

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
13 October 2019

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#46.19

Reflection

Where are they?

When Jesus encounters the ten men, he is travelling along the border between Galilee and Samaria. The level of distrust between the Jews of Galilee and the Samaritans were deep and abiding. The land that fell between the two countries was sparsely populated and mostly barren. That Jesus should encounter the men in this environment is not surprising for these men literally and metaphorically were at the border of society. Not welcome in any town, the men roamed the very edges of society. They lived their whole lives on the borderline – welcome nowhere and belonging nowhere.

In this rich and multi-layered story, Jesus does three things: he reaches out to the untouchables of his day; he heals them and enables them to be welcomed back into the community; he draws attention to the fact that the poorest of the lepers, a Samaritan, is the only one who can recognise the source of the healing and has the humility to return and praise God for it.

‘The other nine, where are they?’ asked Jesus. Why would the other nine not have come back to give thanks? As they hurried back toward town they must have been overwhelmed by the possibilities and opportunities that lay before them. But they neglected to acknowledge the source of their great joy!

As well as the virtue of gratitude, then, Jesus also announces that the Christian community is the place where there is no such thing as an unclean or untouchable person. Jesus touches the lepers and then goes about his business. In doing so he rejects centuries of ritual taboos. We are called to do the same today. We are challenged to get our hands dirty with the most unclean groups of our society, confront the assumptions that marginalise and oppress them, and defend their rights to dignity and participation.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ & *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter.

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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



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.....

Thank you for your wonderful response to the Vinnies Twinning Appeal. Your donations of \$1688.60 greatly exceeded our expectations. The money will be of great benefit to our twin conference and the families they support in Tamil Nadu.

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

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 17 October at 7:30pm

"Come and See" John 1:39

SJA Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 18th 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.



SJA Men's Group
Meeting Monthly
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Next gathering: Friday 18 October

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 21 October

7:15pm Parish Library



RCIA – In Search of God Commencing 22 October 2019

at 7:00pm in the Parish Library

Contact: Marian England

kippax@cg.org.au Phone: 6254 3236



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.

St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

The next breakfast is

7:30am Tuesday

22 October 2019

Lucky Shot Espresso Bar

Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX

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@cg.org.au



Over 45's will meet on Wednesday

30 October 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

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



"Be on earth the Heart of God"

BELCONNEN YOUTH

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in Years 7 to 12

First and Third Sundays

after the 6:00pm Mass

Next gathering 20 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



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 4th 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@cg.org.au

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/>

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

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

Heart Spirituality

"Return to your Heart" [Is. 46:8]

Jesus Christ urges us to change our life. Return into yourself, he tells us through his Prophet: Sinners, return to your heart; that is, change your ideas, for most of them are false and contrary to the Gospel. Make yourself a new heart [Ez. 18:31]. How often our ideas turn towards material objects and fasten on to them as though the world was not due to pass away; and far too often, unfortunately, we remain insensitive to the good things of eternity. Let us live as Christians, according to the situation in which we are.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Méditations 1, p.347f, Issoudun 1891)

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

Stewardship

Attitude of Gratitude

One of the most popular sayings in relation to stewardship is that Stewardship is based on having an "Attitude of Gratitude."

It is easy to feel indignant at the failure of the nine others to return and thank Jesus. But how often do we fail to recognize blessings, great and small, answered prayers, healings (both physical and spiritual) that the Lord showers upon us, day and night?

The truth is that our very lives and every breath we take are God's gift to us. But we can get so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose touch with this truth.

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

The Refugee Resettlement Committee (RRC) wishes to give notice of the AGM which will be held on **7 November** in the parish centre. All positions are declared vacant (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Client officer, committee positions); if you would like to nominate for one of these positions, or would like to put a motion on notice please contact Margaret at.....
margaret_luck@yahoo.com

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: 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, Edwardus Van Audenaerde, Jerrey Ashauer, Hernando Paz, Justin Fisher, George Heath, Matthew Nelson, Ferdor Sonnenberg, Angela Bajrami, Sebastian Licciarrello, Patricia Hall, Cheryl Tramantini, Ursula Gormley, Constance Goodall, Richard Koch, Carmel Johnston, Johannes Blengst, Michael McKenzie-McHarg, Robert Imber, Ross Webber.

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: On display this week is an extensive collection of books on the Psalms – their history as well as a source of prayer and meditation.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
Because this is what he expects of you in
Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Readings – 20 October 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

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

20 October Reading Roster

6:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Kerry Yard
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Terry Fewtrell, Joe Ots

20 October Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Laurine Smeaton, Maresa Laird, Gerard Teng
8:30am	Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan, Peter Polkinghorne, VACANT
10:00am	Marie Flint, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane, Sugi Mohanadas, Bernadette Madsen
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Matthew Garton, Stephanie Stewart, Rod Gardiner, VACANT

20 October Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Lesley Givens
8:30am	Mercia Needham, Norma and Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Marie Flint
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	14 Oct	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	19 Oct	VACANT
Counting:	20 Oct	Group 6

Church Cleaning:	14 Oct	Ted and Carol Quade
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On a Lighter note

What do you call a used car salesman?
A car-deal-ologist.