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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10 November 2019

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From the Pastor's desk.....

In today's gospel Jesus reminds his listeners that God is a God of the living, not of the dead. For Christians, our hope centres on the belief that we share in Christ's resurrection. This belief is affirmed in the beautiful doctrine of the communion of saints. The saints who now reign with Christ in heaven are equally present to us. In the Mass we do not only gather together as a local community, we also celebrate in union with the whole church throughout the world and in communion with the angels and saints. One gets a real sense of this in the Byzantine liturgy in which the worshipers are surrounded by icons of the saints – an almost tangible reminder of their presence.

We affirm our belief in the communion of saints each time we recite the Creed. In the Eucharistic Prayer we pray in communion with Mary and all the saints and with our dead. The communion of saints is not just a doctrine but a living expression of who we are. "What is the Church if not the assembly of all the saints?" was an expression used in the early church.

The communion of the saints is a foil to the rampant individualism that marks modern day life which so often results in the fragmentation of society. To be truly alive means to be deeply connected. This is what we mean by 'communion.' It means that we are meant to live lives in which we find ourselves connected not only with our own family and friends, but connected to the family of the church, the family of humanity, and the family of all God's creatures. In all of this, it is Christ who is at the centre of this communion.

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.

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SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-meter smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



Parish News.....

RCIA – Rite of Acceptance

RCIA candidates, Louise Bulfin, Iain Forsyth, David Graham, Rebecca Neiberding & Jennifer Wheatley, will be presented to the parish at the 10:00am mass in the Rite of Acceptance. During the Rite the candidates will declare their intention to enter into relationship with God in Christ. In turn, the assembled Body of Christ, will declare their intention to support the candidates in their faith journey. Please keep Louise, Iain, David, Rebecca & Jennifer in your prayers.

SJA Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 15th November
8:30pm – 9:30pm



BELCONNEN YOUTH

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in Years 7 to 12

First and Third Sundays
after the 6:00pm Mass

Next gathering 17 November

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



SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Next gathering: Friday 15 November

St John the Apostle Parish – Presbytery Deck

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

***The Weekend* by Charlotte Wood**

Sunday 17 November- 3:00 pm

Parish Library.



Relax, Review, Reflect Faith and film

Friday 22 November at 7:30pm

To register your interest or for more information, please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or kippax@cq.org.au



Parish Finance Council met on Thursday 7 November. The Council is exploring the idea of forming a Stewardship Committee and is seeking parishioners who may be interested in being part of this initiative.

The work of the Stewardship Committee is both spiritual and practical.

The committee is spiritual in the sense it has the responsibility of placing before the congregation the Christian basis for disciplined financial response to God.

The committee has a practical function. It needs to challenge the congregation to respond to clearly articulated, specific financial goals that are designed to meet the parishes financial responsibilities and advance the church's mission. Please contact Marian at the parish office to express your interest.

Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 21 October

7:15pm Parish Library



CONCERNED CATHOLICS Canberra-Goulburn Public Forum

Thurs 28 Nov 2019 - 7:30pm

The Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture - 15 Blackall Street Barton ACT

New Wine – New Wine Skins

FRANCIS SULLIVAN

www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org

ST. PAUL IN THE LIGHT OF MODERN SCHOLARSHIP –

A seminar by Dr Patricia Moroney.

Reflecting on fresh insight into Paul's teaching.

Wed 20 Nov - 6.45 pm. Entry Free

Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Curtin.

To register phone 6286 3388.

"Conversing with People on Refugee Justice"

Changing hearts and minds about people seeking asylum and building broad public support for positive policy change.

When: 28 November 2019

Where: Quaker Meeting House, corner Bent and Condamine Streets Turner from 6-9pm (light supper provided).

Facilitator: Liyan Gao, Community Organiser, Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) Melbourne.

RSVP: cath.blunt@hotmail.com

Reflection

Resurrection is the Incarnation

Within the different groups of Judaism, there was significant diversity of belief about the afterlife. While the Pharisees believed in resurrection, the Sadducees did not. The Sadducees, whose name means 'righteous ones' were an elite group within the Jewish faith. They were purists in their adherence to the Torah and their rejection of any later teachings or writings – this actually put them in conflict with the Pharisees, although the two groups are often portrayed in the gospels as being united against Jesus.

Today's gospel passage depicts an attempt by the Sadducees to ridicule belief in an afterlife by questioning Jesus about an extremely exaggerated scenario. The reply Jesus gives largely ignores the farcical nature of the question. Rather, Jesus makes clear that the resurrected life is not merely an extension of the earthly life. The things that are of concern in this world are not an issue in the next.

"Resurrection" is another word for change, but particularly positive change—which we tend to see only in the long run. In the short run, change often looks like death. Through death and resurrection, life is changed; not ended. This idea can be challenging at a time when we are mourning the loss of a loved one, yet we are called to respond to that challenge with a genuine hope and trust in the life that goes on in a different way. Jesus, in fact, dismisses the whole idea of death as an ending by saying that to God all people are alive, whether on earth or in the resurrection.

Resurrection does not only mean an eternal reward in the future. "As now, so later!" Resurrection is the Incarnation taken to its full and logical conclusion. What we choose now, we will indeed be. It is our own decision.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter & *Raised from the Dead*, by Richard Rohr OFM

Heart Spirituality

The Body of Christ

When on the cross the struggle sets in between life and death, the Roman soldier will strike the heart, as the source of life, in order to force it to let go of any life that might still be in it.

The life of Christ has already left that refuge! But from that adorable Heart, torn by the lance, from which life had gone, another life appeared for us.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p.145f, Paris 1900)

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

Stewardship

Living lives of hope

Living lives of stewardship is living lives of hope. The hope we have in the Lord is what gives us the total trust in Him which allows us to live lives of stewardship. Jesus encourages us to have hope in the living God in today's Gospel. A stewardship approach to life exemplifies our confidence in God's goodness and love. We are to take His love and spread it among those around us through sharing and service. Reaching out to others, knowing that we are strengthened by God, is a natural and fulfilling way to live. Good stewards are optimistic. As Helen Keller once said, "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

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



**Over 45'S
Mass – 11:00am**

**Wednesday
27th November**

***Followed by shared lunch in the
parish centre.***

Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share.
RSVP: Margaret 6254 4048

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: John Roots, Adrian Gilchrist, Margaret Webster, Gary Williams, Veronica Tippet, Marie-Jeanne Shatzman, Frances Stow, Brenden Keir, Maria Van Audenaerde, Cornelia Onstenk, William Castles, Richard Witrzens, Gloria Hunter, Maria Wegener, Jamie Gruber, Kathleen Randall, Garry Marsh, Nell Clark, Matthew Biggs, Marie Corr, Joey Griffiths, Nelson Canas, Irene Collbourne, Constianus Slusser, Patricia McGee, Honorio Arranz, Dorothy Lenihan, Mary-Ellen Roots, Krissy Thomas, Herbert Gallagher

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	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Venue to be advised
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

LIBRARY NEWS: "King of Galong Castle", "Heart speaks to heart: 40 years of St Johns" and "Planting the Celtic cross foundations of the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn" are three of the books on display this week.

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 – 17 November 2019

First Reading	Mal 3:19-20
Psalm	Ps 97:5-9
Second Reading	2 Thes 3:7-12
Gospel	Luke 21:5-19

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

17 November

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

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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, Rod Gardiner, Stephanie Stewart, Margaret Curry

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Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	11 Nov	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	16 Nov	VACANT
Counting:	17 Nov	Group 5

Church Cleaning:	11 Nov	Ted and Carol Quade
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On a Lighter note

Artificial intelligence is a wonderful thing. I told my computer that today is my birthday, and it said that I needed an upgrade.