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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C

4 August 2019

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From the Pastor's desk.....

This week's gospel continues the theme of journey. Jesus and his disciples are journeying to Jerusalem. While on this journey Jesus takes many opportunities to instruct his disciples. In last week's gospel he teaches them the Lord's Prayer. It is essentially a prayer for the journey: "Give us this day our daily bread". Give us what we need for the day, both our spiritual and physical needs. We need not be preoccupied with tomorrow; just our basic needs for the day will suffice.

The parable that we hear in today's gospel reinforces this teaching. Here we are shown the folly of the rich man who stores up his treasures only to have his life snatched away during the night. There is nothing wrong with possessions, or with making provision for our future needs. What is important, however, is our fundamental attitude to possessions and the future. Being disciples of Jesus means that we are on a journey and that our true home lies in heaven.

I remember hearing about the distinction between needs and wants. Often we want something, but if we step back and ask ourselves: Do I really need this? Often the answer is no. I may want to dine on champagne and caviar every night (to give an absurd example) but obviously I do not need this extravagance. On the other hand I do need a nutritious and balanced diet for my well-being.

In today's society where the illusion of consumerism promises unbridled happiness and the propaganda that greater and greater profits yielded in the open market are somehow going to make us better off, the sober warning in Jesus' parable is as relevant today as ever.

***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

First Holy Communion Vigil & 10:00am masses

We welcome our First Communications who will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this weekend.

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We pray that Jesus will be their light and guide all the days of their lives.

SJASJ AUGUST

Social Justice Brochure
In the Church foyer



Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 19 August
7:15pm Parish Library



Vinnies Winter Appeal

Thank you for your generous donations to Vinnies for the poor in our community. Over \$3000 was donated which will enable us to provide a hand up to many families and individuals in our local community. If you missed the appeal donation envelopes are available on the table in the foyer. Cash donations can also be placed in the Poor Box at the back of the church at any time.



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.



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



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

Next gathering 24 August

**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 faith, friendship and fun, then stay for the Youth Mass at 6:00pm.

Contact Sarah.Larkin@cg.org.au

ENGLISH CONVERSATION PLAYGROUP

Cost: Free

Day: Wednesday

Time: 12:30pm – 2:00pm

**Location: Kippax Uniting Community Centre,
Luke Street Holt**

Contact: Elena 62541733

kippaxkids@kippax.org.au

This group welcomes parents, grandparents and carers of children 5 years and under who want to practice their English in a relaxed and friendly environment.

You're Invited...

2019 Caritas Women for the World Lunch

By coming together we stand in solidarity with a worldwide community of women enabling them to uphold dignity, tackle poverty and overcome injustice.

Guest Speaker: Ms Mungreiphy Shimray - who has worked with Caritas India for over twenty years.

Event Details:

- Date: Thursday 12 September 2019
- Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm
- Venue: Royal Canberra Golf Club, 71 Bentham St, Yarralumla
- Cost: \$130 per person

Price includes 2 course menu and drinks

For more information fiona.wilkinson@caritas.org.au
or call Lulu Mitshabu on 6201 9581.

Reflection

Focus on the Kingdom of God

Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting.

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Our modern society is particularly dominated by a mindset of accumulating more than we might ever need. Our consumerist lifestyle nurtures the desire to accumulate more and more 'stuff'. We talk about built-in obsolescence of manufactured goods and every new technological device makes older models redundant so that we feel we constantly have to upgrade. Status is attained by having money and the freedom to use it.

Having money is not the issue, because money, and the health, education and welfare that flow from it are good things, whereas poverty is an evil that God wants wiped off the face of the earth. The problem is what we do with money and what it does to us. Some Christians think that just because they are financially comfortable from legitimate earnings, they do not have to take any responsibility for the world's poor who are often stereotyped as being lazy, war-mongering and irreligious. These images may justify not sharing more of the excess we have, but it does not remove the moral obligation Jesus demands of us today.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. An authentic God experience situates us in the world in a very different way. After an encounter with True Presence you see things quite differently, and it gives you freedom from your need for security, your status, your economics, and your very identity.

Resources Used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ,
Reflection, by Dianne Bergant CSA,
Reflection, by Greg Sunter.

Heart Spirituality

The vow of Poverty

In the name of Jesus Christ,
The King of the poor,
let all practice poverty,
As understood in our Society,
sincerely and with utmost diligence.
They will achieve this effectively if they
keep in mind the great and innumerable
benefits to be found in it.
Let all love poverty as a mother;
use nothing as their own;
and suffer willingly to be given the
worst things in the house.

(MSC Constitutions, Chap. V. 1877)

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

Stewardship

Jesus makes it clear that life is not about "stuff" as he tells the parable of the wealthy businessman who thought he had everything figured out. The man had such an abundance of stuff that he didn't have room to store it all. So, thinking of earthly things and not on what is above, he decided to build a bigger place to store all that stuff. Patting himself on the back, he thought about what good times he would have in the years ahead. But, Jesus tells us that day would turn out to be the man's last day on the earth. And he had spent it thinking only of himself. How foolish!

Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eyes, Christian steward. And you will be rich in what matters most.

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

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.

"To be on earth the Heart of God"

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

Recently Deceased: Sr. Marie Miller rsj

Anniversary: Merle Maloney, Benito Berces,
Caleb Heddle, Marie Uhr, Evelyn Guy,
Larraine Rickard, Denes Bogsanyi, Edward Carr,
Christine Robinson, Basil Smith, Maryte Puzas,
Joan Hafner, Michael Ciszek, Leonard Hill,
Keith Jobling, Olive Joyce, Donald Telford,
Bona Duffy, Lindsay Guest, Adam Markham,
Arthur O'Callaghan, Wesley Perceval,
Margaret Cole, Alfred Clynych, Manning Hoy,
Dominic Pham, Mieke Van Rooy, Indianna Forth,
Norman Pentland, Phillip Doran

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
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

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: Some of the Library's books on social justice are on display this week including "Church and state: Australia's imaginary wall", John Paul II's encyclical "On social concerns" and "Belonging to the universe: new thinking about God's nature."

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refugee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
The kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Readings – 11 August 2019

First Reading	Wis 18:6-9
Psalm	Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22
Second Reading	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Gospel	Luke 12:32-48

11 August Reading Roster

5:00pm	Mary French, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgeyser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Ann Reynolds, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Anna White

11 August Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena, VACANT
8:30am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh, Peter Polkinghorne
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Frank Colley, Francesca Deklin, Margaret Gill
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck, Maria Devine, Eoin Garton

11 August Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Michael Horan, Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	5 Aug	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	10 Aug	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard
Counting:	11 Aug	Group 4
Church Cleaning:	5 Aug	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman

On a Lighter note

Q. What do you give to a sick citrus tree?
A. Lemon aid.