

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11 October 2020

Year A
#46.20

Reflection

Accepting Jesus' Invitation

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people.

The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day.

The only thing Jesus excluded was exclusion itself.

Richard Rohr OFM

His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

Resource used: Gospel Reflection, by Greg Sunter

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

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WARNING

BIRD NESTING AREA

**BIRDS MAY DISPLAY
AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR**

There is a family of plovers on the church grounds. They swoop to protect their young.

Heart Spirituality

Parish News.....

The goodness of Jesus in the Eucharist

Jesus Christ reveals the goodness of his Heart in the Eucharist. During his mortal life, he was happy to pour out the tenderness of his Heart on little ones and on the poor, on those who suffer and on sinners, on all the miseries of humanity. The sight of any misfortune, any unhappiness, any sorrow at all moved his Heart with compassion. But his goodness, gentleness and mercy are even more manifest in the Eucharist.

Jesus calls us, he waits for us; and when we kneel at his feet, what joy, what sweetness, what light, what strength and consolation he pours into our souls. Let us know how to benefit from it.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Meditations II, p. 32f Issoudun 1891.)

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

Stewardship

St. Paul reflects on the stewardship of the Philippians in the second reading. We need to understand that the Philippians, perhaps more so than any of the other communities Paul affected, were generous to him. Paul reminds the Philippians that his gratitude for their generosity and giving was not because he personally was needy. He was indeed in need, however. Paul points out that the real good was in giving. Paul writes, "Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress. My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." How often do we hear this in Holy Scripture? We are called to give and to trust in God. This generosity and this willingness to trust will be rewarded many times over. As Paul states, "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with the riches in Christ Jesus."

One of the most basic concepts related to how we give involves the word "sacrificial." The Philippians were not wealthy benefactors and Paul understood that fully. It was their promise and their commitment that meant everything to him. That commitment meant something to the Philippians, to Paul, and certainly to the Lord.

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Archbishop Christopher Prowse Pastoral Visit

Friday 23 October - 9:30am Mass

followed by morning tea and talk with parishioners. Please bring a plate to share.

To book use the TryBooking link below or contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au

The TryBooking link is:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BLZZP>

KIT

The parishioner's forum

Calling all budding photographers
Along with your stories we are looking for your photographs for the front cover of KIT.

Please send photos in a jpeg or png format in to the parish office.

kippax@cg.org.au.

It is your contributions that keep KIT going.



Baptism During Mass

We are returning to celebrating Baptism during weekend Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays monthly.



As the families will have a number of their extended family and friends attending, available spaces at these masses will be less than usual.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We continue to prayer for the candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 29 October and Friday 30 October.

Plenary Council 2020:

Listen To What The Spirit Is Saying

Assembly 1 - October 3-10 2021 Adelaide

Assembly 2 - July 4 -9 2022 Sydney

Plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

SJA Book Club

We encourage anyone interested in joining us to come along for a meeting.

**We are reading: The Good Shepherd
By CS Forester**

St Johns Library – 18 October - 3:00pm

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm

For more information contact the parish office.

Next gathering: Friday 16 October

St John the Apostle Parish Centre



Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 19 October

7:15pm Parish Library



BELCONNEN YOUTH

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in Years 7 to 12

**First and Third Sundays
after the 6:00pm Mass**

**Our next gathering –
20 September**

This group is a way for young people to learn about the church and deepen their faith together. Contact Eoin.Garton@cq.org.au

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren, Norma Flood, Henryk Jalocho, Verdi Guy, Raymond Dummett, Iosif Szakal, Gwen Jones, John Whigham, Connie Thomas, Eugenia Wlodarczyk, Bradley Wattam, Luke White, Audrey Walker, Michael O'Neill, Margaret Van Halderen, Lauri Brennan, Malcolm Waterton, Jeffrey Ashauer, Edwardus van Audenaerde, Hernando Paz, Justin Fisher, George Heath, Matthew Nelson, Ferdor Sonnenberg, Angela Bajrami, Bruce Davis, Sebastian Licciarrello, Patricia Hall, Ursula Gormley, Cheryl Tramantini

Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn invite all to join in a Public Forum (Zoomed) on Thursday 22nd October 5 to 6.30pm, on the topic: *How can The Light from the Southern Cross shine in dioceses?* Speakers: Susan Pascoe AM and Virginia Bourke. **FORUM CHAIR** Andrea Dean. Further information about the speakers and Zoom details are on the attached flyer, or visit www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events

ACT Government COVID restrictions Effective 9 October 2020

These updated restrictions means there are **NO** changes for St John the Apostle Parish



1 per 4sqm

Physical distancing needs to be observed so there are no changes to the seating arrangements in the church



100 People

Because of Physical distancing our worship space can only accommodate 100 people



COVID Safety Plan

Our COVID safety plan includes:
Recording everyone's attendance in the church buildings.

You still need to register and record your attendance at Mass.

Becoming Catholic

Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]
please contact the parish office for more information.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Friday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
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 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

SMOKE FREE ZONE

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



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.



TAP & GO –

The donation amount is set at \$10. As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt



Donations to the 1st & 2nd Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Readings –18 October 2020

First Reading	Is 45:1,4-6
Psalm	Ps 95:1,3-5,7-10
Second Reading	1 Thes 1:1-5
Gospel	Matthew 22:15-21

18 October Reading Roster

6:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Terry Fewtrell, Matthew Garton

18 October Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Maresa Laird, Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Clyde Sloan, Peter Polkinghorne
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Eoin Garton, Chitra Jayawardena, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan

18 October Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	
8:30am	Clyde Sloan, Norma Sloan
10:00am	
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	12 Oct	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	17 Oct	VACANT

Church Cleaning:	12 Oct	VACANT
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On a Lighter note

What type of Bee can't make up its mind?

(A) A maybe

