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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C

30 June 2019

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From the Pastor's desk.....

"Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

This saying of Jesus that we hear in today's gospel refers to the itinerant nature of his ministry. Jesus was always on the move, going from town to town, preaching the kingdom of God and healing the afflicted.

The above saying of Jesus might equally apply to today's world in which there are millions of displaced peoples. Last Sunday the St John the Apostle Refugee Resettlement Committee hosted a film afternoon showing the documentary 'A World of Stories'. The film followed the lives of several asylum seekers who are now making a valuable contribution to Australian society. However, it was equally disturbing to realise the continuing effects of trauma caused by years of living locked in detention.

Too often refugees and asylum seekers have not received the hospitality deserving of their plight and circumstances. It was in the context of this failure to offer hospitality that prompted Jesus to remark "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." The disciples had just left a Samaritan town in which they were unwelcomed. James and John wanted to extract vengeance: "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But Jesus rebukes them for such outlandish thoughts. No, in the face of suspicion and hostility Jesus will continue to show by his words and actions that God's *modus operandi* is one of divine gracious hospitality. Indeed, the theme of God's hospitality is a persistent motif in Luke's gospel.

***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



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.....

First Holy Communion:

The children preparing for their First Holy Communion will be presented to the parish this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

July Baptisms

We welcome into our community:

Michael Leahy,
Son of Rene and Emma;
Angelina Nguyen
Daughter of Sam and Hang;
Ruby Blacklock,
Daughter of Darren and Erin;
Angelina Amrado,
Daughter of Judith & Eric.



SMS & EMAIL COMMUNICATION

The parish office can send messages & reminders via SMS and email. Please provide the parish office with your mobile phone number and email address if you would like to receive communication in this format.



Come inside..... 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.



PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving year ends on Sunday 30 June. Planned Giving tax receipts will be available from the 8 July 2019.

Blessed Peter To Rot:

The Papua New Guinean community of Canberra invites parishioners to a special Mass to mark the feast day of Blessed Peter To Rot, a martyr from World War II.
When: Saturday 6 July
Where: St John the Apostle Parish Kippax
Time: 11:00am
A Special PNG lunch will follow.

"To be on earth the Heart of God"

Blessing of Ministers

Parishioners who volunteered for any ministry on the Time and Talent form will be blessed and commissioned during mass the weekend of 13/14 July.

BELCONNEN YOUTH

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

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

Next gathering 7 July

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



**Pre-Teen Group – (Yr. 3-7) 4:45pm
Youth Mass – (All ages) 6:00pm**

Next gathering 27 July

**Marian Hall – St Matthew's Page
Every 4th Saturday of the month**

Students in years 3 to 7 are invited to join in an afternoon of - **FFF** - faith, friendship and fun, then stay for the Youth Mass at 6:00pm.



Collecting Plastic Milk Bottle Tops

Enabling the Future is creating prosthetic hands with

3D printers for children. The Rotary Club of Belconnen is collecting milk (or similar) tops to forward them to the maker.

Can you help? Please bring your plastic bottle tops to church and deposit them in the bucket which will be in the foyer.

Forum for Catholic Women

Date: 20 July

Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm

Venue: Garrett Building Daramalan College

RSVP: 6 July

Lunch will be provided.

The purpose is to discuss the possibility of establishing an Archdiocesan Women's Network.

Register at catholicwomen.org.au or contact Andrea Dean, especially for needs such as transport, disability, childminding. andrea.dean@catholic.org.au 0487388873

Reflection

Live Simply

No matter how much we try to ignore it, or play it down, the call to simplicity of lifestyle and detachment are important elements in the teaching of Jesus and the way he lived his own life.

In Luke's gospel and in his second volume, The Acts of the Apostles, the obligations of the haves to the have-nots are regularly underlined. Scholars think Luke's gospel keeps this teaching most alive because it was a community divided by wealth.

In today's Gospel this obligation is put in its starkest form. To 'bury the dead' in first-century Palestine sometimes meant having to take on their responsibilities – farm, fishing or family. To have 'nowhere to lay one's head' gave as much freedom then as it does today; and to be detached, without regret, has always been a sign of God's kingdom.

There is no dignity in poverty and most people who are poor, while they can be rich in the best human values, do not want to stay poor. What they deserve, and what all Christians should want, is economic and social justice. We are not at liberty to follow Jesus and watch the rich get fatter and all-consuming while the poor pay the price for unchecked greed.

Some Christians are given the gift of living very simply and to the degree that this gift brings life to them, and those around them, it is a wonderful sign of God's kingdom. All the rest of us, who struggle to embrace this gift, or a desire to ever want it, must face up to the challenge of Jesus' teaching here. But it's not just about money. We are also called to detach ourselves from memories, which can be cluttered with anger and revenge; from the demands of work which keep us from being with those we love; and to be generous with our time, talent, hospitality and compassion.

May our generation show the kingdom of God most visibly in the way we live simply, fight for justice for all people everywhere, and the detachment we have to everything but the essentials.

Resource used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ

Heart Spirituality

Love for Love

"The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the quintessence of the Christian faith; the epitome and substantial summary of the whole of religion.

The Christian religion is a work of love in its beginning, development and end; the Christian religion whose history is found wholly and entirely in the sublime statement: "God so loved the world" (John 3:16), that is, we believe that, in the work of God, the Heart has done everything; the Christian religion, finally, whose whole morality is contained in the single word, *Diliges*: You shall love; that is, you shall render love for love, you will give me your heart in exchange for all that mine has done for you; the Christian religion, we can say, could not be identified so completely with any other devotion as with devotion to the Sacred Heart" (Cardinal Pie).

Jules Chevalier msc
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 148f, Paris 1900)

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

Stewardship

A way of Life

Living stewardship as a way of life can go a long way in arming us for victory. Stewardship living provides us with a custom-made "training plan" — the commitment to a specific offering of our time, talent, and treasure to the Kingdom of God.

The beauty of this way of life is that, far from constricting freedom, living out stewardship day by day actually increases freedom. Why? It frees us from unhealthy attachments to our comforts, our professional ambitions, and our possessions so that we can attach — fully and without reservation — to Christ. It creates in us the habit of putting first things first, of keeping our priorities aligned with Christ's priorities.

Do not be afraid to give the best of yourself and your gifts to Christ. He deserves nothing less. And this way of life, while challenging, will be characterized by a joy and peace that only comes from giving Him and unqualified "yes!"

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com

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

Recently Deceased: Elaine Dennison,
Nigel Smith, [husband of Liz]

Anniversary: John Lazaro, Mildred Holland,
William Edmunds, Rohan Murphy, Norah Keneally,
Rebecca Malone, Jane McDonough, Stanley Howell,
Narelle Karling, Lynne Williman, Philip Connolly,
Daniel Worner, Catherine Farrugia, Gilbert Hall,
Patrick Salmon, Jean Irvine, Hortencia Cid,
Jack Synnott, Elizabeth Dennison, John O'Brien,
Steven Argy, Rosalie Callaghan, Constance Crowe,
Gertrude Czarnik, Conner Cooke, Anne Patterson,
Christopher Davis, Mary Ryan, Josephine Allester,
Mollie Paterson, Marie Richards, Chris Penders,
John McEnaney

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
Men's Group	2 nd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Brindabella Club (Magpies Golf Club)

School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term
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LIBRARY NEWS: "Prayers with icons", "The cup that I drink: thoughts and prayers", "God is a sea: the dynamics of Christian living" and "Music of silence: a sacred journey through the hours of the day" are some of the titles on display this week.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Readings – 7 July 2019

First Reading	Is 66:10-14
Psalm	Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20
Second Reading	Gal 6:14-18
Gospel	Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

7 July

Reading Roster

5:00pm	Michael Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O'Heir, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Matthew Garton, Margaret Luck

7 July

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Janet Almond, Judy Netting, Joe and Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Victoria Scarano, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Priscilla Gonsalves, Jenny Howarth, Bonnie and Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, John McGee, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan, James and Toni Cox

7 July

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joe and Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Judith O'Neill, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	John McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	1 July	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	6 July	VACANT
Counting:	7 July	Group 1

Church Cleaning:	1 July	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman
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On a Lighter note

Q: Why did the banana go to the hospital?

A: It was not peeling very well.

Q: Why did the burglar rob a bakery?

A: He needed the dough.