

COMPACT

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
25 September 2022

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Reflection

Dives and Lazarus

Today's gospel tells the story of Dives and Lazarus, characters who are represented in our society today. It is an important task for us to decide which one of these characters we think we are.

Recently the United Nations published a paper which creatively described the world as a village of 100 people. Staying consistent with the international statistics the United Nations tells us that our global village looks like this. There are 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 North Americans, 8 Africans, 4 South Americans and an assortment fills up the final four places. There are 52 women and 48 men of whom only 30 are fair-skinned and 70 are dark-skinned. 91 are heterosexual while nine are gay. Only one of us has a University education and yet six people in our village own 64% of our town's wealth and all of them are Americans. 80 people live in substandard housing without electricity, clean water and sewerage. 70 of us cannot read and 50 suffer from malnutrition.

This village analysis sorts out very quickly who Lazarus and Dives are in our world. As hard as life is for some of us and as much as we struggle financially, we are, comparatively, dressed in purple robes and feasting off fine linen.

The point of Jesus' story in today's Gospel is not to remind us that there are poor people at our gate. It is to implore us to listen and learn. Some Catholics want to vigorously uphold dogma and liturgical laws but do not seem to care one iota for the social teaching of the Church which instructs us that our love of God is truly found in deeds not words.

Given the way we keep repeating the sins of the past and we allow the rich to get richer while the poor die before us, it seems we Christians, who have had the benefit of the Law, the Prophets and even a man coming back from the dead, will not change the structures that enshrine global injustice. Why?

There is no way around it. Such a change would involve real sacrifice on our part and we are not prepared to pay the price. Jesus, however, reminds us today of the consequences in both our selective deafness toward Lazarus' cry and our lack of action; our comfortable passivity has implications for this world and the next.

Resource 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

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Heart to Heart Retreat

St John the Apostle Parish

Fri 7 – Sun 9 October 2022

Fri 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Sat 9:00am – 4:00am

Sun 10:00am – 4:00pm

Presented by the MSC Retreat Team

Heart Spirituality

- *What are you looking for?*
- *Your Heart's Desire*
- *The Breath of God*
- *God is in every step you take.*

Friday night commences with a light dinner.

Saturday & Sunday lunch, morning tea and afternoon tea. Bookings Essential

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We provide a program of enjoyable activities in a warm and friendly setting in our Sunroom, where seniors can meet and get to know

each other, supported by our qualified staff and volunteers.

When do we meet? Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

How to join You should contact us at the Sunroom for Seniors

Telephone 0481 185 205 or (02) 6258 5784

Address 30 Conley Drive MELBA ACT (located within the North Belconnen Uniting Church building)

Email nbdc@iimetro.com.au

Website SunroomForSeniors.org.au

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 27 SEPT – 7:30AM

BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ

NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on **Wednesday 28**

September 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.

Heart Spirituality

Hunger and thirst for what is right

Jesus says, Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice (Mt 5:6), for God will fill them with joy and happiness. If you are in these dispositions, you will very quickly experience the truth of my promises. And once you are satisfied with these supernatural gifts, you will think no more of any other food.

From where comes the drive towards evil, the continual struggle of flesh against spirit? Is it not the concupiscence that fights in your members?

Declare war on your inordinate desires, and you will gain the victory. In vain do you seek for calm outside of my love. The pleasures of this world will never satisfy your heart; they will only weary it, and you will find the memory of them bitter.

Jules Chevalier msc,
Ecole du Sacré-Coeur, p. 78f, Issoudun, 1892.

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

Chevalier Day

Friday 21 October 2022

**Theme is everything French
double the celebrations**

- **Morning Mass 9:30am**
followed by a French morning tea in the church foyer.
- **Trivia Night 6:30pm -**
parish centre
6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Trivia



Dinner and Wine provided, please bring a dessert

Brush up your MSC & French knowledge for the Trivia Night. These questions will be included in the trivia. Category MSC's at Kippax

Q.13 – How many MSC's have ministered at SJA?

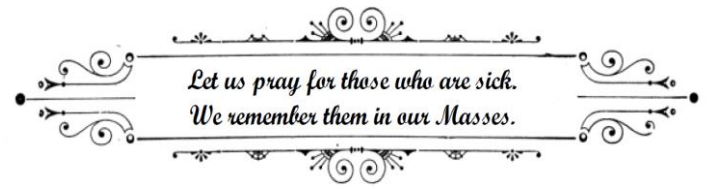
Q.14 – What Feast Day do the MSC's celebrate each year?

Answers provided in COMPACT next week.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Building the future with Migrants and Refugees



The ultimate meaning of our 'journey' in this world is the search for our true homeland, the Kingdom of God inaugurated by Jesus Christ.

Building the future with migrants and refugees means recognising and valuing how much each of them can contribute to the process of construction. I like to see this approach to migration reflected in a prophetic vision of Isaiah, which considers foreigners not invaders or destroyers, but willing labourers who rebuild the walls of the new Jerusalem, that Jerusalem whose gates are open to all peoples (cf. Is. 60:10-11).

No one must be excluded. God's plan is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries. Among them are many migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking. The Kingdom of God is to be built with them, for without them it would not be the Kingdom that God wants. The inclusion of those most vulnerable is the necessary condition for full citizenship in God's Kingdom.

If we want to cooperate with our heavenly Father in building the future, let us do so together with our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees.

Pope Francis

Link to Pope Francis Pastoral Letter
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/20220509-world-migrants-day-2022.html>

Recently Deceased:

Sr Roberta Robertson RSM

Anniversary: Luke White, Beryl Mannix, Aileen Antcliffe, James Sarah, Zoila Wait, Philip Hazell, Patrick Clarke, Lidia Torelli, Georgina Kukolic, Hok Tung, Fr. John Rate msc, Carol Gibb, Edmond Sarrah, Joseph Scibberas, Vic Puzas, Patricia Tyers, Anotnia Prieto, Antonella D'Ambrosio, Victor Bitterman, Bernard Roberts, Robert Smith, Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy, Anne Bynum, Fred Aschenbereger, Patricia Richardson, Gaeto Vella, Renee Tozer, Wendy McCarthy, Agustin Fernandez-Budiel

Mass Intentions the week of 26 September – 2 October

Mon 26/09	Available [contact the office]
Wed 28/09	Jim Sheahan
Thur 29/09	Robert & Maria Scarr
Fri 30/09	Luigi Nemesi
Sat 01/10	
5:00pm	Jo Mulligan
Sun 02/10	
8:30am	Kimberley Kitching
10:00am	Rudolph Halapir
6:00pm	

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

CANBERRA – GOULBURN Men's Cursillo Retreat Weekend 24-27 November

A Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the opportunity for formation through talks, meditations, discussion and prayer, led by an experienced local volunteer team. Contact Alfred 0412 268 044 or email: readysetgo@live.com.au

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	1 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

Youth Group Sunday Monthly	<i>Next Meeting – 16 October</i> 4:00pm – 6:00pm Parish Centre
St Johns Friendship Group	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month</i> 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	<i>3rd Monday of the Month</i> 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	<i>3rd Sunday of the Month</i> 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	<i>4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am</i> Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm</i> Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
To make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia

Readings – 2 October 2022

First Reading	Hab 11:2-3, 2:2-47
Psalm	Ps 94:1-2, 6-9
Second Reading	2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel	Luke 17:5-10

Chevalier Day Trivia Answers

Last week's answers:
15. Mark Hanns msc
16. John Bosman msc

ROSTERS

2 Oct Lector Roster

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Paul McGrath
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Erin Trevaskis

2 Oct Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Joy McInerney, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Pat Cowburn
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawaunkula
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

2 Oct Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Rob Breen, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	25 Sep	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	1 Oct	Vacant
Church Cleaning:	25 Sep	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Van Nguyen

SJA BOOK CLUB

SEPTEMBER MEETING POSTPONED

We encourage anyone interested in joining us to come along.

We are reading: *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes
Story is inspired by true events, in Depression-era Kentucky, Eleanor Roosevelt wanted to get literature to the Appalachian Mountains in Kentucky. Women volunteers on horse back ran a program from 1935-43 delivering books to more than a hundred thousand poor rural inhabitants.

St John's Library – 16 October- 3:00pm

On a Lighter note

