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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

Fourth Sunday in Lent

27 March 2022

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Reflection

Sharing our Table

What is so shocking about Jesus' parable of the prodigal son is, that as the story goes, everything about the Jewish culture of first century Palestine sets the boy up for a fall: he was greedy for his father's inheritance; we can assume he left the chosen land for the far country where he squandered his inheritance recklessly; he ended up eating with the unclean pigs; and then he had the temerity to return and ask for forgiveness.

This was the least likeable kid in town. He did not deserve to be treated better than a slave. That's what makes the boy's father so magnificent in love. He was derided by his faithful older son for this folly of the heart and he would have been considered a fool by his neighbours. And this is the model of compassion Jesus gives us to emulate.

The context for this story, however, matters. The author of Luke 15 has Jesus responding to charges about the company he was keeping and especially those with whom he dined. In Jesus' day, one only ate with intimates and Jesus shared his table with losers.

The action and words of Jesus, lead us to conclude the table is here for those of us who know the frailty of our lives enough to recognise our hunger and thirst for the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. Today's Gospel is not just about each of us being welcomed into the arms of our compassionate God, it is also a challenge for us to defend the right of the outcasts, the public sinners and the losers who seek to turn their life around to be welcomed here as well.

This is not just about the table of the Eucharist, either. To the degree that we help our country be more hospitable to the most defenceless, the poor and the displaced then we live out the power of this parable.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ

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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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Sacrament of Penance

Please continue to pray for the children preparing to receive the

Sacrament of Penance on

Thursday 31 March.

May they always know the depth of God's infinite love for them.

JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES

 **END THE CRUELTY**

PALM SUNDAY RALLY
Sunday 10 April – 1pm
Garema Place

Speakers:

Craig Foster - human rights activist and retired Socceros captain

Mostafa Azimitabar - Kurdish refugee from Iran

Carol Wagner - Bishop of the Anglican Church of Australia

More information:

<https://refugeeaction.org/20220318/2022-palm-sunday-rally-justice-for-refugees-end-the-cruelty/>

SUNDAY 3 APRIL 2022



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Set your clocks back 1 hour

Commencing Saturday 9 April - Saturday VIGIL will be celebrated at 5:00pm
Confession will be held from 4:00pm - 4:30pm

Gethsemane - Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament
Every Thursday during Lent
7:30pm – 8:30pm



There will be no Adoration on Thursday 31 March 2022 due to the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance for the children children of the parish.

On Thursday 7 April 2022, the 1st Rite of reconciliation will be available during Adoration.

“can you not stay awake with me for one hour?” Mt. 26:40

“Be on earth the Heart of God”



TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Through our baptism we are all called to participate in Christ's Mission.

You are invited to participate in the mission and ministry life of our parish with your time, talent and treasure. Please give your prayerful consideration to how your gifts may be used to best serve God.

Forms for ministry rosters are on the table in the church foyer.

The ministry commitment period is 1st June 2022 to 31st May 2023.

Please return by 3 April 2022

The National ANZAC Day Mass
at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka

at 8:00am on
Monday 25 April 2022

Celebrated by the Military
Ordinariate of Australia

Guests are asked to be seated by 7:45am
The Ensign Party will enter the Cathedral
before 8:00am



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Formation evening for Parents.

Date: Monday 4 April
Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm



The Sacrament will be celebrated on
Thursday 9 May at 5:30pm

Heart Spirituality

The return of the prodigal son

He has made up his mind: *I shall arise and go....*
He does not put off his departure until tomorrow. He sets out right away at a fast pace. He hurries to throw himself into the arms of him whom he has saddened so much by his foolish flight; him whom he has offended grievously by his disorderly behaviour. He thinks only of one thing: to appeal to his mercy and to ask his pardon. His heart is broken in repentance, making him shed tears of sorrow.

This is how I should feel! I have distanced myself from him; I have saddened his heart by straying. He is worried about what is happening to me; I feel that he is calling me; he is yearning for my return; he is waiting for me day and night; he makes the first move by his grace. I cannot resist any longer. So it is decided: *I shall arise and go!...*

Jules Chevalier msc
(Retraite, p.84, Issoudun 1904)

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

Stewardship

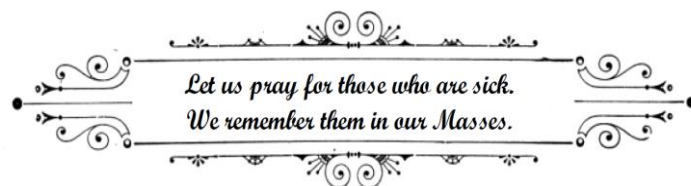
Turn back to God

The fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday. It is traditionally viewed as a day of celebration, a time when the soberness of Lent is briefly eliminated. The key to the parable of the prodigal son and what puts all of the readings on this Laetare Sunday in perspective is the redemption of the wayward son.

Most of us recognize that the father in the parable represents God. Just as God grants each of us free will, the father in the parable allowed his son who wished to have his inheritance immediately that same kind of freedom — you might say the freedom to sin and fail.

When he has fallen as far as possible, is wallowing in poverty and guilt, the prodigal son declares, "I shall get up and go to my father." He does not say I am going home, and he does not express homesickness; he says quite simply that it is time to return to his father, to return to God. Now is the time for us to do the same. It is time for us to recognize that we are a new creation; to know that God watches over us and to trust in Him; and to seek reconciliation and redemption through Him.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

Jack Ranson, Judith Davidson, Michael Lowe, Veronica Brennan, Ludvik Koren, James Broderick, Ella Greig, Clement King, Alexander Van Audenaerde, Andrew McEvoy, Stanislaw Bitner, Victoria Huntley, Mark Markham, Moira Leader, Jennifer Adamik, John O'Brien, Jack Lenihan, Catherine Wheelaghan, Sybil Lazaro, Bill Corby, Francesca Fernado, Kay Haworth, Katherine Jones, Wal Kulesza, John Henshaw, Helen McGee, Harold Allester, Vivienne Montgomery, Jordan Matthews, John Napier, Caitlin Brice, Alyssa Brice, Betty Kerekes, Janelle Brice, Leonard Smith, Trevor Agnew, Norah Glover, Clara Williamson.

Mass Intentions the week of 28 March – 3 April

Mon 28/03	Eddie Walpole
Wed 30/03	Dominic & Mary Pham
Thur 31/03	Available [contact the office]
Fri 01/04	Available [contact the office]

Sat 02/04	
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]

Sun 03/04	
8:30am	Kees Van Rooy
10:00am	Joseph Le Van Trac
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

Plant Stall

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a plant stall
Thursday 31 March 2022,
8am to 4pm,
Jamison Centre.

A huge range of succulents, perennials, indoor plants and more will be available. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff.

For further information: Jan 0437790980



MARCH 2022

31 Thursday – Children of the Parish receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation

APRIL 2022

2 Saturday/ 3 Sunday – Commitment to Ministry Weekend. Return of Time Talent and Treasure Forms– all Masses

4 Monday – Formation Session for Parents for the Sacrament of Confirmation

7 Thursday – Gethsemane - Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament – 7:30pm – 1st Rite of Reconciliation will be available during Adoration

9 Saturday/10 Sunday – Presentation Masses for the children of the parish preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

14 Thursday – Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper - 7:00pm followed by the Altar of Repose in the Parish Library concluding with night prayer at 10:00pm

15 Friday – Good Friday : Stations of the Cross - 10:00am
The Passion of the Lord - 3:00pm

16 Saturday – Easter Vigil – 7:00pm

17 Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord Mass 8:30am and 10:00am only - **No Evening Mass**

18 Monday – Easter Monday Public Holiday
Parish Office closed

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during 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 10:00am
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
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
Men's Group	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Taste and See the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and
against you.

Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!

Readings – 3 April 2022

First Reading	Is 43:16-21
Psalm	Ps 125
Second Reading	Phil 3:8-14
Gospel	John 8:1-11

3 April Lector Roster

6:00pm	Paul McGrath, Fay Padarin
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Erin Hagerty, Brian Mahony

3 April Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Pat Cowburn
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Arie de Bear
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

3 April Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Rob Breen, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	27 Mar	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	2 Apr	Vacant
Church Cleaning:	28 Mar	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Nguyen

On a lighter note

