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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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28 July 2019

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From the Pastor's desk.....

A businessman who needed millions of dollars to clinch an important deal went to church to pray for the money. By chance he knelt next to a man who was praying for \$100 to pay an urgent debt. The businessman took out his wallet and pressed \$100 into the other man's hand. Overjoyed, the man got up and left the church. The businessman then closed his eyes and prayed, "And now, Lord..., now that I have your undivided attention...."

Often prayer is associated with asking God for help. We call this prayer of petition. Jesus tells us that we must be persistent in our prayers. We need to keep knocking on the door. Does that mean that God is hard of hearing or that he is indifferent to our needs? Of course not! Persistence in prayer is necessary because it reminds us of our utter dependence on God for all our needs. Prayer of petition is a wonderful lesson in humility. It teaches us to stand before God who is the author of our lives and the provider of all our needs. Ultimately we are not self-reliant. We depend totally on God.

"Lord, teach us to prayer" is itself a petition. "Lord, we don't know how to prayer. You teach us." The prayer that Jesus gives to his disciples is in turn a prayer consisting of litany of petitions. But it's a very short list. The Lord's Prayer is a distillation of the essential attitude of the disciple. The prayer directs us to the Father – as Jesus life and mission was wholly orientated to serving the Father. And then we pray that God's will be done.

Yes, there will be times when we need to pray to God for our personal petitions and needs. But the primary petition that we address as Jesus' disciples is that God's kingdom will come, not our own.

***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.

First Holy Communion Please pray for the 35 children from the parish and the primary school who are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist. Communion masses are:

3 August - Vigil	10 August - Vigil
4 August 10:00am	11 August 10:00am
4 August 6:00pm	31 August - Vigil

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.

Over 45's will meet on **Wednesday 31 July** for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION Mass Times

St John's Kippax

Vigil Mass	Wed	14 Aug	6:00pm
Mass of the Day	Thurs	15 Aug	9:30am

Mass at St John the Apostle Primary School will be at 12noon at the School.

St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood
Thursday 15 August 9:30am - 7:00pm
St Matthew's Page
Thursday 15 August 6:00pm

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 parish communication in this format.



Vinnies Winter Appeal



There will be a **leaving collection** after all Masses **this weekend** for the **Vinnies Winter Appeal**. Donations will be used by the Kippax Conference to help poor families on fixed and low pay for food and other essentials. **Your support is appreciated.** Receipts can be provided, and envelopes will be available for credit card donations.



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.

BELCONNEN YOUTH

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

First and Third Sundays
after the 6:00pm Mass

Next gathering 4 August

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

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.

Reflection

All things are in God's hands

The parable and teaching that follow the Lord's Prayer make clear the particular purpose of prayer that Jesus was highlighting – prayer as petition. In this instance, Jesus assures us that if we pray for what we need with conviction and confidence, then God cannot fail to respond to our prayer. Jesus in fact encourages us to be demanding and persistent in our prayer.

Jesus says in the gospel, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.' The actions of asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer, we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered, if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

A crucial aspect of prayer is the attitude with which we view God. We trust in God's character that it is not a pointless exercise to ask for something. We trust that God is even more loving than a parent who tries to give their child what they need. If we did not make these basic assumptions about God, there would be little point in prayer. When our prayer lives falter at times, perhaps we need to first check out our relationship with God and our attitude towards God before trying to 'fix' the ways we pray.

Resources used: Reflection, by Greg Sunter & Reflection, Dianne Bergant CSA

Heart Spirituality

Prayer

Jesus says, "Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; Knock, and the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks will receive; whoever seeks will find; and the door will be opened to anyone who knocks." These are the words dictated by my love, which is more eager to give than people are to receive. It hastens to open the door for them, afraid they might have to wait too long.

Note how my love multiplies its promises in order to make you more confident in asking for the graces you need, and to prepare you to receive them. If you want to become perfect, raise up to me the cry of your distress; lay your needs before me, and I promise you my help without fail.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Ecole du Sacré-Coeur, p.145f, Issoudun 1892)

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

Stewardship

The *Our Father* truly is the ultimate steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own.

As we pray the words of the *Our Father*, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the basis of a stewardship way of life.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to pursue a relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door!

He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go, be a blessing to others!

Stewardship is just that simple.

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

"To be on earth the Heart of God"

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Valentini Vratavic,

Therese Van Der Vliet, Carol Thompson,
Betty Coughlin, Daniel Keneally, 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,
Marie Uhr, Evelyn Guy, Lorraine Rickard,
Denes Bogsanyi, Edward Carr, Christine Robinson,
Basil Smith, Maryte Puzas, Joan Hafner,
Michael Ciszek, Leonard Hill, Keith Jobling,
Olive Joyce, Donald Telford.

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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LIBRARY NEWS: Our display books this week help to bring us a greater awareness of the roles of the different ministries within our Church – those of the Eucharist, music, cantors and lectors.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You have received the Spirit which
makes us God's children,
And in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!

Readings – 4 August 2019

First Reading	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23
Psalm	Ps 89:3-6, 12-14
Second Reading	Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel	Luke 12:13-21

4 August

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

4 August

Ministers of Communion

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

4 August

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:	29 July	Gabrielle Culhane
Grounds	3 Aug	VACANT
Counting:	4 Aug	Group 2

Church Cleaning:	29 July	Sharon Greaves, Marian England
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On a Lighter note

My friend David lost his ID...
Now I call him Dav.