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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1 October 2017

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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



Hearing Loop: - in the body of the church.

LITURGIES

Liturgy of the Word with Communion: Tues 9:30am

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sun during
10:00am Mass

Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm or by
appointment with the priest

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

In the parable of today's gospel what really matters is not only saying yes, but putting that into action. Last week the Australian Catholic Bishops 2017 Social Justice Statement was launched: Everyone's Business: Developing an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy. The statement invites us not only to be familiar with Catholic social teaching but to take positive steps to ensure a more just society.

In the parable of the two sons the first initially refuses his father's request to work in the vineyard but later changes his mind. The second son says yes but does nothing. Jesus draws a parallel between two groups of people: the tax collectors and prostitutes who initially say no but later repent, and the religious leaders who give lip service to religious duty but in reality fail to lift the burdens of the oppressed. And so Jesus warns them that the tax collectors and prostitutes will be making their way into the kingdom of God before them!

The metaphor of the vineyard represents God's kingdom. The Kingdom of God is both future and present. God's Kingdom is not yet fully manifest but nevertheless is present and at work in transforming our world. We are called into God's vineyard as co-workers in God's creative transforming love for the salvation of the world. By saying yes to God we become instruments of God's mercy, justice and compassion in our society and our world.



I will be taking my annual holidays from this week forward. Fr Len Helm msc will be supplying during my absence. Fr Len is a member of the St Mary's Tower Retreat Centre at Douglas Park, NSW and does regular supply work in many parishes.

**Peace & blessings,
Gerard**

The next meeting of the **Refugee Resettlement Committee** will be held on **Tuesday 3 October at 7.30pm** in the library. New members are most welcome.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Perhaps you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?

Enquiry Night

Monday 9 October 2017 - 7:00pm

Come and See John 1:39

Please note a change of day and date

To Register: Parish Office on 6254 3236 or Email Marian England: marian@stjohnkippax.org.au

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

First and Third Sundays after the 6:00pm Mass

Next gathering 15th Oct

We gather for a meal, play games and share our stories. A group where young people can explore their faith in a safe environment, share experiences, and encourage each other in their faith journey.

Contact the Parish Office for more information

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

"Killers of the Flower Moon"  by David Grann

Sunday 15 October - 3:00 pm
Parish Library.

October Baptisms

We welcome into our community:

Patrick Glenn-Downey,
Son of Daniel and Sharleen;
Maxwell Wheatley,
son of Luke and Jennifer;
Santiago Salazar,
Son of Hector and Karina



Ozanam Sunday

Our St Vincent de Paul Conference supports twin conferences in Lembata in Eastern Indonesia and Tamil Nadu in Southern India. In memory of our founder Frederic Ozanam, this weekend and next we are seeking donations for our twin conferences. If you can help please place your donation in the **Poor Box** at the back of the church near the Sacristy. Thank you. For more information contact Mike on 0419 818 410.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION RALLY

Sunday **8 Oct** at 1:00pm Garema Place. Manus and Nauru are not safe places for refugees. Come along to help support this cause.

"Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy".

Henri Nouwen

Marian Procession 2017

Sunday 8 October

St Clement's Monastery, Galong

Website: <http://bit.ly/2fNB0uH>

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Fatima 100th Anniversary

Pauline Fathers Monastery

"Penrose Park" near Berrima

Friday 13th October for Fatima Day

For Bookings: Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn on 6254 6202

BLACK FRIDAY TRIVIA

The Calvary Hospital Auxiliary

Day & Date: Friday 13th October

Time: 7.00pm at the

Place: Belconnen Labour Club.

Cost: \$20/head

Enquiries: Daphne Ashley 62547409

All profits from the evening will go towards purchasing equipment for the Calvary Public Hospital.

Come along and have an enjoyable night out.

REFLECTION

Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

It seems all God wants are *useable instruments* who will carry the mystery, the weight of glory and the burden of sin simultaneously, who can bear the darkness and the light, who can hold the paradox of incarnation—flesh and spirit, human and divine, joy and suffering—at the same time, just as Jesus did.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS & *Mixed Blessings*, by Richard Rohr OFM

PARISH NEWS

Public Holiday Notice *Labour Day*

The parish office will be closed on

Monday 2 October 2017
And will reopen Tuesday 3rd

Saturday Vigil Mass Time

will revert to 6:00pm on

Saturday 7 October 2017

Confession will be held from 5:00pm to 5:30pm

SJACare

The SJACare Committee met on Friday 29 September. Currently we have 23 ministers registered to participate in the ministry of pastoral care. Seven of these ministers take Holy Communion to 14 sick or housebound parishioners and six ministers visit 20 parishioners who live alone. If you, or if you know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or a pastoral visit please contact the parish office.

Heart Spirituality

Fr. Jules Chevalier was deeply moved by the evils that afflicted the people of his time. As he contemplated the Heart of Christ, in whom is revealed the compassionate love of the Father, he discovered there the remedy for the ills of the world. [MSC Constitution #3]

And that remedy was Love, revealed through the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

"The Church and society have no hope except in the Heart of Jesus; it is he who will heal all our ills." Therefore Jesus needs special apostles; and that is the principal purpose of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. Each member must be a zealous propagator of devotion to the Sacred Heart. Jules Chevalier, Bourges, 1864

Things to do: Make it a daily practice to contemplate the Heart of Christ.

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

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

Recently Deceased: Jack Smith,
Errol Dullisear [brother of Moira Sutch],
Jamie Reynders.

Anniversary: Vic Puzas, Patricia Tyers,
Antonia Prieto, Antonella D'Ambrosio,
Victor Bittermann, Robert Smith,
Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy,
Anne Bynum, Fred Aschenberger,
Patricia Richardson, Gaeto Vella, Renee Tozer,
Wendy McCarthy, Frederick Jackson,
Norma Hall, Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren,
Norma Flood, Henryk Jalocha, Verdi Guy.

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation [Library]	Friday 7.30-8.15 pm
Morning Prayer:	Mon, Tues, Fri 9:10am
Stations of the Cross	First Friday Monthly After 9:30am Mass
Children's Mass	Second Sunday monthly 10:00am
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm
Children's Choir	Thursday 4:00 – 5:00pm

SOCIAL LIFE

Coffee Club	Second & Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass
Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Thursday 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 Little Chef Café Belconnen
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

LIBRARY NEWS: "The Father of the family: a Christian perspective", "Picking up the pieces: helping young people cope with divorce and step-families" and, "Catholic married life" are three books on display this week.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

*The vineyard of the Lord
is the House of Israel.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Readings – 8 October 2017

First Reading	Is. 5:1-7
Psalm	Ps. 79:9. 12-16.19-20
Second Reading	Phil. 4:6-9
Gospel	Mt. 21:33-43

8 Oct Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mary French, Tom Halloran
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	READERS
6:00pm	Ruth Dunicliff-Hagan, Brian Mahony

8 Oct Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Fay Hodgetts, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh,
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Frank Colley, Barbara Witzrens, Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck, Maria Devine, Marian Crowley, Anthony Dunicliff-Hagan

8 Oct Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	David Mather, Therese Mather
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	VACANT

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	2 Oct	Pauline O'Gorman
Grounds:	7 Oct	Group 1
Counting:	8 Oct	Group 4

Church Cleaning: 2 October	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman
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On a Lighter note

WIFE LOST : My mate's wife left him last Thursday. She said she was going out for a litre of milk and never came back! I asked him how he was coping and he said: "Not bad; I've been using that powdered stuff."