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## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year C

27 March 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

### 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

### 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.....

Christ's resurrection from the dead is the grounding of all our hope and the deep source of our joy.

In countering claims made by those who attested that there is no resurrection St Paul asserts: "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied." In other words, belief in Christ's resurrection is the bedrock of our faith, and without it our lives would be empty and bereft of meaning.

The Church and the world are going through dark and troubling times. More than ever, we need to turn to the source of life and light who is Christ, the One who is our resurrection and our life and leads us into the future of God's kingdom of love and peace.

Small bottles of holy water that have been blessed at the Easter Vigil are available for you to take home. You may wish to use it to bless your homes. Below is a prayer of blessing you may wish to use.

***Begin with the sign of the Cross.***

*God of all life and blessings,  
bless our home,  
make it a place of joy and harmony,  
a place of welcome and hospitality,  
a place where we feel your protection and love.  
Loving God, ward off every evil  
and let the light of your glory shine in our hearts.*

*May this holy water  
remind us of our baptism;  
that we have become your sons and daughters  
and that you care for us.*

*As we bless our home,  
may we always know that you are with us.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

***Peace & blessings,  
Gerard***

Christ  
is  
Risen!

*and you, O death, are destroyed!*

Christ  
is  
Risen!

*and evil is cast down!*

Christ  
is  
Risen!

*and angels rejoice!*

Christ  
is  
Risen!

*and new life is set free!*

Christ  
is  
Risen!

*and the tomb is emptied of its dead;  
for Christ having risen from the  
dead, becomes the first-fruit  
of those who have fallen asleep.  
To Him be Glory and Power  
forever and ever. Amen!*

*Taken from: The Easter sermon of St. John  
Chrysostom (circa 400 AD)*

## Social Justice Statement 2015-16

“People who come to Australia claiming protection are not aliens, but our brothers and sisters. If they cannot find protection in their own countries, they are entitled to claim it from other nations, including ours.”

### Social Justice Committee

meets Sunday 3 April 11:10am – Parish Library. All welcome. New members needed.

Check the parish website

[stjohnkippax.org.au/index.php?page=social-justice-group-3](http://stjohnkippax.org.au/index.php?page=social-justice-group-3)

**Over 45's** will meet on Wednesday 30 March 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. Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

### St Vinnies Veggie Run

**Help still needed for St Vinnies Veggie Run**  
We still have vacancies for the St Vinnies Veggie Run! What's involved? On Sunday evening go to Belconnen Markets for about one hour from 5:30, once every 4 or 5 weeks. Collect surplus fruit, veggies and bread and pack boxes under guidance from St Matthews SVdP Conference. Deliver boxes to 4 families in our local area. You will team with one other volunteer. **Please** contact Michael Blyth if you can help – 0419818410.

### Refugee Resettlement Committee

#### Volunteer Information Night

31 March 7:00pm Parish Centre  
Contact the Parish Office 6254 3236 for further information.

### CLAIM THE DATE:

#### Year of Mercy - Prayer Day

**Saturday 14th May 2016**

“Merciful like the Father”

St John the Apostle Catholic Church  
9:00am – 5:00pm

More information to come.

Contact Sabina Van Rooy: 0400 269 951

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# JUBILEE OF MERCY

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## THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbour in their spiritual needs".

The seven Spiritual Works of Mercy are:

- ✦ Counselling the Doubtful
- ✦ Instructing the Ignorant
- ✦ Admonishing the Sinner
- ✦ Comforting the Sorrowful
- ✦ Forgiving Injuries
- ✦ Bearing Wrongs Patiently
- ✦ Praying for the Living and the Dead

Do not be bitter about wrongs done against you. Place your hope in God so that you can endure the troubles of this world and face them with a compassionate spirit.

- Frustrated with someone? Step away from the situation; take a few deep breaths, pray the Our Father, asking God for patience.

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## Daramalan College Open Evening Thursday 31 March 2016

Tours from 5:00 – 6:30pm

Year 7 2017 Information Evening 7:00 – 8:00pm

[www.daramalan.act.edu.au](http://www.daramalan.act.edu.au)

## St Francis Xavier College Open Day Friday 13 May 9:00am – 2:23pm

Year 7 2017 Information Evening - 9 May

5:00pm tours – 6:30pm Information Session

Year 11 2017 Information Evening - 11 May

5:00pm tours – 6:00pm Information Session

[www.sfx.act.edu.au](http://www.sfx.act.edu.au)

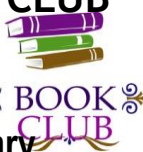
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## SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

"Eyre" by Tim Winton

Sunday 17 April 3:00 pm Parish Library



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## 2016 – DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

28<sup>th</sup> March **Parish Office Closed**

30<sup>th</sup> March Over 45's 9:30am Mass

1<sup>st</sup> April Stations of the Cross 5:30pm

**RCIA:** We welcome with joy and love  
Jessica Lewis, Melissa, Taylor and Charlotte  
McCarthy into our Catholic Community.

*May the Risen Christ fill their hearts with  
joy, bring them new hope, and bless them with  
peace. Amen*

*Happy Easter!*

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**A big thank you** to all those involved  
in the various ministries over Easter and  
a special thank you to the combined Choir  
and the Liturgy Team who invested so much  
time and effort into making the celebrations  
such a prayerful experience.

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## St Vincent de Paul Door Knock

The door knock this year raised \$15,119.00  
which is an increase of 20% over last year.  
This successful door knock was due to an  
increase of collectors by 10%. Thank you  
everyone who helped this year.

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## Guinness & God - 5 April

'What Christianity Needs to Learn From Atheism.'

Presenter: Fr. Dave Callaghan MGL

Dinner: 6.30pm,

Talk : 7:30pm, followed by a Q&A

Where: King O'Malley's Irish Pub Civic.

G&G is a free event for all young adults (18+).

Info: Email [youth@cg.org.au](mailto:youth@cg.org.au) or 6163 4300.

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## Sex & Society

World Leading Catholic Philosopher, Professor  
John Haldane will review the cultural preoccupation  
with sex and consider its implications for society. It  
will range from the debate over same sex marriage  
to the crisis of child abuse in the Catholic church.

Date: Thursday 31 March

Time: 7.30pm

Where: St Thomas More School Hall,  
30 White Cres, Campbell.

Cost: \$5.00, pay at the door,  
light refreshments provided. To RSVP go to  
[www.cgatholic.org.au](http://www.cgatholic.org.au) or phone 6163 4300.

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**SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION  
PARENT FORMATION EVENING  
Wednesday 6 April  
7:00pm in the Parish Centre.**



# ROSTERS

## 3 April Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Eric French, Debbie Milne, Joe & Maria Catanzariti
8:30 am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Lyn Duck, Agnes Pham, VACANT
10:00am	Robert Greig, Jenny Howarth, Robin Williams, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00 pm	Margaret Curry, Maria Devine, Anthony Dunnicliff-Hagan, James & Toni Cox

## Reading Roster

6:00pm	Therese Kercher, Judy Netting
8:30 am	John O'Heir, Violet Duve
10:00am	Ann Reynolds, Robin Williams
6:00 pm	Mary & Robert Sharf

## 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

- 28 March Altar Society: Violet Duve  
 28 March Church Cleaning: Agnes Le and Family  
 16 April Presbytery Cleaning: Maresa Laird, Meg Millband, Pat Cowburn, Sabina Van Rooy, Lynnie Traynor  
 3 April Counting Roster: Pat Shepard, Ted & Clare Kell  
 2 April Grounds: Barry Dwyer, Peter Onstenk, John Dudley

**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:

"I didn't say I was unfulfilled.  
 I said I was hollow!"



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

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Michael Lowe, Ludvik Koren, James Broderick, Ella Greig, Clement King, Alexander Van Audenaerde, Andrew McEvoy, Stanislaw Bitner, Victoria Huntley, Moira Leader, Mark Markham, Jennifer Adamik, Jack Lenihan, Sybil Lazaro, Catherine Wheelaghan, Bill Corby, Francesca Fernando, Kay Haworth, John Henshaw, Katherine Jones, Helena McGee, Harold Allester, Vivienne Montgomery, Jordan Matthews, John Napier, Caitlin Brice, Alyssa Brice, Betty Kerekes, Janelle Brice, Leonard Smith, Trevor Agnew, Elena Guindas, Ken Marlors, Jim Curran, Noel Smith.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made;  
 let us rejoice and be glad.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
 let us feast with joy in the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

**Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp**