

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
5 November 2023

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Reflection

Leadership through Service

This week's gospel is a lesson on leadership. The gospel writer has Jesus offering a very strong criticism of the religious leadership of his day as exemplified by the scribes and Pharisees. He accuses them of not practising what they preach – a rather familiar criticism often levelled at politicians, teachers and church leaders in our own society today. When the criticism is used today it often implies that if the person fails to practise what they preach then what they have to say carries little weight. But rather than totally rejecting the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus cautions his listeners to take notice of what they have to say – as their teachings were always grounded in scripture and tradition – but not to follow their example of behaviour.

The Christian model of leadership often flies in the face of societal concepts of leadership. Many of the models of leadership we witness in society focus on exerting power over others. People are praised for showing 'strong' leadership when they manipulate situations, bully less powerful people and bulldoze their way through others' opinions. Whilst this model of leadership may have a certain effectiveness in the short term, there is certainly nothing 'Christian' about its operation and ultimately it forces a wedge between the leader and the led. Christian leadership focuses on empowering all parties and rather than power over others, it embraces power *through* and *with* others.

This gospel passage makes it very clear for that original community as well as ourselves that true leadership is provided through service to others and through humble action. Unlike the Pharisees of Jesus' time, Christian leaders are called to do away with the trappings of power and prestige and, instead, be of service to those whom they would lead.

Resource used: Gospel Reflection, 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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St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.

Sacrificial Giving Sunday 18/19 November

Church finances are essential for supporting various ministries and programs that serve the community, spread the gospel, and provide for the needs of the less fortunate. Giving allows you to participate in these important endeavours. There will be a talk at all masses about the Parish Finance's and Planned Giving the weekend of 18/19 November. Leading up to that weekend we ask that you prayerfully discern your commitment towards the parish's financial responsibilities.

Sacrament of Penance

Preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance in lent 2024 is commencing now.

If you have a child in year 2 or above and they have not made this sacrament please contact the parish office. The preparation commences with a formation evening for Parents.

Date: Monday 6 November
Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Australian Catholics Magazine Summer Edition



Copies available in the foyer.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

The Annual Remembrance Mass Saturday 11th November 10:00 am

At this mass, we will pray especially for all those whose funerals or burials we celebrated here in the past year, but all are welcome to join us and pray for all their beloved dead. Morning tea will be held in the foyer after mass.



Fertility Care Program

Do you want to know more about how your menstrual and fertility cycle works?

Are you looking for something to manage your fertility that is entirely natural?

The FertilityCare, Creighton Model System (CrMs) is based upon the knowledge and understanding of naturally-occurring phases of a women's fertility and infertility. Learning how to observe and chart your biological markers, empowers you to know your cycle and use this information to maintain your health, it allows couples plan and build a family together. In addition, you can combine the Creighton Model with a medical treatment program, NaPro Technology to help you reach a full procreative health. Based on thirty years of research and practical application, NaPro Technology is a women's health science which has the ability to work cooperatively with the woman's menstrual and fertility cycle. To find out more or arrange a consultation please text 0474 728 868 or email mianuvice@aoi.com. Further information available at <https://www.fertilitycare.org/>

HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER MASSES

Please complete your November mass intention envelope and return it to the parish office. The names of your deceased loved ones who you want to remember during the month of November will be read out before the Monday weekday mass. We will also continue to have mass intentions during the month of November for those anniversaries and intentions that occur during that month.

Heart Spirituality

Humility

Jesus says, I put humility first among all the virtues, because it is the root of all the others, and because it was especially humility that I taught the world. If you possess it, you will avoid spectacular actions; you will remain in the shade, unless obedience calls you forward.

Those who always want to attract attention, or who appear only when they are sure of success, are far from possessing this virtue. They seek fame and applause more than anything else. Full of themselves, they accept humble tasks, in which they cannot shine, only with repugnance: "Vanity of vanities."

Jules Chevalier msc

Ecole du Sacre-Coeur, p. 179 f. Issoudun, 1892.

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

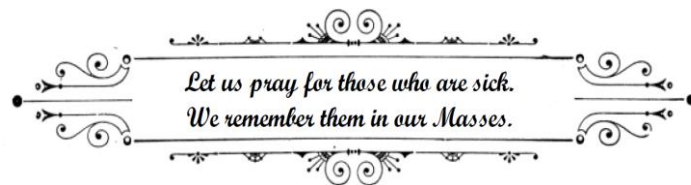
Stewardship

We are measured by how we serve

In the first reading, God, through Malachi, addresses those who do not sincerely practice their faith. It is interesting to note that at one point in today's readings, Malachi states, "You have turned aside from the way." The "Way" with a capital "W" was what early Christians were called. It stems from Jesus' statement, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Malachi points out to those to whom he was writing that turning aside from the way is an unacceptable and insincere act. Acting in this way is the opposite of humility.

Jesus always spoke of Himself and viewed Himself as a servant. The basic issue for us as His followers is, "Are we more like the Pharisees or more like the Lord?" In the Lord's kingdom we are measured by how we serve and honour others, not by how we may be served. Do we serve and honour others at all times?

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: John Joyce, Narim Dawalibi, Rex Kelley, Isabella Christian, Edward Dwyer, Ursula Bell, Grace Carmichael, Patricia Smith, John Roots, Adrian Gilchrist, Margaret Webster, Marie-Jeanne Shatzman, Veronica tippet, Gary Williams, Frances Stow, Maria van Audenaerde, Brenden Keir, Cornelia Onstenk, William Castle, Richard Witrzens, Gloria Hunter, Jordan Blachfield, Maria Wegener, Jamie Gruber, Kathleen Randall, Garry Marsh, Fransien Ashauer, Nell Clarke, Matthew Biggs, Joey Griffiths, Marie Corr.

Mass Intentions the week of 6 - 12 November

Mon 06/11	November Masses
Wed 08/11	Leonida Sarmiento
Thur 09/11	All Souls
Fri 10/11	

Sat 11/11	
5:00pm	Edward Walpole

Sun 12/11	
8:30am	Barry Collins
10:00am	Fallace & Montagnese family
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Friday 17 November

Mens Group



Monday 20 November

Pins and Needles



Friday 24 November

Film Night



Tuesday 28 November

Women's Breakfast



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

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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia

You have one Father, your Father in
heaven; you have one teacher: the
Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia

Readings – 12 November 2023

First Reading	Wis 6:12-16
Psalm	PS 62:2-8
Second Reading	1 Thes 4:13-18
Gospel	Matthew 25:1-13

ROSTERS

12 Nov

Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Frank Craddock
10:00am	Peter Kain, Eman Basheer
6:00pm	Anthony Jayawardena, Nunga Umaru

12 Nov

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Therese Kercher, Paul McGrath
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Marianna Rollgejser
10:00am	Pam Connor, Kelechi Nnaji
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Brian Mahony

12 Nov

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Maria Catanzariti, Marian England
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Frank Colley, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	John McGee, Chitra Jayawardena

12 Nov

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Agnes Pham
10:00am	Judy Kenny, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy

12 Nov

SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	John McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	5 Nov	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	11 Nov	Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard, David Momi
Church Cleaning:	5 Nov	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Ted & Debbie Milne

On a Lighter note.

