

COMPACT

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
27 January 2019

Year C
#9.19

From the Pastor's desk.....

Today we return to the Gospel of Luke which dominates the cycle of readings for Year C. In today's gospel Jesus inaugurates his ministry through the symbolic enactment of reading and preaching in the synagogue of his hometown of Nazareth.

What is intriguing is the brevity of Jesus' sermon. After reading a passage from the prophet Isaiah he simply says, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." But what a punch is packed into that micro homily!

The Old Testament background is important here. The promise of God found in the Old Testament is now being fulfilled in Jesus. But how this salvation is being fulfilled is important. The passage that Jesus selects to read is a blueprint for a program of social justice and hospitality. *'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour'.*



Next Saturday morning we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – traditionally called Candlemas. The Feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century and was adopted in Rome during the seventh century. Celebrated forty days after Christmas, commemorating the prescribed Mosaic ritual following the birth of a child, and recalling the encounter of Jesus with Simeon and Anna in the temple. Christ is "the light to enlighten all nations", and so candles are blessed during the introductory rites and carried in the entrance procession.

Peace & blessings,
Gerard

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm
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 5:00pm – 5:30pm
or by appointment with the priest



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.

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Becoming Catholic Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]

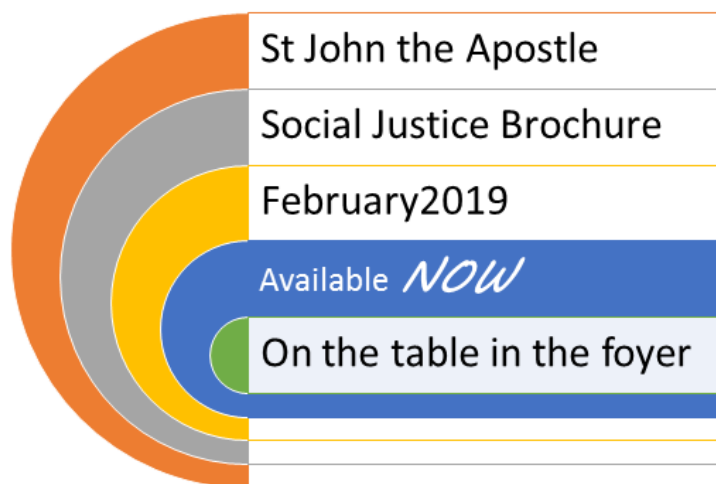
St John the Apostle Parish runs a RCIA program all year. If you know someone who would like to become Catholic, please contact the parish office for more information.

Parish News.....

Over 45's will meet on **Wednesday 30 January** 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



Blessing of Candles

There will be a special MASS on **Saturday 2 Feb at 9:30am on The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

You are invited to bring your prayer candle to this mass. The "blessing of candles ceremony" will take place during the mass. Your candle can be placed on the table provided in front of the altar before mass. You will then collect your blessed candle at the conclusion of mass.

Thank you: The Refugee Resettlement Committee [RRC] would like to thank the person who donated the evaporative cooler for the refugee family in our community.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY The parish office will be closed on Monday 28 January 2019. Australia Day holiday.

"To be on earth the Heart of God"

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

The Shepherd's Hut

by Tim Winton

Sunday 17 February - 3:00 pm

Parish Library

Catholic Social Teaching: Living the Gospel Short Course

Australian Catholic University Canberra

Time: 6pm - 8pm - (refreshments provided from 6pm)

Date	Topic & Speaker
Mon 25 Feb	<i>Catholic Social Thought: Theological foundation for action.</i>
Mon 4 Mar	<i>Living Justly: Sacred Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching</i>
Mon 18 Mar	<i>Exploring human dignity</i>
Mon 25 Mar	<i>The Common good: The good of all of us.</i>

Fees: Certificate of Participation: \$100.00
Attendance only: \$50

Vinnies 2019 DOORKNOCK

THANK YOU



Make A Difference

Volunteer



A big thank you to the people who have volunteered to doorknock and help on the Kippax stall.

Doorknock kits may be picked up after mass at the Vinnies table in the foyer.

We still need volunteers in all areas to doorknock. If you are able to help, please see one of the Conference members in the foyer and collect a kit.

Each kit contains detailed instructions and all you need to know to do the Doorknock.



Reflection

Hearing & Listening

Both Ezra and Jesus proclaimed the word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration, a setting similar to the ones wherein most people today hear God's word proclaimed. According to the teaching of Vatican II, the liturgy is described as the source and summit of our lives, and the liturgy of the word is an essential part of that celebration.

The Liturgy of the Word, is a constitutive part of the mass. We gather to listen to what God has done and still intends to do for us. It's an experience that happens "directly" and not by having heard, because "when Sacred Scripture is read in Church, God Himself speaks to His people and Christ, present in the Word, proclaims the Gospel" (*Ordinamento Generale del Messale Romano*, 29; Cf. *Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 7; 33).

We need to listen to the Word of God with an open heart. God speaks and we listen, we then put into practice what we have heard. It's certainly not enough to listen with the ears, without receiving in the heart the seed of the divine Word, enabling it to bear fruit.

We need to listen to God! It is, in fact, a question of life, as the incisive expression well reminds us that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (*Matthew 4:4*) — the life that the Word of God gives us.

We must each seek out and listen to the word of God in our lives. God is always speaking to us, in the language of our lives. But it can be difficult to make out what he is saying over the noise of the world.

The word of God to us is often counter-intuitive. What God is telling us often isn't what we want to hear. It's often not easily recognized or understood, agreeable or believable to us. Hearing the word of God and keeping it requires faith.

The word of God elicits various responses. With the people of Ezra, we are invited to respond: 'Amen, amen! Thanks be to God!'

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS & *On the Liturgy of the Word*, by Pope Francis.

Heart Spirituality

The Word of God

The seed is the word of God. We often hear that Word of God shared out to us in a variety of forms: preaching, edifying reading, pious talks. But apart from the word that strikes our ears, the Word communicates another to us, coming to us through the enlightenment with which he illumines our understanding, through his graces that stir our hearts and persuade our will. Let us thank the divine Heart of Jesus who gives us all these precious favours with such generosity and kindness.

(*Meditations 1*, p. 288f)
Jules Chevalier
Issoudun 1891

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

Stewardship

In the Old Testament, the Israelites were commanded by God to tithe — that is, to give 10 percent of their earnings to God for the service of the Temple. Today, this is a concept that we find inconceivable. The reality is simple: you cannot out-give God. You cannot out-do God in generosity.

There are many inspiring stories of generosity in the New Testament: the young boy who gave everything he had (five loaves and two fish), thereby jeopardizing his family's welfare for the day. With that donation Jesus worked a grand miracle and fed thousands of hungry souls. At the end of the day, the boy went home with a hundred times more than he had given. Then there's the story of the woman who had a jar of precious ointment, worth close to \$15,000 in today's currency, and she splurged and used it all to anoint Jesus.

When we give sacrificially, our joy increases and our freedom expands. The less you have, the fewer worries you experience. In fact, that's the spirit of the Sermon on the Mount: Jesus teaches us to trust in God, not in mammon, and not to worry.

[Father Francis Hoffman](#) [The Catholic Answer](#)

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

Recently Deceased: *Barbara Clark*
[Judy Mewburn's sister].

Anniversary: *Nicholas McInerney,
Emanuel Grech, Bernadette Davis, Joan Casey,
Maxwell Lewis, Kyall Green, James Fitzgibbon,
Michael Sweeney, Geoffrey Fisher, Jane Packard,
Armando Arugay, Frank Ripszam, Michael Ryan,
Janelle Sykes, Desmond Jones, Rupert Waterford,
Declan Morris, Margaret Hiss, Jehanne Thelland,
Alice Tonna, Alexander Powell, Robert Thomas,
Doreen Kennedy, Salvatore Nasca, Julian Oakley*

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation [Library]	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	Thursday 4:30 – 5:10pm

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 Thursday 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
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

LIBRARY NEWS:

Many thanks to those who have
returned overdue books recently.
Keep up the good work!

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to
the poor and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

Readings – 3 February 2019

First Reading Jer 1:4-5. 17-19
Psalm Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17.
Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31-13:13
Gospel Luke 4:21-30

3 Feb

Reading Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O'Heir, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Matthew Garton, Dennis Puniard

3 Feb

Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Janet Almond, Judy Netting, Joe & Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Victoria Scarano, VACANT
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Henny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Maria Devine, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan, James & Toni Cox

3 Feb

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joe & Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Mercia Needham
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Agnes Pham

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	28 Jan	Margaret Stanford
Grounds:	2 Feb	David Pigram, Matthew Garton, Mike Lavis
Counting:	3 Feb	Group 2
Church Cleaning:	28 Jan	Joseph Lé Văn Hải, Sam Van Nguyen

On a Lighter note

Dad is scratching his eye.

Me: "Are you okay?"

Dad: "No I'm really worried I've got a piece of
steel in my eye."

Me: "Why?"

Dad: "Because I may have it for the rust of my
life."