Lindstrom, Sarah Sealey, Harrison Wroe, Antonia Gladwish, Betty Cowman, Pat McLindin, Edna Hamilton, Robert Donovan, Elena D'Ambrosio, Hemult Wanda, Emma Caskie, Bryan McGurgan, Daphne Parnell, Ella Dimitres, Sandra Miniotas, Anne Ots, Neil MacFarlane, John Loadman, Bernard Gibson, Gloria Fleming, Edward McGregor, Michael Logan, James Ohlin, June McCall, Hermine Raeuscher.

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 4:14 - 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: More newly-donated books are on display this week in the library. We are most grateful to those generous parishioners who offer them for our collection.