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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 September 2019

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Twenty-second Sunday of the Year

Our celebrant and preacher today is Fr. Roger Purcell msc, the Director of the MSC Missions Office. He is here to speak to us about the many Projects the Office funds in many countries, and appeal for our support.

Often our world seems to be about status and influence, about power and who wields it, about being in-charge and dominating things. Our readings indicate a different way and a different set of values.

The Old Testament sets in contrast “the homage of the humble” and the “proud man’s malady”. So often the rich and powerful rely on their own resources and power. The meaning of humility on the other hand is to stand in right relations with God; this is to be aware of our own strength and goodness, but also our reliance of God as the source of all we have and all we are.

The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that “everyone is a ‘first-born’ and a citizen of heaven”. There is a “new covenant” marking a new way of living and relating. It is a way of equality, dignity and justice.

As always Jesus leads us to a new way of seeing things, a new way of relating to others. For our party, not “friends, brother, relations or rich”, but rather the “poor, the cripple, the lame, the blind”.

Our Mission Office seeks to follow this way of our ancient faith and Jesus’ direction. We reach out to those who need help, we extend a hand as a “hand-up, not a handout”.



From Fr. Roger Purcell msc
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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.

Parish News.....

We Welcome Fr. Roger Purcell msc the new Director of the MSC Mission Office will be in our parish this weekend. There will be a collection for **MSC Missions** after all masses.

Bless Every Father

Loving God, bless every father and everyone who has a fathering role with the best of your spiritual blessings today. Let him know he is not alone in the tasks you have given him to provide for and support those under his care.

Today, on special days, and for all the days of his life, fill him with the best of your blessings. Amen

September Baptisms

We welcome into our community:

Rosie Le Tran,
Daughter of Rod and Jacinta;
Krzysztof Orzelek,
Son of Tomasz and Telisa;
Harper Hunt,
Daughter of Bevan and Kayley;
James Craven,
Son of Daniel and Leah.



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 three copies of the book available at the parish office

Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 16 September
7:15pm Parish Library



Relax, Review, Reflect Faith and film

Friday 27 September at 7:30pm



**We are watching:
"NIGHT TRAIN TO LISBON"**

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

"To be on earth the Heart of God"

Funeral Notice

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of
Maria (Mary) Nguyen Thi Huon

Will be celebrated on
4 September 2019 - 11:30AM
St John the Apostle Parish Kippax
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There will be **NO 9:30am Mass** on
Wednesday 4 September

Plenary Council of Australia Let's Listen and Discern

The second phase is soon to begin.

Information available at:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

St Mary's Towers Douglas Park Upcoming Program

September

18-26	Spirituality of the Arts - Michelle Vass
27-30	Lifting the Veil - Living in liminal space Fr. John Armstrong

October

4-10	Flowing in the Light – Prayer with Mechthilde of Magdeburg - Michelle Vass
18-20	Abide in my love – Prayer Weekend Pauline Compton fdnsc
25-31	I call you Friends - Michelle Vass

November

1-3	Women Mystics – Women's Prayer Weekend Michelle Vass & Pauline Compton fdnsc
15-18	Mindfulness & Prayer Lou Nulley & Michelle Vass
22-28	Entering the Mystery of Contemplation with Teresa and John - Michelle Vass & Michael Fallon msc

Email: towersretreat@bigpond.com

<http://www.towersretreat.org.au>

Belconnen Youth Ministry

Inviting all students in year 3-7 to join us for an afternoon of faith, friendship and fun at South Belconnen Parish's Junior Youth Group and Youth Mass. Join us in Marian Hall just outside of St Matthew's Church, Page on Saturday 21st September at 4:45pm for Youth Group then stay on to celebrate Mass at 6pm. Contact Youth Minister Sarah for more information at Sarah.Larkin@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

Reflection

Humility & Honesty

The only people who grow in truth are those who are humble and honest. Without those two qualities – humility and honesty – we just don't grow. If we try to use religion to aggrandize the self, we will end up just the opposite: proud and dishonest. Humility and honesty are really the same thing. A humble person is simply someone who is naturally honest about their own truth.

Growth in the spiritual life takes place not by acquisition of something new. It isn't like the acquisition of new information, which some call "spiritual capitalism." In reality our growth is "a treasure hidden in a field" (Matthew 13:44). It is only discovered by the release of our current defence postures, by letting go of fear and our attachment to self-image. Once our defences are out of the way and we are humble and poor, truth is allowed to show itself. Truth shows itself when it is free from ideology, fear and anger.

Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

Resources used: *Humility and Honesty*, by Richard Rohr OFM, & *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant, CSA

Heart Spirituality

Humility

Jesus says, I put humility first among all the virtues, because it is the root of all the others, and because it was especially humility that I taught the world. If you possess it, you will avoid spectacular actions; you will remain in the shade, unless obedience calls you forward.

Those who always want to attract attention, or who appear only when they are sure of success, are far from possessing this virtue. They seek fame and applause more than anything else. Full of themselves, they accept humble tasks, in which they cannot shine, only with repugnance: "Vanity of vanities."

Jules Chevalier msc
(Ecole du Sacré-Coeur, p.179, Issoudun 1892)

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

Stewardship

We can never fully understand the mysteries of life or some of the complex aspects of faith and stewardship. That is where humility comes into play—accept the truth and follow the Lord. The opposite of humility — pride, can be hazardous to us as Christians.

We are called to stewardship, to discipleship, to love, and if it means giving someone else our seat, or our place in line (the first shall be last and the last shall be first), then so be it. Amen, a Hebrew word, means, after all, "so be it." Amen!

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

Refugee Resettlement Committee

Next Meeting: Thursday 5th September

at 7.30 in the parish centre.

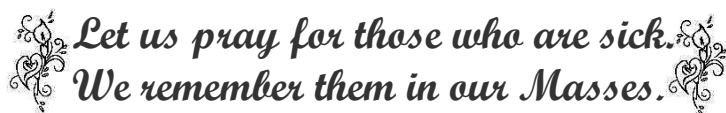
All are welcome to attend.

SJA Social Justice Newsletter

September 2019

out now!

Available in the Church foyer



RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

God, in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.

Recently Deceased: *Maria Nguyen*

Anniversary: *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,
Alvaro del Busto, Christopher Halloran,
Elizabeth Murray, Des Kiley, Sheila Whigham
Giuseppe Scalora, John O'Neill, Leslie Collins,
Joan Larkham, Jennifer Kenny, Alice Gibb,
Taya Quade, Marie Happ, Susan Ferguson,
Honorio Kelly.*

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 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: "We are better than this: essays addressing policies on asylum seekers", "The Love of Christ towards migrants", "Immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers: a global view" and "The State of the world's refugees" are some of the titles on display this week.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Readings – 8 September 2019

First Reading	Wis 9:13-18
Psalm	Ps 89:3-6, 12-147, 17
Second Reading	Phim 9-10, 12-17
Gospel	Luke 14:25-33

8 Sept Reading Roster

5:00pm	Mary French, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Anna White

8 Sept Ministers of Communion

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

8 Sept Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	2 Sept	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	7 Sept	VACANT
Counting:	8 Sept	Group 3

Church Cleaning:	2 Sept	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman
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On a Lighter note

- Q. What do you call a crowd of chess players bragging out their wins in a hotel lobby?
- A. Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer