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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
29 September 2019

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From the Pastor's desk.....

Today's gospel makes no bones about the consequences of inaction. To ignore the poor at our door in the eyes of God is indeed a very grave omission. The parable of rich man who ignores the needs of his destitute neighbour at his doorstep is suddenly reversed. The poor man, Lazarus, is now being comforted in heaven while a great gulf separates the rich man from sharing in the feast of heaven.

The message is stark and plain. As individuals and as a society we have a moral obligation to care for all who are disadvantaged which includes both those within our society and those beyond our borders. There is simply not a choice between the two. Economic growth is important to any nation. But it must benefit all the citizens. Unfortunately, we witness an increasing gap between the rich and poor. It is the parable of Lazarus told anew in our own times. Whether it be cutting back on foreign aid or social welfare, it amounts to the same thing: an indifference to the plight of the poor.

It was with much sadness that we heard of the death of Fr John Rate MSC who died in Adelaide last Sunday night. John had been struggling with cancer for the past three years while he had been parish priest of Henley Beach in Adelaide. Many of our parishioners would have cherished memories of John's time here as parish priest. John brought with him many gifts including his love of the liturgy, which was evident in the major church renovations that he undertook during his time here.

We welcome Dean Fonseca to our parish. Dean will be here for one month as part of his pastoral experience before entering the MSC novitiate at Douglas Park. I will be away on annual leave over the next two weeks.

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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SMOKE FREE ZONE

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



Parish News.....

Fr. John Rate msc Funeral Liturgies

Sharing of prayers and memories

Thursday 3 October – 7:30pm

Our Lady of the Rosary Kensington NSW

Requiem Mass

Friday 4 October – 10:00am

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Randwick NSW

Rite of Christian Burial

Friday 4 October – 2:30pm

St Mary's Towers Douglas Park NSW

John was our much loved Parish Priest from 1994-1999

Liturgy of the Word with Communion Friday 4 October 9:30am

Fr. Kimi will be attending Fr. John's funeral & Fr. Gerard is on annual leave



To celebrate 40 years of St John the Apostle Primary School, on Sunday October 27th there will be Mass at 11am at the school, followed by a sausage sizzle and open house.

Bring your own drinks and snacks.

Past, present and future families, staff and parish members are warmly welcome.

Any enquires please contact Stephanie Stewart REC on stephanie.stewart@cg.catholic.edu.au



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 four copies of the book available at the parish office

BELCONNEN YOUTH

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in Years 7 to 12

First and Third Sundays
after the 6:00pm Mass

Next gathering 6 October

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

Ozanam Sunday Twinning Appeal

This weekend our Vinnies Conference is collecting donations after Mass for their twin Conference in Madurapuri, Thuraiyur, Tamil Nadu, India. Your gold coin donations are much appreciated and will be a big help to the many poor families that our twin Conference supports in Thuraiyur.

More information: Mike 0419818410.

Memorial Mass for Fr. John Rate msc will be celebrated at St John the Apostle Church Thursday 3 October – 9:30am

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2019-2020 “Making it real”

Genuine Human Encounter in our digital world

The Statement affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements that are harmful to the dignity of individuals and the common good.

Pope Francis calls us to “boldly become citizens of the digital world”. There are ten steps we can take towards this.

Copies of the Social Justice Statement, Ten Steps brochure and Prayer for Economic Justice, are available in the church foyer.

The Statement can be accessed online

<https://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements#SJS2019>

Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux Mass

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

Date: 1st October

Time: 10.30am

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

Celebrating Thomas Keating

Screening of an award-winning film ‘A Rising Tide of Silence’. After lunch there will be a short session on Lectio Divina

Date: 12 October

Time: 10:30am – 2:30pm

Venue: Marian Hall, Page

Facilitated by Sr. Lorraine Cupitt

Enquiries: 62547168 or peter.ahern@bigpond.com

Please bring a personal lunch. Morning tea provided

Reflection

Challenging our Comfort Zone

Today's parable shows us we have a pattern in our culture that teaches us to insulate ourselves from suffering, to build up gates and walls and border fences that separate us from those who are suffering right outside of our comfort.

The poor man, Lazarus, is described as sitting at the gate of the rich man. We have a picture of Lazarus sitting on the outside looking in at all that he cannot have. Gates are used both literally and metaphorically throughout the gospel of Luke. In the cities and towns of Palestine, gates marked a physical barrier between those who were 'in' and those who were 'out'. But they also marked the boundaries of society. Those who were permitted to sleep within the walls were the acceptable of society. Those who were shut outside the gates and outside the city of an evening were the unacceptable.

In building up gates and barriers we come to find out that not only are we locking the suffering out, but we're locking ourselves in--to a life that's incredibly lonely. Those patterns rob us of life and community.

St. John Chrysostom pointed out that Lazarus is the only person named in the parables of Jesus. His name means "the one that God heard and rescued." The rich man is not given a name. He cries out to Father Abraham, so it sounds like he was a religious man, but he had locked the poor out of his life. I think the invitation is to rewrite the end of the story. We have an invitation to tear down the walls, to bust through the fences, and to get to know the names and the faces of those who are suffering outside of our comfort.

Time and again, God makes plain to the people, through the prophets, that what they are expected to do is live in right relationship with one another and with God. The rich man's focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.

Resources used: *Gospel Reflection*, by Greg Sunter & *When Action Meets Contemplation* by Shane Claiborne

Heart Spirituality

Without grace our life is empty

Souls need grace, and they do not have it. One could say that the world is in a state of damnation.

What should be done to heal and save the world?

We have to make the world know, love and embrace devotion to the Sacred Heart.

That will give it everything it lacks.

It is the only remedy, given by God himself, to heal the nations of our time and put them back on the way of salvation that they have abandoned.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 285f, Paris 1900)

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

Stewardship

The rich man did nothing wrong to Lazarus, he suffered the sin of omission by not caring for him in any way.

The same dilemma confronts each of us as we live our lives. Sometimes we feel as if we are doing right by doing no wrong.

Stewardship, on the other hand, calls us to a deeper insight of life. Stewardship is a life of action, not a passive approach to living.

Good stewards are always looking for the ways they can help others, the behaviour that permits them to be Jesus to and for other people. The rich man pleads with the Lord to allow him to go back and tell his brothers the pitfalls of ignoring those around them, but it is too late.

It is never too late for us, nevertheless. It is never too late to get involved in a ministry at our parish which reaches out to those in need. It is never too late to take action through our communities and the many charities around us to have an impact on those who are poor, both in a real sense and in a spiritual sense.

[Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com](https://www.thecatholicsteward.com)



SEASON OF
CREATION

1 September –
4 October

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

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

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

Recently Deceased: Fr. John Rate msc

Anniversary: Georgina Kukolic, Hok Tung, Edmond Sarrah, Joseph Sciberras, Vic Puzas, Patricia Tyers, Antonia Prieto, Robert Smith, Antonella D'Ambrosio, Victor Bitterman, Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy, Gaeto Vella, Anne Bynum, Fred Aschenberger, Renee Tozer, Patricia Richardson, Wendy McCarthy, Agustin Fernandez-Budiel, Frederick Jackson, Norma Hall, Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren

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 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
Men's Group	2 nd 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: "Beauty and our biblical calling to peace, justice and sustainability", "Living by surprise: a Christian response to the ecological crisis" and "Honouring the earth: a journal of new earth prayers" are some of the environmental titles on display this week.

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



RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Readings – 6 October 2019

First Reading	Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Psalm	Ps 94:1-2, 6-9
Second Reading	2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel	Luke 17:5-10

6 Oct

Reading Roster

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

6 Oct

Ministers of Communion

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

6 Oct

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joe and 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:	30 Sept	Gabrielle Culhane
Grounds	5 Oct	VACANT
Counting:	6 Oct	Group 2

Church Cleaning:	30 Sept	Marian England, Sharon Greaves
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On a Lighter note

The future, the present and the past walked
into a bar.

Things got a little tense.

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

Change of Date: Thursday 17 October at 7:30pm
"Come and See" John 1:39