

COMPACT

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
27 October 2019

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From the Pastor's desk.....

In the parable of today's gospel two men go into the temple to pray, a Pharisee and a tax collector. One despised by society, the other held in esteem. Only one walks out of the temple at right with God: the one who truly confronts his sinfulness. The Pharisee boasts about his self-righteousness – as if God is going to be impressed! All too often we witness the bragging of political leaders and celebrity figures. We need more humility in our civil discourse. Less grandstanding. Less taking the high moral ground. The parable is clear: it is not the esteemed and powerful of this world, but the person of humble heart that walks closely with God.

This weekend the parish school of St John the Apostle celebrates its 40th anniversary. It is a moment to take time to express our gratitude to the many dedicated staff, past and present, who have worked so hard over the years to make St John's the special place that it is. It is much more than a place of learning – it is a place of the heart. Each time I visit the school I sense the MSC spirit alive and well. May the school's motto 'united in love, truth and courage' continue to inspire and lead this present generation of students, families and staff.

This weekend we welcome Fr Michael Nithan Stephan MSC as assistant priest. Fr Michael is from the MSC Indian Province. He was ordained on December 16 last year. I am grateful to have Michael as part of our parish team.

As we welcome Fr Michael we farewell to Dean who departs for the novitiate at Douglas Park. We wish Dean all the best and thank him for his warm and generous spirit that he has gifted us with over the month of his pastoral placement at Kippax.

Peace & blessings,
Gerard

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

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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.

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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



**SMOKE-FREE
ZONE**

Parish News.....

We congratulate Tevita Halaifonua, who will be received into full Communion with the Catholic Community at the 8:30am mass this Sunday. Please pray that God will continue to bless Tevita through the fullness of the Body of Christ.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult commenced on Tuesday 22 October. Four people have commenced the RCIA journey; Louise Bulfin, Iain Forsyth, David Graham & Rebecca Neiberding. Louise, Iain, David & Rebecca, will be presented to the parish at the Rite of Acceptance at the 10:00am mass Sunday 10 November. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

Sacrament of Penance

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

The preparation commences with a formation evening for Parents.

Date: Monday 11 November

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

If you have a child in year 2 or above and you would like them to receive the Sacrament please contact the parish office – 6254 3236.

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

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

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB



We are reading

The Weekend by Charlotte Wood

Sunday 17 November- 3:00 pm

Parish Library.

Parish Pastoral Council [PPC]

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**



The Rotary Club wishes to

extend our sincere thanks to those parishioners who responded so well to our request for milk bottle tops. The response has been so effective Australia wide that the organisers now have a “glut” of tops and are unable to process them effectively. Consequently, we have called a halt to our collection activities. Should the organisers resolve their process we may seek your continued support in the future. Thank you for your wonderful support.

PARISH BOOKSTORE

Columban Calendars 2020 \$ 9.00

Majellan Christmas Cards (Pk of 10) \$ 7.00

God's Word 2020 -Daily Reflections \$20.00

Incorporates the reading and a reflection for each day of the year.

*SJA Primary School is raising money to redevelop our playground. From now until midnight Sunday 3 November, anyone who purchases an 2019|20 Entertainment Book or Digital Memberships online at <https://www.entbook.com.au/2323z3> and enter the promo code **FREETIX** at checkout will receive 2x FREE EVENT Cinema eVouchers!*

Reflection

Honesty in Prayer

Last week's Gospel passage emphasised the need for persistence in prayer, this week's passage is about the way in which we come before God in prayer. It is the tax collector, whose simple prayer is 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner,' who goes home at rights with God. In this simple prayer, the tax collector recognises that he is not in right relationship with God and asks for God's mercy.

The model of faith that is depicted over and over again in this gospel is the one who recognises their need for God's loving mercy and asks for it. We are repeatedly reminded that God's mercy, forgiveness and abundant love are constantly out-flowing towards us and all we have to do is humbly desire and welcome them.

Humility is at the heart of this parable. The Pharisee is representative of those who are assured of their own rightness but who rely on comparison with others to make themselves feel righteous and justified. The actions of this man were not limited to Pharisees alone, nor are they limited to a particular time and place. This man's attitude of asserting his own faithfulness and religious observance by comparison with others can be easily seen in the world today. All faiths seem to be afflicted with these characters who assure themselves of their own 'goodness' by railing against those who are different. But, as the parable assures us, it is the humble who are exalted by God.

For the Pharisee, his prayer is a competition. He prays aloud so that others can hear him and be impressed. His prayer is also an opportunity to make himself look good at the expense of another.

Prayer is a time to celebrate with God our triumphs and successes, but above all it is an opportunity to be truly honest with God and with ourselves. The prayer of the tax collector is the most honest of prayers. This honesty is what is impressive; not the competitive showing off.

Resources used: Reflection, by Greg Sunter

Heart Spirituality

Humility

Jesus says, I put humility first among all the virtues, because it is the root of all the others, and because it was especially humility that I taught the world.

If you possess it, you will avoid spectacular actions; you will remain in the shade, unless obedience calls you forward. Those who always want to attract attention, or who appear only when they are sure of success, are far from possessing this virtue. They seek fame and applause more than anything else.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Ecole du Sacré-Coeur p.179f, Issoudun 1892)

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

Stewardship

Humility in Prayer

The Pharisee was full of self as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his resume of good works and spiritual practices. He was simply going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility prevented him from entering into a real dialogue with the Father. He was not transformed by his time of prayer because he was so full of himself that He left God no space to enter in.

The tax collector, by contrast, emptied himself as he approached God. He recognized who he truly was (a sinner) and asked simply for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is the kind of attitude that God can work with! This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God leads.

The good steward knows he needs God, and that God has chosen to need him in advancing the Kingdom. His prayers pierce the clouds and God is glorified.

[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. 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: 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, Maurice Scheerlinck, Gavin Smith, Emily Flynn, John Joyce, Rex Kelley, Narim Dawalibi, Edward Dwyer, Ursula Bell, Grace Carmichael, Patricia Smith

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 7.30-8.15 pm
Adoration	Monday 10:00- 11:00am 3 rd Friday 8:30pm – 9:30pm
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

LIBRARY NEWS: The psalms – many versions of which are on display this week – have been described as having an insight of enduring power; they are ancient songs of praise, of anger, doubt and pain as well as consolation and joy.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Readings – 3 November 2019

First Reading	Wis. 11:22-122
Psalms	Ps. 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
Second Reading	2 Thes 1:11-22
Gospel	Luke 19:1-10

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

3 November

Reading Roster

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

3 November

Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	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, Priscilla Gonsalves, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan, John McGee, James & Toni Cox

3 November

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	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:	28 Oct	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	2 Nov	VACANT
Counting:	3 Nov	Group 1

Church Cleaning:	28 Oct	Joseph Lê Văn Hải Sam Van Nguyen
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On a Lighter note

How does a penguin build its house?
Igloos it together.