

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C**  
**25 August 2019 #39.19**

### From the Pastor's desk.....

The Victorian Court of Appeal decision that was handed down on Wednesday that upheld Cardinal George Pell's conviction is but another sorry episode in the travesty that has continued to plague the church. Wherever the truth lies in the case of George Pell the glaring fact is that the church has failed in a most spectacular manner. Nothing short of a courageous and soul-searching effort to reform the church is called for.

Yet despite its failings the church must continue to proclaim the gospel message of Jesus. In its prophetic role the church is called to interpret contemporary issues through the lens of Jesus' teaching. This Sunday we mark the occasion of the 105th World Day for Migrants and Refugees. Below is a short quote from Pope Francis' 2019 message for World Day for Migrants and Refugees Sunday:

*The most economically advanced societies are witnessing a growing trend towards extreme individualism which, combined with a utilitarian mentality and reinforced by the media, is producing a "globalization of indifference". In this scenario, migrants, refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking have become emblems of exclusion. In addition to the hardships that their condition entails, they are often looked down upon and considered the source of all society's ills. That attitude is an alarm bell warning of the moral decline we will face if we continue to give ground to the throw-away culture. In fact, if it continues, anyone who does not fall within the accepted norms of physical, mental and social well-being is at risk of marginalization and exclusion. (The full message can be accessed on the Vatican website: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/index.html>)*

Again, I acknowledge and thank the members of the St John the Apostle Refugee Resettlement Committee. The Refugee Resettlement Committee has been a proud part of this parish's history of outreach and involvement in the wider community.

***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.

## ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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.



## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MIGRANT & REFUGEE OFFICE

### 105<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The **Refugee Resettlement Committee** invites you to join us on this occasion at **morning tea after the 10am mass this Sunday** in the foyer. You are welcome to come in traditional dress, and perhaps bring a small dish from your own country. There will be displays and information available.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is celebrated on the last Friday of each month after the 9:30am mass.  
**Next anointing will be 30 August.**

### St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

*The next breakfast is*

**7:30am Tuesday  
27 August 2019**

*Lucky Shot Espresso Bar*  
Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB



We are reading  
*The Year of the Farmer,*  
by Rosalie Ham

Sunday 15 September- 3:00 pm  
Parish Library.

There are four copies of the book available at the parish office

### MSC MISSIONS

**Fr. Roger Purcell msc** the new Director of the MSC Mission Office will be in our parish on the weekend 31 August/1 September. There will be a collection for **MSC Missions** after all masses.

### Men's Retreat Weekend

**30 August 2019**

Join other men of faith reflecting on select scripture passages and exploring how, the power of "Yes!" changed circumstances in dark times; how we can live in the light of God's truth which can bring much joy to our lives and much needed peace and harmony. Through a series of meditations, there will be an exploration into the many different facets of God being with us and always loving us. Cost \$230.00

Mr Paul White. St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre,  
Douglas Park website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>  
Ph:46300233

Email [contact@towersretreat.org.au](mailto:contact@towersretreat.org.au)

### HYMNFEST – "SINGING THE GOSPEL"

*multi-denominational celebration of  
our mutual Christian faith*

Where: Mosaic Baptist Church Page

Date: 31 August

Time: 2.30pm

As in past years the Service will be followed by an Afternoon Tea served

### Music Extravaganza with Robert Schmidli

*Renowned concert pianist Robert Schmidli will once again offer his exceptional musical gifts to raise awareness and money for*  
**L'Arche Genesaret.**

Date: 8 September 2019

Venue: Wesley Music Centre  
20-22 National Circuit, Forrest

Time: 3.00pm.

Tickets: \$25 adults, \$20 concession,  
\$15 students and \$10 children.

Tickets are now available via the Trybooking website. Please use this link  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BEDCY>

### POSITION VACANT

#### Part Time Parish Secretary

#### St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood

This is a permanent part-time position of twelve hours per week, with days and times to be agreed with the Parish Priest. Please phone 6258 1563 for a copy of the selection criteria and duty statement. Applications must be received by 7 September 2019. Enquiries to Sr Colleen on 6258 1563 or [charnwood@cg.org.au](mailto:charnwood@cg.org.au)

### FLAT FOR RENT

Fully furnished 1 bed room granny flat available in Flynn. Would suit a single, working professional. Contact 0415 266 019

**"To be on earth the Heart of God"**

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# Reflection

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## What is your Status?

Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives.

Jesus reminds his audience that their status in society means nothing when it comes to their status in the kingdom of God. What will make people 'first' in the kingdom is their acceptance of Jesus' message, their faith and their compassionate actions toward others. Jesus' insistence on the inherent value of the 'last' in society must have been a constant irritant to those who considered themselves 'first'.

Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom is attained through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.

To be Christian is more than a name; more than a title. If we put our hand up and claim the title of Christian, then there are consequences that flow from that. Those who are disillusioned by religion frequently name hypocrisy as the major reason for their disillusionment. Sometimes, that's an easy out. We can't all live like Jesus all of the time. However, we are called to take Jesus as our model of the Christian life and to use his example as a guiding beacon. To call ourselves Christian is to try to be Christ-like in all our actions.

Resources used: Reflection, by Greg Sunter

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# Heart Spirituality

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## The large number of saints

It is good to think of the network of love with which God at every moment surrounds each soul he created on earth.

With each one he acts in a different way. Although their differences are numberless, the attentions of his love are more. Each one's biography is a marvelous history of God's goodness. Could God's limitless, all powerful love allow him in the end to lose most of those he wanted to save? In the implacable duel between love and hatred, life and death, is the final and eternal victory to be won by death and hatred? God did not die on a cross to reap a lean harvest of elect, here and there! His harvest will be rich and superabundant! And the final victory will be his. The Heart of Jesus, to whom we owe heaven, fills us with the most consoling hope, for he is mercy incarnate.

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

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

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## Stewardship

### The first will be last and the last will be first

St. Paul often in his letters, remind us over and over that our thoughts should be as much on the next life as on this one. Yet when we hear in today's Gospel that the first will be last and the last will be first, we may think there is some lack of justice there.

Jesus does not state this as a definite. He actually is telling us that the first may be last and the last may be first. The truth is that it really is not important. Our faith, the Lord, our sense of stewardship repeatedly remind us that what we think is important on earth may not be important in heaven at all. There is a Greek proverb that says, "Being first is good, but being last is perfect." We are all called to discipleship and we need to answer that call. Responding before someone else does not make us better, but responding is very important.

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

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

## Recently Deceased:

*Sr. Mary John Keenan*

**Anniversary:** *Ronald Ryan, Alfred Niquet, Dorothy Hornick, Majorie Carew, Edmund Kennedy, Alexander Aikman, Hedwig Von Straaten, Winifred Bridges, Joseph Weinheber, Andres Munoz, Tere Fearon, Bill Fearon, Anna Yoo, Sheila Dignam, Antonia Mrsnik, Armando Cavuoto, Patrick Sheehan, Gladys Anderson, Virginia Matera, Melinda Davis, Annette Polak, William Wiegold, Philip Smith, Mary Telford, Gaye Walmsley, Susan O'Dwyer, Josephine Smith, Ralph Dunn, William Schofield, Dorothy Hush, Andre Domjan, Ivan Jones, Kathleen MacKay, Colin McEvoy, Anton Mrsnik, Sonia Mewburn, Andrew Jeffers, Wesley Dunn, Patrick Whittle, Joseph Boyd, John Grannall, Michelle Brewer.*

## PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 7.30-8.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
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 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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:** To acknowledge that 25<sup>th</sup> August is celebrated as Migrant and Refugee Sunday we have displayed some of the library's books which cover the topic of newcomers to our land.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Go out to all the world  
and tell the Good News

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the way, the truth, and the life,  
says the Lord;  
No one comes to the Father,  
except through me.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 1 September 2019

First Reading	Sir 3:17-20,28-29
Psalm	Ps 67:4-7, 10-11
Second Reading	Heb 12:18-19, 22-24
Gospel	Luke 14:1, 7-14

### 1 Sept

### Reading Roster

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

### 1 Sept

### Ministers of Communion

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

### 1 Sept

### Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joe & 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:	26 Aug	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	31 Aug	All Groups
Counting:	1 Sept	Group 1

Church Cleaning:	26 Aug	Joseph Lê Văn Hải Sam Van Nguyen
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## On a Lighter note

Just been offered a job at a local ice cream shop, but I turned it down. I don't like working on sundaes.