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## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

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**7 February 2016**

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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

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### LITURGIES

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

Baptisms: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 11:30 am

Reconciliation: Sat 11:00 – 11:30 am or by  
appointment with the priests

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### 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

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## From the Pastor's Desk.....

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After this weekend we make a departure from Ordinary Time and enter the season of Lent. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday with its stark dramatic ritual of signing the forehead with ashes. There is something in this ritual that speaks to us deeply: the acknowledgment of our human fragility and mortality and our need for reconciliation and conversion. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a journey: a metaphorical journey through the wastelands and ash heaps of our lives; a journey through deserts where our hunger and thirst for God is awakened; a journey through the wilderness of lurking dangers and luring temptations. All of this needs to be traversed if we are to reach the Promised Land – where unimaginable dreams are realised. The hard and necessary task of our Lenten journey is rewarded by the joy of Easter.

Throughout these 40 days we are schooled in Christian virtue through the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In this, both the personal and social dimensions of Christian living are brought to the fore: “During Lent penance should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social” (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, # 110). To this end Project Compassion – a work of the Catholic aid organisation, Caritas International – offers an effective way of showing our solidarity with those burdened by poverty and injustice.

Finally, Lent is a time to prepare for baptism: “In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of Lent the reminder of baptism already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery, in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation” (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA]*, #125).

***Peace & blessings,  
Gerard***

## **We are all Called**

Today we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. The first and the last readings are call narratives; the epistle contains a statement of the faith that undergirds our response to our call; the psalm response celebrates the gracious goodness of God that makes all of this possible. Our call is more than a summons to faith; it is a call to ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world. This call comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. The call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life.

We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness.

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears.

Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!

Resources used: Reflections by Dianne Bergant CSS & Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

## **Key Quotes from *Laudato Si'***

### **Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology and Climate**

**On Modern Anthropocentrism:** When human beings fail to find their true place in this world, they misunderstand themselves and end up acting against themselves: "Not only has God given the earth to man, who must use it with respect for the original good purpose for which it was given, but, man too is God's gift to man. He must therefore respect the natural and moral structure with which he has been endowed".

**Monday 8 February 2016 –**

**Feast of St Josephine Bakhita.**

### **Day of prayer, reflection and action against human trafficking**

We will pray for this special intention at the 9:30am mass.

[The Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life and Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans]

### **2016 – DATES FOR YOU CALENDAR**

10 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Ash Wednesday
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Stations of the Cross 5:30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Second Formation Evening for the Sacrament of Penance
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	English Conversation with Refugees – 10:00am
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Stations of the Cross 5:30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Feb:	Presentation Masses for the Sacrament of Penance
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Women's Breakfast
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Over 45's 9.30am RCIA 7.00pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Stations of the Cross 5:30pm
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ministry Expo



### **COMBINED CHOIR FOR EASTER**

All singers and musicians are welcome to join the Easter Choir. We will sing on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Practice starts on Wednesday 17 February in the church at 7:00pm.

### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB**

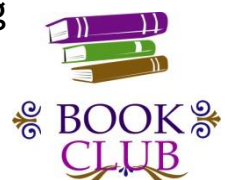
We are reading

***"A Spool of Blue Thread"***

By Anne Tyler

**Sunday 21 February**

**3:00 pm Parish Library.**



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# JUBILEE OF MERCY

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## Corporal Works of Mercy

Listed below is the 6th in the series of practical suggestions for living the Corporal works of Mercy in everyday life.

### The 7 Corporal Works of Mercy

- feed the hungry
- give drink to the thirsty
- clothe the naked
- shelter the homeless
- visit the sick
- visit the imprisoned
- **bury the dead**

### VISIT THE PRISONERS

People in prison are still people, made in the image and likeness of God. No matter what someone has done, they deserve the opportunity to hear the Word of God and find the Truth of the message of Christ.

- See if your parish, or a nearby parish, has a prison ministry and if so, get involved.
- Volunteer to help out or donate to charities that give Christmas presents to children whose parents are in prison.

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**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:** We are seeking new members for the Finance Council. Skills required: interest in money management and a love and commitment to our parish. If you are interested please contact Fr. Gerard. The Finance Council meets 6 times a year every second month.

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**LIBRARY NEWS:** “Home Coming: Reclaiming and championing your inner child”, “Let me sow love: living the peace prayer of St Francis”, and “Simplicity: the freedom of letting go” are three of the current display of books.

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## Marymead's Monster Garage Sale

**Saturday 13 February 9.00am – 1.00pm**  
**255 Goyder Street, Narrabundah.**

There will be books, toys, preserves, clothing, craft and bric-a-brac for sale as well as quality plants at competitive prices with all proceeds to Marymead. For further information contact Robyn Skinner on

6162 5825 or email Robyn at [robyn.skinner@marymead.org.au](mailto:robyn.skinner@marymead.org.au).

## St Vincent de Paul DOORKNOCK 2016

### PLEASE HELP, THE POOR NEED YOU

Thank you to those parishioners who have volunteered to doorknock for St Vinnies this year. We now have 87 of our 162 areas covered.

*But we desperately need more helpers to cover the other 75 areas.*

The more doors that we knock on the more resources we will have to help the needy in our community with vital assistance such as emergency accommodation, clothing and food. It will only take a couple of hours and you can doorknock on any day during February.

PLEASE come and visit us at the tables in the foyer. Your community needs you to step up. Thank you.

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### LENTEN PRAYER GROUPS - *Mercy*

If you are interested in joining a Lenten Prayer group there are two groups meeting in the parish; Monday and Wednesday mornings 10:00am. Alternatively, you may like to use the resource for your individual prayer during lent. Books are available for purchase from the bookstore. Cost: \$8:00.

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## THE WELCOME PETITION

Jessica Hackett who is a teacher at Killester College Melbourne is walking from Melbourne to Canberra to raise awareness about the plight of Refugees. Along the way Jessica is collecting signatures which will be presented to Liberal backbencher Russell Broadbent in Canberra on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February. He will present it to Parliament during the first sitting this year. Jessica's petition asks for greater compassion and a quicker, more economical system to deal with the processing of refugees and asylum seekers. The Welcome Petition has had the support of the Brigidine Sisters at Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project. [BASP]. Follow Jess at <http://www.thewelcomepetition.com>

Ash  
Wednesday



Petitions are available in the church foyer for parishioners to sign.

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**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEB**

# MASS TIMES 9:30am & 6:00pm ROSTERS

## 14 Feb Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Amanda Stewart, Rob Caskie, Margaret Conlon, Elaine Laycock
8:30 am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Fay Hodgetts, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Pat Sheppard, Cathy Madsen, Shyni Jojo, Francesca Deklin
6:00 pm	Henri Clementine, Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck Andrew Webster, Barbara Gardiner

## Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mary French, Tom Halloran
8:30 am	Marian Rollgejser, Lyn Duck
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00 pm	Judith Deklin, Brian Mahony

## Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Lesley Givens
8:30 am	David & Therese Mather
10:00am	Margarete Gill, John Blackwell
6:00 pm	Judith Deklin

## Other Rosters

- 8 Feb **Altar Society** Margaret Stanford  
 8 Feb **Church Cleaning:** Ted & Carol Quade  
 20 Feb **Presbytery Cleaning:**  
 Maresa Laird, Meg Millband, Pat Cowubrn  
 Sabina Van Rooy, Lynnie Traynor  
 14 Feb **Counting Roster:** James & Toni Cox,  
 Bryan Cowman  
 13 Feb **Grounds:**  
 Henri Clementine, John Gill, Rob Breen

**School of Religion:** – 9.15 am-10.00 am  
 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. To access it turn your hearing aid to the T-Switch setting.

## On A Lighter Note:

Once upon a time there were two little skunks named "In" and "Out." They lived in a hollow tree with their mother. Sometime In and Out played outside, but other times they played inside. One day In was out and Out was in. Mother skunk told Out to go out and bring In in. So Out went out and in a few minutes he came in with In."My my, Out," she said, "How

did you find In so quickly?" Out just smiled and said, "Instinct."

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

## Recently Deceased:

Geoff Jones, Kenneth John Clear,  
 Ted Clancy [father of Regina Bailey],

**Anniversary:** *Julian Oakley, Annie McCreath, Clements Cox, Bruce Walker, Carmelita Godfrey, Maria Carrusca, Victoria Wilkinson, Kenneth Vella, Faye Menegazzo, Stella Bell, Margaret Ephgrave, Margaret Davis, Elias Kiki, Roberto Millucci, Robert Galliano, Rene Stubbs, George Griffiths, Trent Foster, Glenn Foster, Nellie Bannon, Henry Moulis, Edward Blake-Smith, Philip Babic, John Thompson, Raychell Nolan, David Lowe, Charlotte Lansdown, Ian Bransby, Odina Finzi.*

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

In the sight of the angels  
 I will sing your praises, Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come follow me, says the Lord,  
 and I will make you fishers of my people.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL **Luke 5:1-11**

In the other two synoptic gospels – Matthew and Mark – the call of the disciples is one of the first recorded actions of Jesus' adult life. Luke, on the other hand, delays the call until after Jesus' public ministry has commenced. By this stage of the gospel, Jesus has made a public declaration about the nature of his ministry and begun to enact it. In this way, the sort of ministry Jesus will undertake is already established when the disciples are called to join it. It becomes a more conscious decision by the disciples – they know what they're getting in to!

When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, 'Do not be afraid'. This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible – depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is

God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible:  
Do not be afraid!

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