

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

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Year C**

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“To be on earth the Heart of God”

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

LITURGIES

Liturgy of the Word with Communion: Tues 9:30am
Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sun 11:30 am
Reconciliation: Sat 11:00 – 11:30 am or by
appointment with the priests

PRAYER

Charismatic Prayer: Thursday 7:30pm
Maida: 0423 658 326 Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation [Library] Friday 7.30-8.15 pm
Morning Prayer: Mon, Tues, Fri 9:10am
Stations of the Cross First Fri Monthly 5:30pm

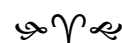
From the Pastor's Desk.....

This week's gospel continues the theme of journey. Jesus and his disciples are journeying to Jerusalem. While on this journey Jesus takes many opportunities to instruct his disciples. In last week's gospel he teaches them the Lord's Prayer. It is essentially a prayer for the journey. "Give us this day our daily bread". Give us what we need for the day, both our spiritual and physical needs. We need not be preoccupied with tomorrow; just our basic needs for the day will suffice.

The parable that we hear in today's gospel reinforces this teaching. Here we are shown the folly of the rich man who stores up his treasures only to have his life snatched away during the night. There is nothing wrong with possessions, or with making provision for our future needs. What is important, however, is our fundamental attitude to possessions and the future. Being disciples of Jesus means that we are on a journey and that our true home lies in heaven.

I remember hearing about the distinction between needs and wants. Often we want something, but if we step back and ask ourselves, do we really need this, often the answer is no. I may want to dine on champagne and caviar every night (to give an absurd example) but obviously I do not need this extravagance. On the other hand I do need a nutritious and balanced diet for my well-being.

In today's society where the illusion of consumerism promises unbridled happiness, and the propaganda that greater and greater profits yielded in the open market are somehow going to make us better off, the sober warning in Jesus' parable is as relevant today as ever.



We welcome at our Sunday evening Mass Fr Brian Cahill MSC, Bishop Rochus Tatamia MSC, Fr Casmiro Kito MSC and Br Fidelis Pikul MSC from the PNG diocese of Bereina. Fr Brian Cahill is an Australian MSC who is presently parish priest of Tapini in the diocese of Bereina. Brian is celebrating 25 years of priesthood.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

This Hoard of Yours.....?

Our modern society is particularly dominated by a mindset of accumulating more than we might ever need. The saying 'Whoever has the most toys, wins' holds more than just a shred of truth for many people. Our consumerist lifestyle nurtures the desire to accumulate more and more 'stuff'. Every time we turn on the television there is a new 'must have' gadget. We talk about built-in obsolescence of manufactured goods and every new technological device makes older models redundant so that we feel we constantly have to upgrade.

In the 1987 movie, *Wall Street*, the corporate raider, Gordon Gekko, famously declares: 'Greed is good! Greed is right! Greed works! ... Greed – for life, for money, for love, knowledge – has marked the upward surge of mankind!'

Whilst the depiction was intended to parody and critique corporate behaviour of the 1980s, in many ways it came to define it instead. In the intervening decades, little has changed. The pursuit of more and more wealth and the ludicrous sums paid to corporate CEOs are exactly the imagery Jesus would use today for his parable.

To covet is to give in to a greed and an envy which poisons the spirit, poisons relationships, poisons our gratitude, and leaves us too jealous, angry and restless to enjoy our own lives.

Liberation theology introduced the catch phrase, 'live simply so that others may simply live'. The call was for those in wealthier countries to simplify their wasteful and indulgent lifestyles so that others may be able to meet their most basic of needs.

Attachment to wealth is incompatible with living, sharing and celebrating what Jesus is living, sharing and celebrating: the hospitality of God.

How would we answer God's question, 'so this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?'

Resources used: *Reflections at LiturgyHelp* by Greg Sunter & Brendan Byrne SJ.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION & a CUPPA.

If English is not your first language then come and join in the conversation.

Thursdays 10:00am- Next Meeting 4 Aug
St John the Apostle Church Parish Centre
Pre-school age children welcome.

POWER POINT OPERATORS NEEDED

This notice will run until 31 July.

We need volunteers for all 4 masses.

- Vigil
- 8:30am
- 10:00am
- 6:00pm

If you are interested in joining this ministry please contact the parish office.

The PowerPoint operator is a vital role for all Liturgies. The level of participation of the congregation in all aspects of the Liturgy is much greater when the words are easy to see.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Next Meeting: Sunday 7 August – 11:00am
Parish Library.

All welcome. New members needed.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Practice Thursdays – 4:00pm

We sing next: 10:00am Mass – 14 August



Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross

[Mary Mackillop] 8th August

Our parish will celebrate this feast with mass on Monday 8th August 9:30am.

Mary and her sisters shared the life of the poor, offering special care to destitute women and children.

"Pray to be ever ready for God's will, even when it takes you by surprise"

Feast of The Assumption

Monday 15 August

Masses will be celebrated **at 9:30am and 6:00pm**. Along with Christmas Day, the Feast of the Assumption is the only day of obligation in the liturgical calendar (apart from Sundays).

JUBILEE OF MERCY

The appeal Jesus makes to the text from the book of the prophet Hosea – “I desire love and not sacrifice” (6:6) – is important in this regard. Jesus affirms that, from that time onward, the rule of life for his disciples must place mercy at the centre, as Jesus himself demonstrated by sharing meals with sinners. Mercy, once again, is revealed as a fundamental aspect of Jesus’ mission. This is truly challenging to his hearers, who would draw the line at a formal respect for the law. Jesus, on the other hand, goes beyond the law; the company he keeps with those the law considers sinners makes us realize the depth of his mercy. #20

Misericordiae Vultus – Pope Francis

Key Quotes from *Laudato Si’*

Pope Francis’ Encyclical on Ecology & Climate

On Dialogue for Human Fulfilment

The financial Crisis of 2007-2008 provided an opportunity to develop a new economy, more attentive to ethical principles, and new ways of regulating speculative financial practices and virtual wealth. #189

Apostleship of the Sea – Stella Maris

The Apostleship of the Sea cares for all seafarers when they come to our shores, irrespective of race, colour or creed. All work completed by this national office is done on a voluntary basis and all funds raised are used for the support of seafarers. No funds raised are used for wages. Seafarer Sunday was the 10th July, however we will have a leaving collection the weekend of 6/7 August.

Central Deanery Assembly

Mercy in Marriage & Family Life.

12 - 13 August,

St Clare’s College, Griffith.

Registration essential

RSVP 5 August to the parish office.

More information call 6163 4300 or

www.bit.ly/DeaneryAssembly.

August Baptisms

We welcome into our community:



Charlotte Jiang,

Daughter of Stephanie & William;

Lily Carrion,

daughter of Chontelle & Daniel;

Herbert Cruickshank,

Son of Robert & Debora

ACU Short Course

on Christian Faith and Theology:

ACU invites registrations for this upcoming 4 weeks Short Course, which is open to the public

Topics include: What is faith? Who is God?

Jesus’ life, death & Resurrection;
& Christian ethics.

Dates: 8, 15, 22 and 29 August, 6-8pm.

Venue: Australian Catholic University, ACT.

Cost: \$80 for a Certificate of Attendance.
\$40 for attendance only.

Register: <http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses>

Click on the ‘Canberra’ page.

Registration is essential by 5 August.

Details: shortcourses.ftp@acu.edu.au

Call to Connect Women’s Ministry day retreat

Where: The Carmel, 28 Mugga Way, Red Hill,

Date: **Saturday 6 August,**

Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm.

Theme “Open the Door of your Heart’.

Cost: \$25, concession available, which includes morning tea, lunch and coffee breaks.

RSVP: Monday 1 August –

Bronnie 0432 257 622 or

www.calltoconnect.org

L’Arche Genesaret

Classical Piano Concert

Date & Time: Sunday 7 August at 3:00pm

Where: Wesley Music Centre

Presenter: Dr Robert Schmidli

Online: Adult \$25, Concession \$20,
Student \$15, Child \$10

Tickets: Ph. 6282 9066

At the Door: Adult \$30, Concession \$25,
Student \$20, Child \$15

All proceeds go to L’Arche Genesaret.

Library News: “The Cry of the deer: meditations on the Hymn of St Patrick”, “50 ways to pray: practices from many traditions and times” are two of the books on prayer on display this week.

ROSTERS

7 August Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Eric French, Debbie Milne, Joe Catanzariti, Maria Catanzariti
8:30 am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Agnes Pham, Maria Scarr, VACANT
10:00am	Farid Naoum, Jenny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie Benedictos, Rose Benedictos
6:00 pm	Margaret Curry, Maria Devine, James Cox, Toni Cox, Anthony Dunnicliff-Hagan

Reading Roster

6:00pm	Therese Kercher, Dennis Puniard
8:30 am	John O'Heir, Violet Duve
10:00am	Robin Williams, Tony Kennedy
6:00 pm	Nicole Mikkonen, VACANT

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joe Catanzariti
8:30 am	Ann Clementine, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Bryan Cowman
6:00 pm	VACANT

Other Rosters

- 1 Aug **Altar Society:** Pauline O'Gorman
1 Aug **Church Cleaning:** Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman
6 Aug **Presbytery Cleaning:** Maresa Laird, Meg Millband, Pat Cowburn, Sabina Van Rooy, Lynn Traynor
7 Aug **Counting Roster:** Pat Sheppard, Ted Kell, Clare Kell
7 Aug **Grounds:** Barry Dwyer, Peter Onstenk, John Dudley

School of Religion: – 9.15am-10.00am
Sundays Parish Centre (School Term Only)
For children not attending a Catholic School



Hearing Loop: - We have a hearing loop in the body of the church. Adjust your hearing aids according to audiologist's advice.

On A Lighter Note:

Irish Church door notice

Confession today (Saturday) will be until **exactly 5:30pm**. There is only one priest available for confession today. Make your confession direct to the point and **confess only your sins and offenses**. No need to explain why you did it. Thank you very much.

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

Recently Deceased: Nola Faulkner

Anniversary: Andrew Kenna, John Connelly, Merle Maloney, Benito Berces, Marie Uhr, Evelyn Guy, Lorraine Rickard, Edward Carr, Christine Robinson, Basil Smith, Kenneth Marlor, Maryte Puzas, Joan Hafner, Michael Ciszek, Leonard Hill, Keith Jobling, Joyce Olive, Bona Duffy, Donald Telford, Lindsay Guest, Adam Markham, Arthur O'Callaghan, Wesley Perceval, Margaret Cole, Alfred Clynch, Manning Hoy, Dominic Pham

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL **Lk 12:13-21**

Approached by a man who wants him to act as arbiter between himself and his brother, Jesus points out the futility of a life spent in amassing material possessions. In the parable, the rich man is not censured because of his wealth. Nor is he criticised for not attending to the needs of those less fortunate than he. His foolishness is much deeper; it is the attitude of greed that underlies his actions. Such an attitude determines how he values his wealth and what he will do with it. The man's death is not a punishment for his greed. It is simply the end of his life of excess. Jesus draws out the moral of his story: It is foolish to devote one's life to the amassing of goods and to be bereft in what matters to God.

Resources used. Dianne Bergant CSS at LiturgyHelp

