

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**3 November 2019**

**Year C**  
**#49.19**

### **From the Pastor's desk.....**

*A little girl was walking along beside her father on an evening stroll. She kept looking up at the stars. She was fascinated by them, but she wasn't talking about it. Finally her father asked her what she was thinking about and she answered, "If the bottom side of heaven is so beautiful, how wonderful the other side must be. That's where Mummy is and I know how much she loves beautiful places." The child was walking knee-deep in stardust and in that moment she helped her dad take hold of the hand of God.*

This simple little story sheds insight into the greatest mystery of all: our destiny. We are heaven-bound, and our passage through this world is but a blink of the eye compared to eternity. During the month of November we particularly remember our loved ones who have gone before us.

The association of November with remembering the dead probably had more resonance for those living at an earlier time of history in the Northern Hemisphere. All Saints and All Souls were celebrated at the beginning of November when it was already deep into autumn. The trees had shed their leaves and taken on a ghostly appearance while the approaching sleep of winter no doubt evoked thoughts of human mortality. In the Northern Hemisphere it is also the time of harvest – symbolic of the great harvest of the virtuous souls at the end of time.

The remembrance of the dead, of course, predates Christianity. What Christianity does bring is the dimension of Christ's resurrection. In the Opening Prayer for the Mass of All Souls we read: *As we renew our faith in your Son, whom you raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in his resurrection.*

***Peace & blessings,  
Gerard***

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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



**SMOKE-FREE  
ZONE**

## Parish News.....

### November Baptisms

*We welcome into our community:*

Mya Mahina-Newman,  
Daughter of Kirk and Nancy  
Julian Connolly,  
Son of Mitchell and Jessica  
Mila MacPherson  
Daughter of Luke and Chloe



### 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.

**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 next Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

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](mailto:margaret_luck@yahoo.com)

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

*The Weekend by Charlotte Wood*

Sunday 17 November- 3:00 pm  
Parish Library.



### St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

*The next breakfast is*

7:30am Tuesday  
26 November 2019

*Lucky Shot Espresso Bar*  
Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX

## Return Thanks

*We would like to thank the St John the Apostle church community for the letters, cards, texts, phone messages, visits, food and flowers following the death of my loving husband, Nigel Smith, devoted father of Liam, Sarah and Catherine.*

*It was a comfort to know that so many people loved Nigel and appreciated him. We knew how special he was to us, but we never realized just how much he touched the lives of so many other people. We will be forever grateful. Liz, Liam, Sarah and Catherine Smith*

### Parish Pastoral Council [PPC]

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**

### 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.

### BOTTLE TOPS

Due to the overwhelming response Australia wide the Rotary Club is no longer collecting bottle tops. Should the organisers resolve their process they may seek your continued support in the future. Thank you for your wonderful support.



**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 2 FREE EVENT Cinema eVouchers!

**ST. PAUL IN THE LIGHT OF MODERN SCHOLARSHIP – A seminar by Dr Patricia Moroney.**

*Christian and non-Christian scholars alike agree that St. Paul was one of the greatest philosophers, saying he has the answers to the current political situation. We will reflect on fresh insight into Paul's teaching.*

Wednesday 20th Nov - 6.45 pm. Entry is free.

Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Strangways St., Curtin.

Kindly register name and phone by calling 6286.3388.

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# Reflection

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## The Act of Hospitality

In today's passage, the crowds line the streets of Jericho to welcome Jesus with great fanfare but also quickly turn on him when he acts on the message of acceptance and forgiveness that he has been proclaiming throughout his ministry. This scene is a precursor to Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where, just days later, the crowds were yelling for Jesus to be crucified.

Zacchaeus was a tax collector and tax collectors were hated by most Jews. The Jews' taxes were paying the wages of the army that occupied their country, so tax collectors were seen as collaborators with the enemy.

Because of his evident willingness to welcome the message of Jesus into his life, Jesus prompts Zacchaeus to welcome Jesus into his home. The readiness of Jesus to enter into the house of someone regarded as a sinner causes great scandal among the onlookers. What's more, Jesus is prepared to eat with this man as well – a sign of complete acceptance.

Offering hospitality is a profound social act. When we offer hospitality, we invite another into our world, into our lives. We shift our attention from our own cares and concerns to the needs and comfort of the other. By the act of hospitality we transform strangers into friends and intimates, just as Jesus did with Zacchaeus. The welcome of Zacchaeus meets the welcome of God.

The hospitality that Jesus offers dissolves all constraints. Relationships disregard the biased measures of propriety, forging bonds of reconciliation and issuing everyone an invitation to intimacy. The hospitality that Jesus offers recreates the world from one of insider versus outsider to one of universal inclusivity. Sinners become friends, the lost are found, and all are restored to the rightful place as children not merely of Abraham but of God. The creativity of the creator is matched by the compassion of the re-creator.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSA, & *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter, at Liturgy Help

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# Heart Spirituality

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## The Sacred Heart, God's gift of himself

The Word proceeds from the unfathomable depths of the heart of God who generates him equal to himself. God is love itself.

This infinite love that constitutes the very depths of God, and forms his nature, has enclosed itself in a human heart, the Heart of Jesus.

That is why God takes delight in this divine Heart, the Heart with which he loves us, his living sacrament.

It is through the Heart of Christ, that the love of God, God himself, pours himself out on the world and on the human race. How? God communicates and gives himself by grace. This communication, this gift, is not just a figure of speech; it is a fact.

We really share in his nature; we possess him personally and really.

Jules Chevalier msc  
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p.277f, Paris 1900)

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

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## Stewardship

### Answering God's call

Although the sense of the story is that Zacchaeus sought and pursued Jesus, the truth was that Jesus was seeking Zacchaeus. The Lord seeks us in the same way, but are we as prepared as the tax collector was to respond? Zacchaeus responds with haste; if he had not reacted in such a prompt way, the Lord may have moved on. We cannot afford to risk that same thing. Jesus is calling us by name every day. Are we equally prepared to respond "with haste?" Then Zacchaeus had to "receive" Jesus — that is, invite Jesus into his life. That is exactly what each of us needs to do. It is not easy because, like Zacchaeus, it may produce embarrassment and misunderstanding. However, with the help and constant presence of the Lord, we can overcome all of that.

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

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**SJA Social Justice Newsletter**

*out now!* **November 2019**  
**Available in the Church foyer**

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**"To be on earth the Heart of God"**



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

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Maurice Scheerlinck,  
Gavin Smith, Emily Flynn, John Joyce, Rex Kelley,  
Narim Dawalibi, Edward Dwyer, Ursula Bell,  
Grace Carmichael, Patricia Smith, John Roots,  
Adrian Gilchrist, Margaret Webster, Gary Williams,  
Marie-Jeanne Shatzman, Veronica Tippet,  
Frances Stow, Maria Van Audenaerde, Brenden Keir,  
Cornelia Onstenk, William Castles, Richard Witzen,  
Gloria Hunter.

## 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:

Our new display this week is a collection of books about the growth of the Catholic Church in our local area including the history of St Christopher's Cathedral, Galong and our own parish.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## Readings – 10 November 2019

First Reading 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14  
Psalm Ps 16:1, 5-6, 15  
Second Reading 2 Thes 2:16-3:5  
Gospel Luke 20:27 - 38

## 10 November

## Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mary French, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejer, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Anna White

## 10 November

## 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, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan

## 10 November

## Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	4 Nov	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	9 Nov	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard
Counting:	10 Nov	Group 3
Church Cleaning:	4 Nov	Debbie Milne John O'Heir Pat Keenan Peter Hofman

## On a Lighter note

What makes a glow worm glow?

A light meal!

Why did the sparrow go to the library?

It was looking for bookworms!