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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 July 2022

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Reflection

Mercy & Justice are intertwined

It is not by accident that the phrase 'as cold as charity' is still current. Deciding on whom we will be kind to, just based on our 'warm fuzzies' and the glow of our purses, may make us feel good; but it will result in a very wintry experience for the not-so-lucky recipient. When we 'do' charitable things, we can often remain powerful and untouched by the situation of those our money helps.

St Thomas Aquinas, however, calls charity the mother of all virtues. He argues it is more concerned with the feelings of the heart than external action. Aquinas maintains that charity enables us to sort through our desires, to see what we really want – whom we actually love; it helps us use the other virtues to act accordingly. Christian charity is not a feel-good moment; it is a life-changing experience. Understood this way, the Good Samaritan can be a great example of charity, he is a model of mercy.

The Good Samaritan is not 'good' because he has the money to act on what he sees. His greatness is that he has eyes to see it at all. To really see it. The priest and the morality-teaching Levite pretend it's not happening and walk on the other side of the road. But the most unlikely, the least liked person in Israel – a Samaritan – has the view of mercy.

Christian tradition teaches us that mercy and justice are intertwined. Thomas Aquinas says that mercy helps us hear, and justice calls for us to do something. The Samaritan does what he can at the scene of the crime and then he takes the victim with him. He not only sees, but judges and acts. In doing so, he breaks nearly every religious and social law in the book; but it doesn't matter. The virtues of mercy and justice enable us to see all sorts of things more clearly, even civil and religious laws that inhibit the justice of God.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ

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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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SJA Men's Group



6:00pm – 8:00pm

Next gathering:

Friday 17 July

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

LECTOR MINISTRY

We require a second Lector for the fourth Sunday 10:00am Mass. If you discern that this is a ministry you would like to be involved in, please contact the parish office.

Parish Office Happenings

Fr. Kimi will be on leave from 4 July - 17 July.

He will be then attending the Daramala Year 12 Retreat 18 - 20 July. Marian will be out of the office from 12-14 July.

St Johns Meditation Group

Retreat at Douglas Park 29 – 31 July

You are most welcome to join us. For further information, please contact Jenny Maher 0402 112 973 by 30 June.



We are reading:
No Picnic on Mount Kenya
by Felice Benuzzi

St Johns Library – 17 July - 3:00pm

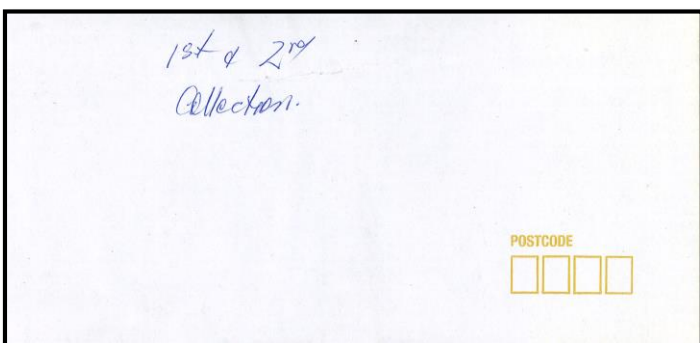
Pins & Needles Craft Group

18 July 2022


7:15pm Parish Library



This envelope was placed on the offertory collection last weekend [25/26 June 2022].



As it does not identify the contributor we cannot apply the donation to a giver. Would this contributor please contact the parish office on 6254 3236.




SEA SUNDAY 2022

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

Seafarers in our ports arrive as strangers in a foreign land. They are also our neighbours who lead dangerous working lives. The Samaritan helped the stranger. We are called to...

> **"Go and do likewise!"** Luke 10:37



Stella Maris cares for the spiritual, social and material welfare of seafarers globally, regardless of colour, race or creed.

Please support our ministry to seafarers and donate online at www.stellamarisaustralia.org

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on **Wednesday 27 July** for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre.

Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

Archdiocesan – Child Protection

Code of Conduct Acknowledgement

Thank you to those ministers who have completed this form. This form is to be completed by any parishioner who is involved in any ministry in the Parish.

Ministries include: Acolyte, Lector, Ministers of Communion, Power Point, Music Ministry, Hospitality, Grounds, Altar Linen, Bookstore, Church Cleaners, and Flower Arranging.

Copies are available to sign in the sacristy and the parish office.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

Compassion

Our love of neighbour should be tender-hearted and compassionate. The Samaritan should be our model. Along the road he meets a wounded man, half dead, stripped, dying of hunger. He is stirred at the sight, and his heart touched with compassion. Let us not close our heart to pity, when along life's road we come across a person wounded by sorrow, bruised by ingratitude, prostrate in the mud of a disorderly life, or a poor person lacking everything, or a needy family.

Like the Samaritan, let us draw near to these people in need, and do everything in our power to comfort them.

Jules Chevalier msc, Méditations pour tous les jours de l'année II, 259. Issoudun 1891

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

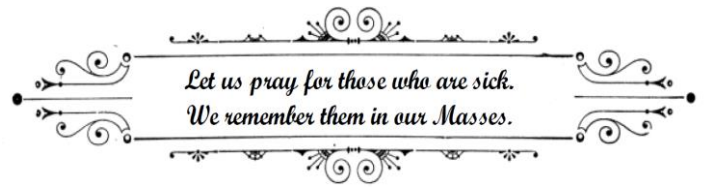
Stewardship

The first thing we note about the Good Samaritan is that he is aware of the needs of those around him and responds generously. He has a hospitable way of looking at the world around him and so he is able to "see" in a way that the others did not, and he was "moved with compassion at the sight" of the man.

The Good Samaritan not only sees but acts. He springs into action to serve this man, setting aside his own schedule and plans. He does not just give the man a few dollars or offer quick words of encouragement from across the road. He goes right up to the man. He cleans and bandages his wounds. He puts the man on his own animal and brings him to an inn where he can heal. He ensures the innkeeper he would continue to look after him, and he commits to returning to the man on his way back.

That is true hospitality and service. That is how a good steward springs into action when he comes upon a neighbour in need. And Jesus says to each of us personally, just as He did in today's Gospel, "Go and do likewise."

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Anne Patterson, Sam Ford, Elsie Bingham, Mary Ryan, Christopher Davis, Josephine Allester, Doris Galea, Mollie Paterson, Marie Richards, Chris Penders, John McEnaney, Leon Nguyen, Bernard Armstrong, Thomas Hallahan, Laurence Swift, Linda Dawson, Victoria Norton, Bede Stinson, Lionel Carberry, Jan Kurzynski, Catherine Raadts, Josephine O'Kane, Joan Ferguson, Monique Pearce, Gayle McGoogan, Veronica Hannah, David Leonard, Paul Kurylowicz, Mona Castle, Stephen Carson, Stephen Gorst, Leo Williams, Naomi Slater, Rudi Weiss, Joseph Myatt, Rita Riddle, Isabella Backhaus, Gwendoline White, Sheila Marshall, Tina Martino, James Patterson, Queenie Solomonsz, Dolly Munoz, Mary Mules, Marie Cowman, Maria Pedic

Mass Intentions the week of 11-17 July

Mon 11/07	Available [contact the office]
Wed 13/07	Paul & Ana Le
Thur 14/07	Available [contact the office]
Fri 15/07	Available [contact the office]

Sat 16/07	
5:00pm	Peter Seneviratna

Sun 17/07	
8:30am	Parish Intentions
10:00am	Celia Gomez
6:00pm	Debra Niquet

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

The children of the Parish will receive the Sacrament of

First Holy Communion at the following masses:

Saturday 23 July - 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 24 July – 10:00am Mass

Saturday 30 July – 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 31 July – 10:00am Mass

Would you please hold all the children and their families in your prayers. Thank you.

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 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

St Johns Friendship Group	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Turn to the Lord in your need,
and you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
You have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia

Readings – 17 July 2022

First Reading	Gen 18:1-10
Psalm	Ps 14:2-5
Second Reading	Col 1:24-28
Gospel	Luke 10:38-42

ROSTERS

17 July Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Matthew Garton, Anna Cirocco

17 July Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Janet Almond, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Theresia Suh
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

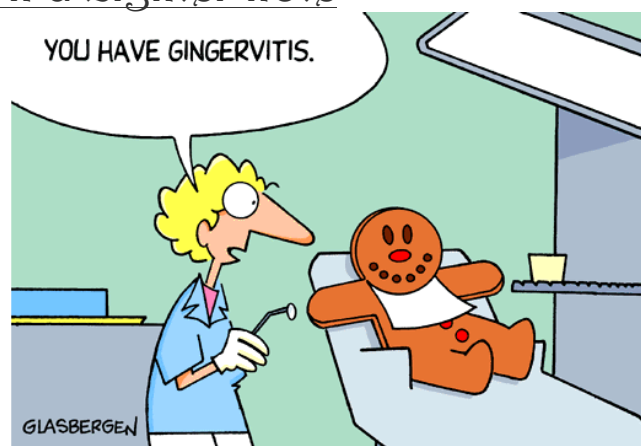
17 July Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Carol Moore, Marie McKie
8:30am	Clyde and Norma Sloan
10:00am	Vacant
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	10 July	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	16 July	Vacant
Church Cleaning:	10 July	Christine Lancaster, Shovin Weerawaunakula

On a lighter note



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Dates for your diary



Vinnies Winter Appeal 2022
Weekend 30/31 July 2022

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Virtual Weekend - 19-21 August

Worldwide Marriage Encounter conducted by Zoom allowing couple to attend from the comfort of their own home. The weekend starts at 7PM on Friday 19th August and concludes with Mass at 4PM on Sunday 21 August.

Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Mercy & James Bvirakare on 0409 183 676 or vicbooking@wwme.org.au