

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**6 October 2019**

**Year C**  
**#45.19**

## Reflection

### *If you had Faith!*

In today's Gospel Jesus makes clear that the disciples are being called to give their lives to faith in service of others without expecting any return – just as Jesus does!

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.

Jesus follows up this statement by pointing out to the disciples that no matter how small the amount of faith, it carries with it a responsibility and duty to act upon it. One shouldn't be looking for acclaim and special treatment when one acts out of faith as that is simply what is expected. The gift of faith carries with it a duty to live that faith and act upon it.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community.

Jesus tells the disciples that if they had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed they could accomplish great things. It's not a matter of how much faith one has but what they do with it. How much faith does it take to do great things? Jesus says that it only takes the tiniest scrap of faith.

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

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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-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



## Parish News.....

### Saturday Vigil Mass Time



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

### 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

### October Baptisms

*We welcome into our community:*

James Kiley,  
Son of Andrew and Antonette;  
Cooper Young,  
Son of Andrew and Vanessa;  
Ryan Eziana,  
Son of Alvin and Clara.



The **Refugee Resettlement Committee** is holding a **training night** for anyone interested in joining the refugee committee and in some training.

Parish Library 7:30pm

Wednesday 16th October.

Enquiries - [margaret\\_luck@yahoo.com](mailto:margaret_luck@yahoo.com)

### Parish Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 8:30pm to 9:30pm**

As a Parish we will be introducing Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in a Taizé form of prayerful worship, once a month on a Friday evening and each Friday evening in Advent.

This is a prayerful, reflective and healing experience, as there is nothing more powerful than to sit in the presence of Jesus allowing his love to heal our souls and transform our hearts and minds. This is a gift from God. There will be an opportunity to place our prayer petitions at the foot of the altar in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome.

Contact Parish office for more information.

### Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 21 October  
7:15pm Parish Library



To celebrate 40 years of St John the Apostle Primary School, on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> 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@cq.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stephanie.stewart@cq.catholic.edu.au)

### 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](mailto:Eoin.Garton@sfx.act.edu.au)



**Pre-Teen Group – (Yr. 3-7) 4:45pm**

**Youth Mass – (All ages) 6:00pm**

**Next gathering 26 October**

**Marian Hall – St Matthew's Page**  
**Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month**

Students in years 3 to 7 are invited to join in an afternoon of - **FFF** - faith, friendship and fun, then stay for the Youth Mass at 6:00pm.

Contact Youth Minister Sarah for more information at [Sarah.Larkin@cq.org.au](mailto:Sarah.Larkin@cq.org.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 three copies of the book available at the parish office

### Relax, Review, Reflect Faith and film

**Friday 25 October at 7:30pm**

**We are watching: "AT ETERNITY'S GATE"**

A look at the life of painter Vincent van Gogh during the time he lived in Arles and Auvers-sur-Oise, France.

To register your interest or for more information, please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or [kippax@cq.org.au](mailto:kippax@cq.org.au)



**"Be on earth the Heart of God"**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE**  
The Parish Office will be closed on  
Monday 7 October  
**Labour Day Holiday**

**RCIA – In Search of God**  
**Commencing 22 October 2019**

at 7:00pm in the Parish Library

Contact: Marian England

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Phone: 6254 3236



**SJA Social Justice Newsletter**  
**October 2019**  
*out now!*  
Available in the Church foyer

**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](mailto:peter.ahern@bigpond.com)

Please bring a personal lunch. Morning tea provided

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2019-2020**

**“Making it real”**

**Genuine Human Encounter in our digital world**

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

Copies of the 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>

**Calvary Hospital Auxiliary**  
**Spring Plant Stall**

Thursday 31 October, 8am-4pm  
Jamison Centre, Belconnen.

All proceeds will be used to purchase medical and other equipment for patient welfare and comfort.  
Contact: Jan 62418819.

**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/>

# Heart Spirituality

## The mustard seed

It is the smallest of all seeds, the Holy Gospel tells us; but it contains amazing expansive power. The same is true of our Saviour. He appears insignificant to human eyes, despicable, unworthy of attention; but in his nature, heart and person, he possesses infinite strength. In him we find salvation and the graces necessary to make it operative. He gives us the Eucharist, that bread of the strong and source of blessings.

Jules Chevalier msc  
(Méditations 1, p. 247f, Issoudun 1891)

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

## Stewardship

### Serving God and God's Kingdom

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life — a life focused on serving God and God's Kingdom — is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfilment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to Him. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

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

**Women's Prayer Weekend**  
**St Mary's Towers Douglas Park**  
**Women Mystics**

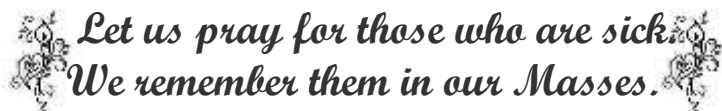
**Presenters:** Pauline Compton fdnsc,  
Michelle Vass

1-3 November 2019

Email: [towersretreat@bigpond.com](mailto:towersretreat@bigpond.com)

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





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

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Gaeto Vella, Anne Bynum, Fred Aschenberger, Renee Tozer, Wendy McCarthy, Patricia Richardson, Agustin Fernandez-Budiel, Frederick Jackson, Norma Hall, Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren, Norma Flood, Henryk Jalocha, Verdi Guy, Raymond Dummett, Iosif Szakai, Gwen Jones, John Whigham, Eugenia Wlodarczyk, Connie Thomas, Bradley Wattam, Luke White, Audrey Walker, Michael O'Neill, Lauri Brennan, Margaret Van Halderen, Malcolm Waterton.

## 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

## LIBRARY NEWS:

"Beyond the trees: meditations on the environment", "Barefoot dreaming: dancing with the colours and rhythms of the earth" are two of the titles in our collection of books relating to this month's "Season of Creation".

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

If today you hear his voice,  
Harden not your hearts.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
It is the word given to you, the Good News.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 13 October 2019

First Reading	2 Kings 5:14-17
Psalm	Ps. 97:1-4
Second Reading	2 Tim. 2:8-13
Gospel	Luke 17:11-19

### Sunday Readings with Commentary-

Available on the table in the church foyer for all 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

## 13 Oct

## Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mary French, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgeyser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Ann Reynolds, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Anna White

## 13 Oct

## Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Margaret Conlon, Marian England, Robert Greig, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Shane Murtagh, Margaret Stanford, 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

## 13 Oct

## Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	7 Oct	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	12 Oct	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard
Counting:	13 Oct	Group 4

Church Cleaning:	7 Oct	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman
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## On a Lighter note

I gave up my seat to a blind person in the bus.  
That is how I lost my job as a bus driver.