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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe Year C

24 November 2019

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From the Pastor's desk.....

For many centuries the Jewish people resisted the temptation to establish a monarchy. They witnessed the semi-divine status attributed to monarchs of neighbouring nations and viewed this with distain. Only God was sovereign. Finally, when the monarchy was established in Judea it was a lowly shepherd boy who was chosen. This image of the shepherd-king was unique in the ancient world. This ideal of the king caring for his people as a shepherd cares for his flock did not endure as the future kings of the southern and northern kingdoms of Israel gradually succumbed to the corruptive temptation of power.

Jesus was born of the lineage of David. But he did not claim any earthly power. Indeed, his throne was destined to be the cross. His cross bore the inscription: INRI, the initials of the Latin IESVS·NAZARENVS·REX·IVDÆORVM (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews). It is of the extreme irony that on the cross all vestige of human dignity is stripped away and yet it is from this place of absolute desolation that the power of God's love is manifested.

Pope Francis has certainly been setting an example of shepherd leadership demonstrated by Jesus. He clearly shuns the medieval trappings of papal ceremony. As we pray and wait on the deliberations of the Plenary Council in 2020 may the Church in Australia learn to walk humbly in the way of the Crucified and Risen Saviour.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

ADVENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
will be held on the three Fridays in Advent.
6th, 13th, and 20th December – 8:30 – 9:30pm.

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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



Parish News.....

Congratulations to William Gardiner, Mikaela Rodda, Isabelle Rodda and Christopher Villena who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Vigil mass this weekend. May the Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know peace, truth, and goodness in their lives.

St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

The next breakfast is

**7:30am Tuesday
26 November 2019**

Lucky Shot Espresso Bar
Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX



Over 45's

Mass – 11:00am

Wednesday 27th Nov
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

Parish Finance 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.

Spiritual – by acknowledging that everything we have comes from God.

Practical – challenging all parishioners to share the financial responsibility of the parish.

Please contact Marian at the parish office to express your interest.

An evening of Christmas music & readings with

Friar Alessandro

Mon 9 December – 6:00pm

St Christopher's Cathedral Canberra

Entry FREE or by Donation ~ BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

www.voicefrommassisi.org.au



Choir singers needed

6:00pm Children's Mass

9:00pm Mass

Midnight Mass

Practice in the Church Wednesdays at 7:30pm

If you are available to sing at any of the Christmas Masses please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 for more information.

"Calvary Hospital Annual Christmas Stall"

Date: 27-28 November 8.00am – 4.00pm

Place: Foyer Lewisham Building Calvary Hospital

A huge range of homemade goodies, craft items
The Auxiliary has donated over \$51,000 for the purchase of much needed equipment.

The Auxiliary looks forward to continuing community support for its events in 2020. New members are welcome. For further information contact Pat Graham, Secretary, on 0403797192.

"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

Operation Not Forgotten

"Operation #NotForgotten" is a program endorsed by the Refugee Council of Australia and Amnesty International which seeks to support the resettlement of refugees in Canada.

For each person approximately \$18,000 is required. Donations from individuals, community groups and churches are sought to expedite the process.

The Refugee Council of Australia is accepting donations for Operation Not Forgotten.

They can be made direct to RCOA's bank account:

BSB 062 033

Account # 1043 2319

REF: 'CAN, your initial, plus surname'

(eg. CAN A Smith) and then send an email to

admin@refugeecouncil.org.au so we can identify your payment.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Reflection

Christ the King

In today's gospel, the message and ministry of Jesus are directed specifically to those who are afflicted, outcast and poor. The significance of the role played by the poor is highlighted by the framing of the whole narrative in this gospel: the birth of Jesus is celebrated by shepherds and his death is accompanied by criminals.

In response to the criminal's faith, Jesus assures him, 'today you will be with me in paradise'. There is a certainty and immediacy about the response. Jesus does not tell him that sometime in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is *today* that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and the undervalued throughout his ministry. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.

We know that Christ our King is not about earthly power, land, buildings, riches or might. We know Jesus' Kingship is not about lording it over us, or making us frightened of his compassionate judgement.

However, we do not properly grasp the meaning of Jesus' kingship, unless we are prepared to adopt the dying thief's position and point of view – his vision of Jesus, his simple faith, and his sincere plea. He is our 'point of insertion' into the mystery of the One who joins us on our journey to lead us on his journey to the Father.

The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

The power of Christ the King is seen in his memory, holding every person in this world close; calling each one of us by name.

Resources used: Reflection, by Greg Sunter, Reflection, by Dianne Bergant CSA, Homily, by Richard Leonard SJ, & Commentary, by Brendan Byrne SJ.

Heart Spirituality

The excellence of the Heart of Jesus

O Sacred Heart of Jesus! Who will ever comprehend your greatness, the immensity of your love, the ardour of your zeal for the glory of the Most High, your submission to his will and your grief at the sight of the outrages committed against his divine Majesty! Who will make known the dispositions of this adorable Heart: its love, gentleness, compassion, patience, mercy?

Who will ever be able to express to what degree of perfection the Heart of Jesus possesses all the virtues that we customarily admire most, like courage, strength, constancy, generosity? In this divine Heart, everything is ineffable, everything is beyond comprehension, because it is the Heart of a God.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p.182f, Paris 1900)

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

Stewardship

Faithful Stewards

What powerful lessons this King teaches us from the Cross. We learn that true leadership is displayed in emptying ourselves for others; that true greatness is displayed by way of humility; that none of us is worthy of the call to stewardship of His kingdom but that all of us, like the good thief, are welcomed and invited to take up this call. Following in His footsteps will clearly involve suffering and sacrifice. Yet how can we say no to the King who loves us so completely and who promises that His faithful stewards will one day be with Him in Paradise. [Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com](http://TheCatholicSteward.com)

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

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

Recently Deceased:

Phyllis McAllister, Peter Hayes.

Anniversary:

*Herbert Gallagher, John Welfare, John Patterson,
Winifred O'Neill, John Burns, John Costelloe,
Darren O'Brien, Leslie Lincoln, Conelly Andrae.
Alexandre Arekion, Paul Wilson, Vin Stewart,
Nancy Selvatino, John Soetens, Kane Cahil,
John Martin, Martina Forjanic, Brodie McMahon*

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 Parish Centre
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

LIBRARY NEWS:

Books of meditations, poems, prayers, commentaries and homilies concerning the upcoming season of Advent are on display in the library at the moment.

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 – 1 December 2019

First Reading	Is. 2:1-5
Psalm	Ps. 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9
Second Reading	Rom. 13:11-14
Gospel	Mt. 24:37-44

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

1 Dec 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

1 Dec Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Janet Almond, Judy Netting, Joe & Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Victoria Scarano, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Jenny Howarth, Priscilla Gonsalves, Bonne & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Eoin Garton, Saraid Garton, Emily Gill, Liam Stewart, John McGee

1 Dec Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joe & 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:	25 Nov	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	30 Nov	All Groups
Counting:	1 Dec	Group 2
Church Cleaning:	25 Nov	Joseph Lê Văn Hải Sam Van Nguyen

On a Lighter note

On the first day of school, the teacher asked a student, "What are your parents' names?" The student replied, "My father's name is Laughing and my mother's name is Smiling." The teacher said, "Are you kidding?" The student said, "No, Kidding is my brother. I am Joking"