

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**20 October 2019**

**Year C**  
**#47.19**

## Reflection

### *Prayer Changes Us*

The lowly and poor – represented in today's Gospel by the widow – are those who recognise their own condition and call on the mercy of God to lift them up. Jesus says that God will see justice done to those who cry out for God's help. Jesus' final comment about finding any faith on earth is a reminder that human beings have a tendency to think they can solve all their own problems and forget that they need God's action in their lives. The faithful in the gospel of Luke are those who know that they are in need of God's mercy and love and call out for it.

It is not God who needs our prayers, but we who have to recognise, through prayer, our need for God's mercy and gracious love. The constancy of prayer is not to convince God but to remind ourselves of our dependence upon God.

Our prayers do not change God, they change us. The idea of prayer changing us, changes our prayer – giving it greater dynamism and urgency. While we may not know the mind or will of God, we often know our own thoughts and desires. We can usually pinpoint what needs recrafting or reshaping in us so that we may live out the goodness and love of God more clearly. Confronting and converting these obstacles, with God, can see our prayer at its boldest and bravest. At these times we can enjoy God's healing and forgiveness. And because conversion is a lifetime process, Jesus encourages us not to lose heart but to pray always and hold on to faith even when the going gets tough.

If we think of prayer as requiring words, it is surely impossible to pray always. Once we recognize that whatever we do in conscious, loving union with Reality is prayer, we pray always.

Resources used: 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.....

### Parish Pastoral Council [PPC]

The PPC met on Thursday 17 October and welcomed Kirsty Vera as a new member to the Council.

The parish representatives on the Council are: Carl Madsen [Chair], Norma Barakat, Judy Lane, Dennis Puniard, Kirsty Vera, Tim Gill, Kim Wilson, Fr. Gerard & Fr. Kimi. Ex-officio members are: Stephanie Stewart [REC] and Marian England [Pastoral Associate]. If you are interested in participating in the life of the parish as a member of the Pastoral Council, you are invited to attend the next meeting on **Thursday 14 November at 7:30pm**

### Pins & Needles Craft Group



Third Thursday Monthly  
Next Meeting: 21 October  
7:15pm Parish Library

### St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

*The next breakfast is*

**7:30am Tuesday  
22 October 2019**

*Lucky Shot Espresso Bar*  
Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX

**Over 45's** will meet on **Wednesday 30 October** for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre. There will be a **guest speaker** from **Mobility Matters**. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

### PARISH BOOKSTORE

Columban Calendars 2020 \$ 9.00  
Majellan Christmas Cards \$ 7.00  
(Pack of 10)

**God's Word 2020 -Daily Reflections \$20.00**  
Incorporates the reading and a reflection for each day of the year.



### St John the Apostle School

Invites you to the  
**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass**  
*Come celebrate with us*  
**Sunday 27 October 2019**

Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am, 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](mailto:stephanie.stewart@cg.catholic.edu.au)



Children's health starts with healthy communities.

The 2019 theme of Children's Week is based on Article 24 of the United Nations **Convention on the Rights of the Child**: 'You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well'.

[www.napcan.org.au/childrensweek](http://www.napcan.org.au/childrensweek)

### 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](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**

**Orana Parish Center –  
St Vincent's Aranda**

**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@cg.org.au](mailto:Sarah.Larkin@cg.org.au)

## RCIA – In Search of God


*"In virtue of their Baptism, all the members of the People of God have become Missionary Disciples"*  
Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium

**Commencing 22 October 2019 –  
7:00pm - Parish Library  
Contact Parish Office Ph. 6254 3236**

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be celebrated on the last Friday of each month after the 9:30am mass.  
**Next anointing will be 25 October**

### HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER MASSES

Please complete your November mass intention envelope and return it to the parish office. We would appreciate receiving these before 31 October. The names of your deceased loved ones who you want to remember during the month of November will be read out before the Monday weekday mass. We will also continue to have mass intentions during the month of November for those anniversaries and intentions that occur during that month.

  
**All Saints day – Friday 1 November  
Mass – 9:30am**

**All Souls day – Saturday 2 November  
Mass – 10:00am**

### Sacrament of Penance

Preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance in Lent 2020 is commencing now.

If you have a child in year 2 or above and they have not made this Sacrament please contact the parish office.

The preparation commences with a formation evening for Parents.

Date: Monday 11 November  
Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

## Heart Spirituality

### Prayer

Jesus says, "Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks will receive; whoever seeks will find; and the door will be opened to anyone who knocks."

These are the words dictated by my love, which is more eager to give than people are to receive.

It hastens to open the door for them, afraid they might have to wait too long. Note how my love multiplies its promises in order to make you more confident in asking for the graces you need, and to prepare you to receive them.

If you want to become perfect, raise up to me the cry of your distress; lay your needs before me, and I promise you my help without fail.

Jules Chevalier msc  
(Ecole du Sacré-Coeur p.146f, Issoudun, 1892)

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

### Stewardship

#### Pray in gratitude and thanksgiving

The more we pray, the stronger our prayer lives become, and the more effective our prayers become. Just as we may walk or run to build up our bodies and our hearts, we must be willing to work to reinforce our minds and spiritual lives as well. God is not asking us to be persistent to wear us down, but to strengthen us.

Our job, as Christian stewards, is simply to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We should prioritize the Scriptures as a source of prayer and we must lean on each other in our communities — family and parish — as we support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts fruitful.

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

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



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

**Recently Deceased:** Bruce Davis

**Anniversary:** Malcolm Waterton, Justin Fisher, Jeffrey Ashauer, Edwardus Van Audenaerde, Hernando Paz, George Heath, Matthew Nelson, Ferdor Sonnenberg, Angela Bajrami, Patricia Hall, Sebastian Licciarrello, Cheryl Tramantini, Ursula Gormley, Constance Goodall, Richard Koch, Carmel Johnston, Johannes Blengst, Robert Imber, Michael McKenzie-McHarg, Ross Webber, Marion Boland, Barry Parsons, Patricia Harman, Dorothy Sutton, William Lilley, Patrick Menzies, Anne Jones, Helen Gorrell, Martin Moloney, Malcolm Lovelock, Francis Fulton, Peter Geraghty, Alejandra Bai, Jack McMahon, Kerry Hogden, Elsie Screen, Silva Santos, Gregory Robinson, Anne Raadts, Paul Newton, Peter Fox, May Skelly, Patrick Healey, Rose Ireland

## 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 <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:** The Psalms have been a source of comfort and inspiration to Christians for thousands of years. This week we have on display our collection of them with their varied commentaries and interpretations.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;  
It probes the thoughts and motives  
of our heart.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 27 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

## 27 October

## Reading Roster

6:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Denis Puniard
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Judy Lane, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

## 27 October

## Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Marie McKie, Margaret McMahon, John Drury, VACANT, VACANT
8:30am	Agnes Pham, Gerard Teng, Ted and Clare Kell, VACANT
10:00am	Robin Williams, Libby Costello, Pat Sheppard, Erin Pitt, Maida Kajic
6:00pm	Priscillia Gonsalves, Raquel Salmeron, Ignatius Rosario, Francis Irona, VACANT

## 27 October

## Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Judy Netting, Marie McKie
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Margaret Ohlin
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	21 Oct	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	26 Oct	David Pigram, Matthew Garton, Mike Lavis
Counting:	27 Oct	Group 8

Church Cleaning:	21 Oct	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams
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## On a Lighter note

A woman in labour suddenly shouted, "Shouldn't! Wouldn't! Couldn't! Didn't! Can't!"  
"Don't worry," said the doc. "Those are just contractions."