

COMPACT

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

2nd Sunday of Easter **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.....

There is a delightful vignette recounted by the liturgical artist Gertrude Mueller which tells of a Hungarian custom performed during the Easter Octave. On Easter Monday the boys of the Hungarian villages went from house to house, and wherever young girls lived, they came up to the door, recited a blessing and then splashed the girls with water. The girls in turn invited them in and everyone feasted on Easter specialities, and the girls gave the boys some of their carefully painted eggs to take home. On Easter Tuesday they replayed the whole game in reverse.

I like this story, not just because of its folksy charm, but because it reminds us that the celebration of Easter is not all over after Easter Sunday, but carries on during the week of Easter (the Easter Octave) and beyond for the 50 days of the Easter Season. The other thing I like about the story is its underlying baptismal motif in the splashing of water. Easter celebrates the resurrection of Christ, and it is through the baptismal waters that we enter into and share in the risen life of Christ.

Baptism is described as the portal, a gateway that leads into the sacramental life of the church. Through this sacramental life Christ is present to us by the power of the Holy Spirit. To experience the presence of Christ is to experience his peace. In today's gospel Jesus thrice repeats the phrase: "Peace be with you". Through our encounter with Christ, especially in the sacrament of the Eucharist, we become the peace of Christ in our world.

Peace & blessings,

Gerard

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

Weekly Reflection:

Recognising Jesus' Presence in our Lives

Each reading today speaks of the presence of Christ in a way that we would not expect Christ to be present. He is there in the very throes of sickness, in fear and doubt, in the celebration of the liturgy. These presences challenge us to go beneath appearances, beneath the mundane and banal of life, and there discover the risen Lord in personal mystical experience, in the ministry of the believing community, and in the transformative possibilities of the liturgy.

It took the early Christians some time to grasp that Jesus doesn't ordinarily give special exemptions to his friends, no more than God gave special exemptions to Jesus. So, like us, they struggled with the fact that someone can have a deep, genuine faith, be deeply loved by God, and still have to suffer humiliation, pain, and death like everyone else. God didn't spare Jesus from suffering and death, and Jesus doesn't spare us from them.

To make God real in our lives, we need community. God is a flow of relationships to be experienced in community, family, parish, friendship, and hospitality. When we live inside of these relationships, God lives inside of us and we live inside of God.

Experiences of the Risen Lord are not reserved for extraordinarily holy people. Any one of us can be invited into a deep personal encounter when we least expect it, in the most unlikely places, with effects that overwhelm us. In fact, the Risen Christ is always just around the next corner, eager to enter our lives with the transforming power of the resurrection.

Being part of a community of believers in prayer can be one of the most profound religious experiences. It not only transforms the present, but it also entrusts us with a vision of what is yet to be, an eschatological hope for a glorious future.

Resources used: Reflection, by Dianne Bergant CSS, at LiturgyHelp and The Resurrection as Revealing God as Redeemer; not as Rescuer, by Ronald Rolheiser OMI.

Second Session – Kitchen Table

Discussion

Catholic Bishops Statement on Refugees

'For Those Who've Come Across the Seas-justice for asylum seekers and refugees'

Day & Date: Thursday 7th April

Time: 7.30 - 9.30pm.

Venue: Parish Centre

All welcome, even if you did not make it to the first session. This is an initiative of the Catholic Social Justice Commission. The aim is to respectfully discuss the issues raised in the statement and to listen to all viewpoints.

The statement can be downloaded from <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statement-2015-16>

RSVP or for more information contact facilitator Murray Bruce phone 62540577 or email murray.bruce@ed.act.edu.au.

St Francis Xavier College

Open Day Friday 13 May

9:00am – 2:30pm

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

ENGLISH CONVERSATION and a CUPPA.

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

Thursdays - Next Meeting 28 April

We will take a break over the school holidays

Pre-school age children welcome.

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

CLAIM THE DATE: Saturday 14th May

Year of Mercy - Prayer Day

"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

JUBILEE OF MERCY

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

Prayer is one of the most powerful ways we can support others. Joining together in prayer for the living and the dead entrusts us all into God's care. Request a mass intention for a friend or family member who is going through a tough time.

- Request a mass intention for a friend or family member who has passed away.
- Keep your own book of prayer intentions, writing down the names of those who you are keeping in your prayers.
- Ask a friend or family member if they have an intention that you can pray for them.
- Through prayer, entrust your cares and concerns for those around you to God.

Key Quotes from *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology & Climate

What would induce anyone, at this stage, to hold on to power only to be remembered for their inability to take action when it was urgent and necessary to do so?

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.

SAFETY – Church Driveway



The driveway in front of the church is a shared zone. We will be looking at safety issues concerning this area and ways it can be improved. When you drive through the parish grounds please limit your speed to 10KPH and be alert for pedestrians.

MINISTRY FORMATION

Formation sessions are listed below:

Acolytes	10 April
Ministers of Communion	17 April
Readers of God's Word	24 April
Hospitality	1 May
Music	8 May

The parish office will contact those who have volunteered for a particular ministry before the relevant session. If you do not get your notice by the due date please contact the parish office.

The Refugee Resettlement Committee will meet on Tuesday 5 April at 7 pm in the library. All welcome. If you are interested in training for volunteers please come along.

PALM TREES

Four palm trees were purchased to decorate the Church for Palm Sunday. We are looking for a caretaker for the trees who can nurture them and return them for Palm Sunday next year. If you are able to assist please contact the parish office on 6254 3236.

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 or 6163 4300.

ROSTERS

10 April 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	Mariana Rollgejser, Lyn Duck
10:00am	CHILDREN'S MASS
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	Needs Assistance

Other Rosters

- 4 April **Altar Society:** Pauline O'Gorman
4 April **Church Cleaning:** Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman
16 April **Presbytery Cleaning:** Maresa Laird, Meg Millband, Pat Cowburn, Sabina Van Rooy, Linnie Traynor
10 April **Counting Roster:** James & Toni Cox, Bryan Cowman
9 April **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:

A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"
Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping"

LIBRARY NEWS: This week we continue our display of new books including "Field of compassion, how the new cosmology is transforming spiritual life."

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: *Bill Corby, Francesca Fernando, Kay Haworth, John Henshaw, Katherine Jones, Helena McGee, Harold Allester, Jordan Matthews, Vivienne Montgomery, John Napier, Caitlin Brice, Alyssa Brice, Betty Kerekes, Janelle Brice, Leonard Smith, Trevor Agnew, Elena Guindas, Ken Marlor, Jim Curran, Noel Smith, Leon Fernando, Kees Van Rooy, Daniel Cassar, Leslie Thomson, Edward Yewdall, Ian Stephenson, John Margetts, Adrian Krook, Sharon Hannah, Vladislav Malnar, Mihaly Baruta, Jim Fallon msc, Augusta Colquhoun, Alan Hodge.*

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because
you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but
still believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Jn 20:19-31

By the time the Gospel of John was written – in the last decade of the 1st Century – there were already diverse beliefs about Jesus. As is recorded in the gospels, there were those who regarded Jesus as one of the prophets of Israel; others recognised him as the promised Messiah; others still had come to believe in Jesus the Christ as the incarnation of God. That is certainly the theology expressed in the Gospel of John. Perhaps as a means to further his community's theology and correct other ideas, the gospel writer has Thomas declare, 'My Lord and my God!'

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp