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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C

14 July 2019

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From the Pastor's desk.....

At the beginning of the Baptismal rite the priests says to the parents and godparents: "You have asked to have your child baptised. In so doing you are accepting the responsibility to train her/him in the practice of the faith, to teach her/him *to love God and neighbour...*" In today's gospel Jesus spells out what it means to love God and neighbour in the telling of the parable of the Good Samaritan. This is the heart of our religion: love. Going to the aid of someone in need is one thing, but to put one's life at risk is another. And that is what the Good Samaritan does by stopping on a route notorious for ambushing bandits. Furthermore, the Good Samaritan reaches out to the aid of his enemy – as Jews and Samaritans were at that time.

On the one level, it is a beautiful story of compassion and mercy. That is, if we just read it as a story. To apply this teaching to our lives is a different matter. It means, at times, that we put ourselves at risk, as the Good Samaritan does. This is the costly demand of love. Not for the fainthearted.



My third term of three years finishes at the end of next year (I was appointed parish priest at the beginning of 2012). However, I have been granted a sabbatical that I will begin next year. I will remain as parish priest until the end of 2020 but in my absence Fr. Kimi will be assisted by Fr. Nithan MSC. Nithan is a newly ordained presbyter from the MSC Indian Province. We expect Nithan to arrive in Australia sometime soon and take up his role as assistant priest at Kippax.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

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MASS TIMES

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| 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.

Blessing of Ministers

Liturgical Ministers will be blessed and commissioned during mass the weekend of 13/14 July.

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

Receipts were emailed during the week. If you did not receive your receipt, please contact the parish office.

2018 Finance Report – The 2018 finances were audited on 6 June 2019. There are copies of the finance report available on the small table in the church foyer. Included at the back of the report is information on Planned Giving. There has been a significant decrease in the amount of giving in the past year. This is a concern for the parish in our ability to meet our commitments in to the future. If all the reports are taken please contact the parish office for a copy.

SJACare – In our care for the sick and housebound we are in need of ministers of communion who are available to minister communion at Kalparrin Nursing home. If you are able to assist please telephone 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 21 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

Vinnies Winter Appeal Collection

will be held after Masses on 27 and 28 July. All money donated remains with the Kippax conference for assisting individuals and families struggling with increasing costs of living and other crises in their lives.

Your help is much appreciated.

Help needed please.... Our Vinnies Conference is helping a young family of three to establish their new home after leaving a violent relationship with very little. After spending several months in a refuge for women with children, they were allocated a home by Housing ACT. They are looking for a dining table and chairs and a lounge suite. If you can help, please contact Mike on 0419818410 or Gabrielle on 0409376288.

2019 Men's Weekend Retreat St Mary's Towers Douglas Park 30 August – 1 September

Retreat Presenter: Paul White

Email: contact@towersretreat.org.au

Phone: 02 6430 0233

There are brochures in the church foyer advertising the 2019 retreats at St Mary's Towers Douglas Park.



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

"To be on earth the Heart of God"

Reflection

Who am I a Neighbour to?

The story of the Good Samaritan in Luke's Gospel is about the movement from an individualised faith, which can think that it is just 'me and Jesus against the world', to a faith that goes out to the world acting mercifully and justly. This parable is about what we see, whom we love, and what we want to do about it.

Christian tradition teaches us that mercy and justice are intertwined. The Good Samaritan is not 'good' because he has the money to act on what he sees. His greatness is that he has eyes to see it at all. To really see it. The priest and the morality-teaching Levite pretend it's not happening and walk on the other side of the road. But the most unlikely, the least liked person in Israel – a Samaritan – has the view of mercy.

Authentic love is of one piece. How you love anything is how you love everything. Jesus commands us to “Love our neighbours as we love ourselves,” and he connects the two great commandments of love of God and love of neighbour, saying they are “like” one another (Matthew 22:39). So often, we think this means to love our neighbour with the same amount of love—as *much* as we love ourselves—when it really means that it is the same Source and the same Love that allows each of us to love our self, others, and God at the same time! That is unfortunately not the way most people understand love, compassion, and forgiveness—yet it is the only way they ever work. *How you love is how you have accessed Love.*

The example of the Good Samaritan should enliven our charity, mercy and justice; and it should challenge us to see clearly who needs to be carried with us on the Gospel road.

Resources used: *How We Love*, by Richard Rohr OFM & Homily, by Richard Leonard SJ

Heart Spirituality

Compassion

Our love of neighbour should be tenderhearted and compassionate. The Samaritan should be our model. Along the road he meets a wounded man, half dead, stripped, dying of hunger. He is stirred at the sight, and his heart touched with compassion (Lk. 10:33). Let us not close our heart to pity, when along life's road we come across a person wounded by sorrow, bruised by ingratitude, calumny or sin, prostrate in the mud of a disorderly life, or a poor person lacking everything, or a needy family. Like the Samaritan, let us draw near to these unfortunate people, and do everything in our power to comfort them. Do we conduct ourselves in this way? Do we not on the contrary imitate the hardness of heart of the men in the gospel towards the wounded man?

Jules Chevalier msc
(Méditations 1I, p.259f, Issoudun 1891)

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

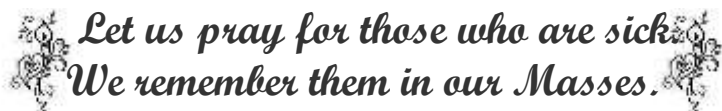
Stewardship

A life of service

The Good Samaritan is an example of how we are to live out God's commandments. The Samaritan sets aside his own schedule and plans in order to meet the man's needs. He does not just give the man a few dollars or offer some quick words of encouragement from across the road. He cleans and bandages his wounds. He brings him to an inn where he can heal. He commits to returning to the man on his way back. That is true hospitality and service. That is how a good steward springs into action when he comes upon a neighbour in need.

Jesus says to each of us personally, just as He did in today's Gospel, “Go and do likewise.”

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com



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

Recently Deceased: Leon Nguyen,
Bernie Armstrong, Marie McMahon SGS,
Sam Ford.

Anniversary: Mollie Paterson, Chris Penders,
Marie Richards, John McEnaney, Laurence Swift,
Linda Dawson, Victoria Norton, Bede Stinson,
Nel Carberry, Jan Kurzynski, Catherine Raadts,
Josephine O'Kane, Joan Ferguson, Monique
Pearce, Gayle McGoogan, Veronica Hannah, David
Leonard, Paul Kurylowicz, Mona Castle, Stephen
Carson, Stephen Gorst, Leo Williams, Naomi Slater,
Rudi Weiss, Joseph Myatt, Rita Riddle, Isabella
Backhaus, Gwendoline White, Sheila Marshall,
James Patterson, Queenie Solomonsz, Mary Mules,
Maria Pedic, Thomas Pinner, Czeslaw Kowalski,
Wallace Johnson, Dianne Fraser, Darryl Bremer,
Frank Sculthorpe, Donald Briggs, Betty Coughlin,
Domiatilla Mallia, Debra Niquet, Valentini Vrataric,
Therese Van Der Vliet, Carol Thompson.

PRAYER LIFE

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| 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

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| 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 |
| Mens 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 |

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Readings – 21 July 2019

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| First Reading | Gen 18:1-10 |
| Psalm | Ps 14:2-5 |
| Second Reading | Col 1:24-28 |
| Gospel | Luke 10:38-42 |

21 July Reading Roster

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| 5:00pm | Bob Raadts, Judy Netting |
| 8:30am | Darren Maharaj, Kerry Yard |
| 10:00am | Ivo Astolfi, Colleen Reed |
| 6:00pm | Terry Fewtrell, Joe Ots |

21 July Ministers of Communion

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| 5:00pm | Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Laurine Smeaton, Maresa Laird, Gerard Teng |
| 8:30am | Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn Clyde Sloan, Peter Polkinghorne |
| 10:00am | Marie Flint, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane, Sugi Mohandas, Bernadette Madsen |
| 6:00pm | Brian Mahony, Matthew Garton, Stephanie Stewart, Rod Gardiner, VACANT |

21 July Hospitality Roster

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| 5:00pm | Lesley Givens |
| 8:30am | Mercia Needham, Norma and Clyde Sloan |
| 10:00am | Marie Flint |
| 6:00pm | Brian Mahony |

Weekly Rosters

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| Altar Society: | 15 July | Mary Cruickshank |
| Grounds | 20 July | VACANT |
| Counting: | 21 July | Group 5 |

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| Church Cleaning: | 15 July | Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams |
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LIBRARY NEWS: This week we are
displaying books concerning some of the
liturgical ministries of the church such as
that of musicians and lectors.

On a Lighter note

Q. What kind of award did the dentist get?
A. A little plaque.