

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 October 2021

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Reflection

Commitment to follow Jesus

James Kallam tells this amusing story in one of his writings.

Years ago a young door-to-door book salesman was assigned to a rural area. One day he came upon a farmer seated in a rocking chair on his front porch. The young man went up to the farmer enthusiastically and said, "Sir, I have a book here that will tell you how to farm ten times better than you are doing now."

The farmer didn't bother to look up. He simply kept on rocking. Finally, after a few minutes, he glanced up at the young salesman and said, "Young man, I don't need your book. I already know how to farm ten times better than I'm doing now."

That story is a good illustration of what Jesus is talking about in today's gospel. The farmer was capable of farming better, but he lacked the commitment to do so. The rich man was also capable of doing more than just keeping the commandments, but he too lacked the commitment to do so.

Today's gospel story makes it painfully clear that there is more to Christianity than just keeping the commandments. Jesus reviewed for the rich man the commandments, which are the starting point of Christian life. The man said he had kept them all. He hadn't done one thing in his whole life to hurt anyone.

Jesus admired him for this. But Christianity is far more positive. Jesus said to the rich man in effect: "Granted, you've never hurt anyone, but what have you done to help anyone? Have you ever used your wealth to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, or shelter the homeless?"

It was at this point that the rich man saw how sadly he was still lacking in perfection. Many of us are like the farmer on the porch. We know how to be a Christian ten times better than we are being one now, but we lack the commitment to do it.

We are like the rich man in today's gospel. We have kept the commandments too, but we haven't yet been able to reach out as generously as we could to the needy, the naked, and the hungry.

Yours in the Heart of Christ,
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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

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*If you are missing the
connection of community,
reach out to someone in the
parish who may be lonely, and
give them a call. God has no
voice but yours.*

World Mental Health Day 10 October 2021

Mental health care for all: let's make it a reality

Mental health is not simply the absence of illnesses, but having the capacity and opportunity to thrive – that is, to participate in the fullness of life to which Jesus invites us (Jn 10:10). We are a unity of body, mind and spirit.

We are social beings. We need the bonds of family, friends and the broader community to celebrate the joys and hopes of life. These bonds help us to face the usual challenges of life, but they are even more important in times of anxiety or despair.

Our parishes, organisations and communities should be places of acceptance, care and healing, not places of rejection or judgement. Furthermore, as Pope Francis constantly reminds us, we have to take the initiative to go out to those pushed to the edges, rather than waiting for them to come to us seeking welcome.

Taken from last year's 2020-2021

Social Justice Statement

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Social-Justice-Statement-2020-WEB.pdf>

Let us be on earth the Heart of God and reach out to those who need support.

Check In CBR card

A Check In CBR card is now available, designed for those people who do not own a smartphone or who are unable to download or use the Check In CBR app.



The card contains a unique QR code which can be scanned at the majority of businesses and venues across the ACT. The link to apply for a card is <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/stay-safe-and-healthy/check-in-cbr-app#Check-In-CBR-card>

**Please be mindful
of your responsibility
in our shared spaces.**



**Maintain good
hand hygiene**



**Keep your
distance**



**Stay home if unwell
and get tested**



**Check In for
contact tracing**



**Monitor travel
advice**

For updates, visit [covid19.act.gov.au](https://www.covid19.act.gov.au)



St John the Apostle Parish Return to the Celebration of the Eucharist

An email has been sent to parishioners regarding the return to the Celebration of the Eucharist for the period of 15-28 October 2021.

If you did not receive this email, please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or kippax@cq.org.au



YouTube Streaming of Mass

On Saturday 9 October, we will stream Mass from 6:00pm. Please subscribe to the parish YouTube account.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYwp-XCPKwNNGbAj3G_I45A

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

Friendship with God

Our heart has not only the need to love; it experiences also the need to be loved. Jesus Christ has a keen desire to be our friend, so let us turn to him, making him our friend. How precious his friendship is! We can count on his fidelity; he will never fail us, not even when we are in the midst of trials. God is a sincere friend. Jesus makes no exception of persons. No matter what our talents, no matter where we may be or what may have happened to us, his friendship will always be genuine. His Heart will always be open to receive us, to lavish his love upon us. Let us put our trust in him with the greatest confidence

Jules Chevalier msc -
Meditations 1, p. 414f Issoudun 1891

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

Stewardship

Attached to possessions

We might cringe when we hear the story in today's gospel because it is sad — this man was so close to becoming an active disciple of Jesus, but instead turned away. We also might cringe because it could be deeply applicable to our lives.

Jesus states that "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." One of the metaphors for the "eye of a needle" was a tight passageway into Jerusalem that people had to enter to get into the city. In order for their camels to pass through, they had to remove whatever the camel was carrying, only then, could they enter.

If we look at our own lives, we can most likely think of something that we tightly carry with us. Maybe it is possessions — material goods or money — like Jesus references in our Gospel. Or maybe it is something less material — like status, pride, or control. We need to be willing to strip those things from our lives in order to reach Him.

www.catholicsteward.com

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

Recently Deceased:

Magdalen Suh [mother of Theresia Suh]

Anniversary: Frederick Jackson, Norma Hall, Lillian Templeton, Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren, Norma Flood, Henryk Jalocha, Verdi Guy, Raymond Dummett, Iosif Szakal, Gwen Jones, John Whigham, Eugenia Wlodarczyk, Connie Thomas, Brenda Boreham, Bradley Wattam, Luke White, Audrey Walker, Michael O'Neill, Lauri Brennan, Margaret Van Halderen, Malcolm Waterton, Edwardus Van Audenaerde, Jeffrey Ashauer, Hernando Paz, Justin Fisher, George Heath, Matthew Nelson, Ferdor Sonnenberg, Angela Bajrami, Chee Keng Loh, Sebastian Licciarrello, Bruce Davis

Mass Intentions the week of 11 – 17 October

Mon 11/10	Margaret Pisciotta
Wed 13/10	Magdalen Suh
Thur 14/10	Available [contact the office]
Fri 15/10	Magdalen Suh
Sat 16/10	
6:00pm	Irene Peris
Sun 17/10	
8:30am	Parish Intention
10:00am	Dusan Lovrincecic
6:00pm	Magdalen Suh

To ensure that a mass time is available please
telephone the parish office to make a booking.

On a Lighter note



SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
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 10:00am
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

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 Bean Origin Belconnen
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**



Check In CBR App is mandatory
<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/business-and-work/check-in-cbr/information-for-businesses#Using-the-app-at-your-business-or-venue>

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
The kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Readings – 17 October 2021

First Reading	Is 53:10-11
Psalm	Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22
Second Reading	Heb 4:14-16
Gospel	Mark 10:35-45

Due to the current COVID 19 lockdown the church is closed and parishioners are not able to attend mass at this time. It is anticipated that lockdown - stay at home orders may be lifted on Friday 15 October. If this is the case weekend mass may resume on 16/17 October

17 Oct Lector Roster

6:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Libby Kain, Joe Ots
6:00pm	Matthew Garton, Terry Fewtrell

17 Oct Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Janet Almond, Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Theresia Suh
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, James Cox

17 Oct Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Carol Moore, Marie McKie
8:30am	Clyde and Norma Sloan
10:00am	Marie Flint
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	10 Oct	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	16 Oct	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	11 Oct	VACANT