

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**22 September 2019**

**Year C**  
**#43.19**

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

The Jewish people love stories. They are also good at telling jokes. The Jewish writer Solomon Ruben points out that Jewish humour is often self-deprecating, in other words, they can laugh at themselves. He tells the joke about two Jews walking down a street in Brooklyn when they pass a Catholic church. They are astonished to see a large sign on the gate that reads 'Convert to Catholicism, get \$5,000.' One friend says to the other, "What do you think that means, 'Convert to Catholicism, get \$5,000?' It sounds interesting." His friend says, "You can't be serious," The other says, "Five thousand dollars is five thousand dollars, I'm going in." The man goes in, the other waits. And waits. And waits. When he comes out, his friend asks, "Well, did you get the five thousand dollars?" The man just looks at him and says, "Can't you Jews think about anything else but money?"

Well, today's gospel reading is certainly all about money...or is it? We have this rather strange parable in which the dishonest manager is seemingly praised for his dishonesty.

The dismissed manager is in a panic, "What am I to do, I am too old to find another job, and the shame of having to beg would be too much to bear." And so he comes up with a plan which essentially entails swindling his employer. But does the owner become more enraged with this scoundrel? No. He praises him. This is the difficult part of the parable.

A key to understanding this is to grasp Jesus use of parables. He takes images and events from everyday life to illustrate the reality of the kingdom of God. Neither owner nor manager is worthy of any praise. For they are motivated by greed and self-preservation. The disciple of Jesus, on the other hand, is motivated by detachment to possessions and living a life of other-centred love. The parable is meant to remind the disciple not to be crafty and astute not in the ways of the world, but astute and diligent in the ways of the Kingdom.

The message of today's gospel is about re-orientating us to the spiritual: "You cannot serve God and mammon." The dishonest manager thinks about his own self-interests while the disciple is centred on the Kingdom of God.

***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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### SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-meter smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



## Parish News.....



Congratulations to  
Veronica Le  
who will receive the

Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday at the  
8:30am Mass.

### St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

*The next breakfast is*

7:30am Tuesday  
24 September 2019

*Lucky Shot Espresso Bar*  
Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX

**Over 45's** will meet on **Wednesday  
25 September** 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



### SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading  
*Band-aid for a broken leg*  
By Damien Brown

Sunday 20 October- 3:00 pm  
Parish Library.

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

**SUNDAY READINGS WITH  
COMMENTARY** - Available on the table  
in the church foyer are the readings and  
commentary for the following weekend for  
parishioners who would like to pray with  
the readings in preparation for mass.  
These are not the readings that are  
produced for the Lectors on the reading  
ministry but a separate issue particularly  
for the general body of the congregation.

*On Friday 27th September the RRC celebrates  
40 years of working with refugees through this  
parish. We are grateful for all the support the  
parish has given us over the this time and we  
look forward to your generous help in the  
future. Thankyou for all your support.*

## Anointing of the Sick within Mass

**Friday 27 September at 10:00 am**

Followed by morning tea in the church foyer  
Please note the later start time for mass

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in participating in the life  
of the parish through the Pastoral Council,  
you are invited to attend the next meeting on  
Thursday 10 October at 7:30pm.

**"Come and See"** John 1:39

### Ozanam Sunday

On the weekend of **28 and 29 September**  
there will be a leaving collection for our  
**Vinnies twin conference** in Madurapuri,  
Thuraiyur, Tamil Nadu in India. The  
Conference has had a difficult time meeting  
local demand for food and clothing which  
has increased recently due to drought  
conditions. Vinnies Kippax sent extra funds  
in July to help. Your donations on Ozanam  
Sunday will allow us to do more for our  
twin in Tamil Nadu. Thanks.  
More information: Mike 0419818410.

### The Joy of the Gospel Program, 2019

**Saturday 19 October, from 10 am to 1 pm** in the  
Haydon Hall, Manuka. **It is free**, and everyone is  
welcome. Please **register at**  
<http://www.joyofthegospel.com.au/>

### HALF A MILLION STEPS

Kippax Uniting Church invites you to a  
**free screening of this documentary**

**WHEN:** FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER AT 7:30PM

**WHERE:** KIPPAX UNITY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Refreshments will be served on arrival

There will be a Q & A Panel session after.

For more information contact Karyl Davison 6254  
1733 or [karyl@kippax.org.au](mailto:karyl@kippax.org.au)

### Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux Mass

*Concelebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse  
and His Excellency Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana*

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> October

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Carmelite Monastery,  
28 Mugga Way, Red Hill, ACT.

The traditional Blessing of Roses will take place  
after the Mass, and the Nuns would be grateful for  
roses prior to the Feast or before the Mass.

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# Reflection

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## Humanity is dependent on Creation

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own wellbeing.

Money seems to get a pretty bad rap in the gospel of Luke. In today's passage, it is even described as 'that tainted thing' which is the lowest measure of trustworthiness. However, it is not money as such that is the concern, but rather it is the love of money and inappropriate use of money. In the Jewish tradition, the measure of society was based on how the lowest and the least were treated and looked after. When our focus is on acquiring money and possessions, it is impossible to be using our money for the good of others.

When the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

We must serve God, not mammon.

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

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**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

**1 September –  
4 October**

<https://seasonofcreation.org/2019/09/02/pope-francis-on-the-season-of-creation/>

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# Heart Spirituality

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## The Sacred Heart, God's gift of himself

The Word proceeds from the unfathomable depths of the Heart of God who generates him equal to himself. God is love itself. This infinite love that constitutes the very depths of God, and forms his nature, has enclosed itself in a human heart, the Heart of Jesus.

That is why God takes delight in this divine Heart, the heart with which he loves us, his living sacrament.

It is through the Heart of Christ, that the love of God, God himself, pours himself out on the world and on the human race. How? God communicates and gives himself by grace. This communication, this gift, is not just a figure of speech; it is a fact.

We really share in his nature; we possess him personally and really.

Jules Chevalier msc  
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p.146f, Paris 1900)

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

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### Stewardship

We are all gifted, perhaps in different ways, but whatever gifts we receive might be considered our garden from God. We must account for those gifts.

The whole concept of stewardship is clear in today's parable. The steward is the manager (not the owner) of the master's gifts. God is, of course, the manager, and we are the stewards who are charged with the responsibility of overseeing our gifts of time, talent, treasure, and perhaps even influence. Do we use those gifts wisely and with justice?

That is the point we must get from this Gospel. Our Holy Father Pope Francis understood the significance of being a steward when he recently said, "In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts." As the Lord says to the steward in today's Gospel, "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."

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

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**"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:** John Haley, Frances Critchlow, Antonio Ahn, Magdalen Ripszam, Jana Nassir, Marijona Grybaitis, Josephine Mulligan, Luke White, Beryl Mannix, Aileen Antcliffe, James Sharah, Zoila Wait, Philip Hazell, Patrick Clarke, Lidia Torelli, Georgina Kukolic, Hok Tung, Edmond Sarrah, Joseph Sciberras, Vic Puzas, Patricia Tyers, Antonia Prieto, Antonella D'Ambrosio, Victor Bitterman, Robert Smith, Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy, Bernard F. Roberts, Bernie M. Roberts.

## 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

## Becoming Catholic

**Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]**  
please contact the parish office for more information.

## 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
Men's Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Venue to be advised

School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term
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**LIBRARY NEWS:** Some of the titles in our display of books on the environment are "In a high spiritual season", "Sanctuary: where Heaven touches earth" and "Ask the beasts: Darwin and God of Love".

**Saturday Vigil Mass Time**  
will revert to 6:00pm on  
**Saturday 12 October 2019**



## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
To make you rich out of his poverty.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 29 September 2019

First Reading Am 6:1, 4-7  
Psalm Ps 145:6-10  
Second Reading 1 Tm 6:11-16  
Gospel Luke 16:19-31

## 29 Sept

## Reading Roster

5:00pm	Therese Kercher, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Judith Deklin, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Judy Lane
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Meg Millband

## 29 Sept

## Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Joy McInerney, Janet Almond, Marie McKie, Maria Catanzariti, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Carmel Screen, Clyde Sloan, Darren Maharaj, VACANT
10:00am	Nunga Umaru, Barbara Witzens, Colin Fox, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Marian Crowley, Gerard Teng, James & Toni Cox

## 29 Sept

## Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena, Judy Netting, Marie McKie
8:30am	Agnes Pham, Rob Breen
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	VACANT

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	23 Sept	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	28 Sept	David Pigram, Matthew Garton, Mike Lavis
Counting:	29 Sept	Group 5

Church Cleaning:	23 Sept	Joseph Lê Văn Hải Sam Van Nguyen
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## On a Lighter note

The other day, my wife asked me to pass her lipstick but I accidentally passed her a glue stick.

She still isn't talking to me!