

COMPACT

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
20 January 2019**

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From the Pastor's desk.....

In the rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar, King Herod is presented as something of a buffoon, and when Jesus is brought before him on trial he sings, "Prove to me that you're divine/change my water into wine."

Of course, Herod misses the point. Jesus' miracles are not conjuring tricks to impress or even to prove his divinity. As the evangelist John states clearly in his gospel the changing of water into wine is a "sign". The johannine meaning of the word "sign" carries deep theological meaning. The American scripture scholar Dianne Bergant comments: "The miracles of Jesus were never mere exhibitions of supernatural power. They were always revelations of the in-breaking of the reign of God".

In this first sign recorded in John's gospel the changing of water into wine is rich in theological significance. For example, the water is contained in vessels set aside for the Jewish rites of purification. From this we can understand the religious significance of the miracle. Jesus is the fulfilment of all the messianic desires of Israel, the wine, that replaces the water set aside for ritual ablutions, now becomes a sign of the kingdom – wine being a symbol of joy.

The signs of Jesus are not meant to impress but to elicit faith. Mary, the mother of the Lord, ignores the seeming rebuke of Jesus and orders the servants to do as Jesus commands. Mary initiates the miracle and it is her faith that makes this possible. Mary's demonstration of her faith in Jesus will later be then taken up by his disciples. But it is Mary who is the primary model of faith.

Over the last three weeks we have celebrated the theme of epiphany, or the manifestation of God in Jesus. Beginning the feast of the Epiphany, followed by the Baptism of the Lord and concluding in today's gospel where we read: "Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him."

***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

Proposed Pergola Roof



A development application is currently being processed by the ACT Environment, Planning and

Sustainable Development department, to erect a pergola roof over the verandah on the western side of the church.

Residents in the vicinity of the Church have received notification regarding the project. We anticipate that the work will proceed once approval is given.



SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

Animal People, by Charlotte Wood

Sunday 20 January - 3:00 pm

Parish Library.

Charlotte is a Canberra author

Women's Breakfast is moving!

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is moving to

Lucky Shot Espresso Bar



Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX

The next breakfast is

7:30am Tuesday

22 January 2019

Parish Office Staff

Fr.Kimi is currently on leave and will return the first weekend of February. Sharon is also on leave and will return on Tuesday 29th January.



Ministry is not meant to be done on your own, it is a team effort, invite a friend or family member to go with you.

Jesus sent the disciples out in pairs, "he began to send them out two by two" (Mark 6:7)

Volunteer



We need **your** help

If you can help, please complete the leaflet included with COMPACT and give it to a Vinnies rep as you leave mass.

Contact James on 6254 8450 or 0432 563 299

Volunteers are also needed for the Vinnies stall to help collect donations at Kippax Fair on Saturdays and Sundays during February.

Sorry **WE'RE**

CLOSED

**The Parish Office will be closed on
3 Wednesday's in January**

Wednesday 9th January

Wednesday 16th January

Wednesday 23rd January

**"To Be on Earth
the Heart of God"**

Reflection

Abundance

The changing of the water into wine is a sign of the Kingdom of God where joy and life are in abundance, where shame ends and all tears are wiped away.

The flow of grace through us is largely blocked when we are living inside a worldview of scarcity, a feeling that there's just not enough: enough of God, enough of me, enough food, enough health care to go around, enough mercy to include and forgive all faults. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that the human mind is actually *incapable of imagining* anything infinite or eternal. So it cannot imagine an infinite love or a God whose "love is everlasting," as the Psalms continually shout. In other words, the mind of itself cannot know God.

Our unhealthy economics and politics persist because even Christians largely operate out of a worldview of scarcity: there is not enough land, water, money, and housing for all of us. A saint always knows that *there is more than enough for our need but never enough for our greed*. In the midst of the structural stinginess and over-consumption of our present world, how do we possibly change consciousness and teach the mind to operate from mercy and graciousness? Even the churches tend to be stingy with grace and mercy, as Pope Francis continues to point out.

Only our personal experiences of unconditional, unearned, and infinite love and forgiveness can move us from the normal worldview of scarcity to the divine world of infinite abundance. That's when the doors of mercy blow wide open! That's when we begin to understand the scale-breaking nature of the Gospel.

The wedding feast at Cana is a taste of the fullness of life we celebrate in the Eucharist every Sunday.

Resources used: *Worldview of Abundance*,
by Richard Rohr

Heart Spirituality

Asking Him

Lord Jesus Christ, you invite us to trust you and to come to you in all our needs. Grant that through your Spirit we might be strengthened by your grace with a power that reaches our innermost being; grant us everything we need in our striving to follow you, in life and death and in the world to come.

Amen.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, water became wine at your prayer; help us by your motherly power when we appeal to the heart of your Son.

Amen.

*Taken from: Prayers of the
Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

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

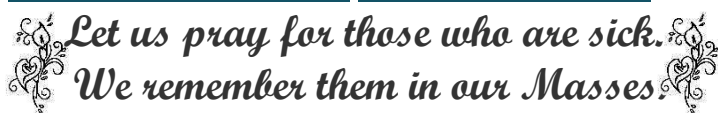
Stewardship

The Definition of Stewardship

The Catechism of the Catholic Church uses the words "steward" and "stewardship" in several ways: No. 859, "[The Apostles are] 'stewards of the mysteries of God'"; 893, "The bishop is the steward of the grace"; 952, "A Christian is a steward of the Lord's goods"; 1117, "The Church . . . is the faithful steward of God's mysteries"; 2238, "God has made [those in authority] stewards of his gifts"; 2280, "We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us"; and Nos. 373, 2042, 2404, 2417 and 2457 all deal with taking care of the planet as entrusted by God to man. Merriam-Webster defines stewardship as: "The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care."

When it comes to stewardship, then, it would be wise for us to remember that no one is an absolute owner of anything, not even his or her own self. Everything we have in life comes from God, so everything is a blessing and everything is on loan. We are stewards of temporal realities: our time, our talent, and our treasure.

A simple rule of thumb could be helpful: the more you give, the happier you are; the more you serve, the holier you become.



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Frederick Felsing, Alexander Beggs, Shaun MacKey, Bradley Keenan, Josephine McLaren, Josephine Fox, Eugenia Kurzynski, Horace Staunton, Leonard Crowe, Tara Ottewill, Albert Bingham, Ernest Hackett, Christopher Hemmingway, Danielle Sykes, Claudia MacDowell, Chris Thamer, Brendan Gibson, Nicholas McInerney, Emanuel Grech, Bernadette Davis, Joan Casey, Maxwell Lewis, Kyall Green, James Fitzgibbon, Michael Sweeney, Geoffrey Fisher, Jane Packard, Armando Arugay, Frank Ripszam, Michael Ryan, Janelle Sykes, Desmond Jones.

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation [Library]	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: Some of the titles on display at present are "Grace: a journey to God", "The Heart of the world made flesh", "The Cambridge companion to Jesus" and "A Dangerous dozen".

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Readings – 27 January

First Reading	Nem 8:2-6. 8-10
Psalm	Ps 18:8-10.15
Second Reading	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27
Gospel	Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21

27 January Reading Roster

6:00pm	Margaret Luck, Mary French
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Frank Colley, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

27 January Ministers of Communion

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

27 January 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:	21 Jan	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds:	26 Jan	David Pigram, Mike Lavis Matthew Garton.
Counting:	27 Jan	Group 7

Church Cleaning:	21 Jan	John & Jenny Maher, Carol Blyth
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On a Lighter note

How did Moses cut the sea in half? -
With a sea saw.

Whenever I'm sad I just read my blood donor ID. It always says "B positive".