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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
21 July 2019

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From the Pastor's desk.....

Jesus loved Martha and Mary equally. Yet he found it necessary to gently chide Martha for her undue busyness. Each of the sisters was extending hospitality to Jesus. But Martha was just too preoccupied with *doing*. This causes her to get into a huff with her sister and therefore Jesus has to remind Martha that "Mary has chosen the better part." Mary has recognized that it is the Lord who is in their midst. It is this awareness of Christ's presence that it all important. All other tasks are secondary.

Sometimes it's just good to drop what we are doing and to attend to what really matters. Then we can be open to the beauty and giftedness of each person that we encounter. We then realize that we don't have to be so task orientated.

As I reflect on this gospel passage I recognize that there is probably more of the Martha in me than the Mary. That's where this gospel is so helpful. It allows us to appreciate the importance of both *being* and *doing*.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

"To be on earth the Heart of God"



A leaving collection will be held after all Masses next weekend for the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Donations will be used by the Kippax Conference to help struggling families pay for food and other essentials. Your support is appreciated. Receipts can be provided, and envelopes will be available for credit card donations.

Your help is much appreciated.

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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.

Funeral Notice

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of
Dolores “Dolly” Munoz

Will be celebrated on 22 July 2019 -
11:00AM

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax
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There will be **NO 9:30am Mass** on
Monday 22 July

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.

I would like to thank the parishioners of St John's for their care during Phil's illness and their prayerful support after his death. A special thank you to Frs. Gerard and Kimi for their pastoral care of Phil. Your support has been a comfort to me. Maureen Donoghoe.

Relax, Review, Reflect
Faith and film

Friday 26th July at 7:30pm

We are watching: "Rails and Ties "

To register your interest or for more information, please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au



The **Refugee Resettlement Committee**

would like to express our **thanks** to the **Uniting Church, Kippax** who allowed us to provide lunch as part of their garage sale. We were able to make \$200 which will go to the Committee to help in our work. We are very grateful for the Uniting Church's continuing concern and interest.

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

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

Letter to the Prime Minister Mr. Scott Morrison from Fr. Malcolm Fyfe msc Vicar General Darwin Diocese - regarding the policy and treatment of asylum seekers: Copies of this letter are available on the table in the foyer or online at.....

<http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au/uploads/ARTICLES/2019%20Asylum%20Seekers%20Refugees%20Letter.pdf>

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.

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 0419 818 410 or Gabrielle on 0409 376 288.



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.

LIBRARY NEWS: Our display of books on the different ministries of the church include “The Ministry of music”, “The Ministry of Cantors”, “What every Catholic needs to know about the Eucharist” and “Stop reading and start proclaiming”.

Reflection

Being Present

Taken at a literal level, this week's gospel passage can be a problematic one. Jesus is dining at the house of Martha and she busies herself trying to be a good host and serving her guest, while her sister, Mary, simply sits and enjoys the company of Jesus. Martha complains about her sister's apparent laziness and finds herself chastised by Jesus.

On the surface, Martha is doing the right thing: providing hospitality for her guest. Yet Mary is the one whose actions are affirmed. Like in the parable of the Good Samaritan last week, the gospel writer reminds us that being preoccupied with one's duty – even in service of God – is not what God desires. Martha has forgotten that the guest is also a gift! Having welcomed and shown appropriate hospitality to her guest, Martha should have then accepted the gift of the guest, that is, the company and presence of the welcome guest. Instead she continues to busy herself with serving while her sister shows true welcome: accepting the gift of the guest's company.

Martha was everything good and right, but one thing she was not. She was not *present*—most likely, not present to herself, her own feelings of resentment, perhaps her own martyr complex, her need to be needed. This is the kind of goodness that does no good! If she was not present to herself, Martha could not be present to her guests in any healing way, and spiritually speaking, she could not even be present to God. Presence is of one piece. How you are present to anything is how you can be present to God, loved ones, strangers, those who are suffering.

When we welcome a guest into our house, we can be too worried about impressing the guest with lavish hospitality and our best serving ware, rather than relaxing and enjoying the company of the guest. Like Martha, we can overlook the fact that God is present when we welcome a guest.

Resources used: Reflection, by Greg Sunter & One Thing, By Richard Rohr OFM

Heart Spirituality

The depths of the Heart of Jesus

O Jesus, I believe you when you show your adorable Heart and say:

Behold this Heart that has so loved you all!

Yes, I believe you, when you affirm with the Church and the saints that what you feel comes from your Heart, the centre of your love, the inspirer of your self-giving, the throne of your mercy, the treasure of heaven and of earth, the abyss of all virtues, An ocean of goodness, a fountain of life, the source of all graces, the refuge of sinners, the strength of the weak, the perseverance of the just, the hope of the dying, the terror of demons, the sanctification of Hearts, the house of God and the gate of heaven and a furnace of love.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, Paris 1900)

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

Stewardship

Jesus says, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

What is that one thing? It is to put Jesus first in our lives and above all other things; to "sit at his feet" and listen as Mary did, giving Him the first priority of our time no matter how busy we think we are.

When we truly commit to putting Christ first in our daily lives through a regular time of prayer and frequent participation in the sacraments we will find that all our other concerns become less pressing, less overwhelming. Why is this so? Because the time we invest in our relationship with God saturates all aspects of our lives with His grace. And because God cannot be outdone in generosity. He will abundantly reward any sacrifice we make in order to spend time with Him.

[Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com](http://TheCatholicSteward.com)

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

Recently Deceased: *Dolly Munoz*

Anniversary: *Naomi Slater, Rudi Weiss, Joseph Myatt, Rita Riddle, Isabella Backhaus, Gwendoline White, Sheila Marshall, Mary Mules, James Patterson, Queenie Solomonsz, Maria Pedic, Thomas Pinner, Czeslaw Kowalski, Debra Niquet, Wallace Johnson, Dianne Fraser, Darryl Bremer, Frank Sculthorpe, , Donald Briggs, Betty Coughlin, Domiatilla Mallia, Valentini Vrataric, Daniel Keneally, Therese Van Der Vliet, Carol Thompson, Bernard Coughlin, Jillian McInerney, Ardina Dudok, June Traynor, Mathilde Clemence, Diane Eccles, Nola Faulkner, Andrew Faulkner, Andrew Kenna, John Connelly, Merle Maloney, Benito Berces, Caleb Heddle*

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
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
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RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The just will live in the presence
of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the word
with a generous heart
and yield a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!

Readings – 28 July 2019

First Reading	Gen 18:20-32
Psalm	Ps137:1-3, 6-8
Second Reading	Col 2:12-14
Gospel	Luke 11:1-13

28 July Reading Roster

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Margaret Luck
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Judy Lane, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

28 July Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Marie McKie, Margaret McMahon, John Drury, VACANT, VACANT
8:30am	Agnes Pham, Gerard Teng, Ted & Clare Kell, VACANT
10:00am	Robin Williams, Libby Costello, Pat Sheppard, Erin Pitt, Maida Kajkic
6:00pm	VACANT

28 July Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Judy Netting
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Margaret Ohlin, Mercia Needham
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	22 July	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	27 July	David Pigram, Matthew Garton, Mike Lavis
Counting:	28 July	Group 7
Church Cleaning:	22 July	Joseph Lê Văn Hải Sam Van Nguyen

On a Lighter note

What did the M&M go to college? Because he
wanted to be a Smarty.