

# COMPACT

## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Year C**

**15 May 2016**

**#25.16**

**“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.....

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.*

*And kindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.*

*And you will renew the face of the earth.*

I have always been especially fond of this traditional prayer. With a few deft strokes the anonymous author of this short prayer seems to capture all the fierce and tender passion of the Holy Spirit. This fire, this love, this divine energy is what drives the universe. The church needs to be constantly renewed so that it might radiate this love to a world so often indifferent, cold and shallow.

The feast of Pentecost reminds us of the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church. It is through the Spirit that we are empowered to carry on the mission of Jesus to bring healing and new hope.

Next week 36 children of our parish will be confirmed by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Adolfo Yllana. We are fortunate that the celebration of Confirmation coincides with the feast of Pentecost. It is said that as Baptism stands in relation to Easter, so Confirmation stands in relation to Pentecost.

***Peace & blessings,  
Gerard***

### Sacrament of Confirmation

**Thursday 19 May at 5:00pm**

We welcome the children of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Thursday. We also welcome the Papal Nuncio Archbishop Adolfo Yllana who will officiate at the ceremony.

*Holy Spirit, strengthen these children with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, help them serve as disciples of Christ. Amen*

## Weekly Reflection:

### The Power & love of the Holy Spirit

We know, from our own experience and from the first Pentecost that the Spirit works in unpredictable AND ordinary ways. From the Acts of the Apostles we learn that where the Spirit of God is active all sorts of gifts are present:

- *boldness to stand up for what we believe;*
- *the ability to hear and listen;*
- *an end to fear that locks us in on ourselves;*
- *confidence in the salvation won for us in Christ;*
- *fidelity to Jesus' commandment to love;*
- *clarity about what's true; and*
- *'feeling at home' with God.*

The problem for many of us is working out where the Holy Spirit is leading us. This requires the gift of the discernment of spirits.

St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, left the church a guide for working out how we can tell if and where the Holy Spirit is leading us. One summary of them goes like this:

1. Don't make a decision when you're down. Let the crisis pass and take time to weigh all the options.
2. The Holy Spirit enables us to let go of our unhealed past and not live in the unknown future. The Holy Spirit draws us to deal with the here and now, as it is, not as we may like it to be.
3. The Holy Spirit frees us up to bring out into the open anything we keep buried in the dark. There is nothing that has ever happened to us that is beyond the Spirit's healing.
4. The Holy Spirit breaks down isolation and draws us into community with other people.
5. Be careful of things that appear too perfect, they sometimes have a sting in the tail and can be destructive.
6. Be guarded about all things that are urgent. The Holy Spirit brings a sense of perspective to problems.
7. The Holy Spirit is always present where compassion and forgiveness are demonstrated.

Not bad for a guy who died in 1556.

Pentecost is God's promise to abide with us come what may. And living in the power and love of the Spirit and claiming her direction is an intensely practical affair.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ at [LiturgyHelp](http://LiturgyHelp.com).

## ST JOHN THE APOSTLE

### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast is:



**TUES 24 May- 7:30 am**

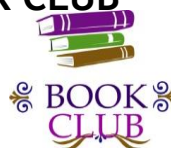
Little Chef Café

Nettlefold Street Belconnen

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

***"The five people you meet  
in heaven"***



By Mitch Albom

**Sunday 15 May 3:00 pm Parish Library.**

### *Pins & Needles Craft Group*

*Third Thursday Monthly*

**Next Meeting: 19 May**

**7:15pm Parish Library**

***All Welcome. If craft is not your thing,  
maybe conversation is.***

## St Vinnies Veggie Run

### Help still needed for St Vinnies Veggie Run

We still have a vacancy 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 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.

### FAMILY CENACLE ROSTER

Cenacles will be held this week during May at the following homes:-

Margaret Ohlin PH 6254 0369

Tuesday 17th May 8.00pm

Agnes Pham PH 6254 3704

Wednesday 18th May 10.30am

John & Mary O'Brien PH 6254 7634

Thursday 19th May 10.30am

Joe & Judy Mewburn PH 6254 6202

Friday 20th May 2.30pm

A roster is available on the information table in the foyer.

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# JUBILEE OF MERCY

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## A Sign of Mercy

At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. The *Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy* is a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective. #3

*Misericordiae Vultus – Pope Francis*

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## Key Quotes from *Laudato Si'*

*Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology & Climate*

There is a tendency to believe that every increase in power means "an increase of 'progress' itself", an advance in "security, usefulness, welfare and vigour; ..... an assimilation of new values into the stream of culture", as if reality, goodness and truth automatically flow from technological and economic power as such. #105

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**The Archdiocesan Commission for Women,**  
Anglican and Uniting Churches will host an  
Ecumenical Response to Domestic Violence,  
**"For Such a Time As This"**

Saturday 18 June, 10am to 4pm,

The Australian Centre for Christianity and  
Culture, Barton. Domestic violence experts  
will examine the nature of violence and look  
for practical solutions. BYO lunch, beverages  
provided. Inquiries to Margaret 6231 0664 or  
0417 418 838 or

[commissionforwomencg@gmail.com](mailto:commissionforwomencg@gmail.com).

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## Discussion forum.....

**Pope Francis' 2016 Peace Message:**

*Overcome indifference and win peace*

Day: Wednesday 18 May at 7:30pm

Where: St John the Apostle Parish Library

Contact: Bev Purnell: 6258 2098 for the  
discussion guide

Email: [mabe-purnell@grapevine.com.au](mailto:mabe-purnell@grapevine.com.au)

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## Compeer Friendship Program

is aimed at meeting the emerging needs of people living with a diagnosed mental illness in our society. St Vinnies is looking for volunteers for this program. Compeer volunteers commit to a minimum 12 month engagement, spending 4-6 hours per month in a one-to-one, age and gender specific matched friendship.

Please contact Jo Leddin, Program officer

Compeer - 0427 930 460 or email

[compeer@svdp-cg.org.au](mailto:compeer@svdp-cg.org.au)

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## L'Arche Genesaret Community Fundraising

Where: Canberra Bowling Club, Forrest

Date: Monday, 23 May

Time: 10am - 2pm. and includes lunch,  
tea or coffee & a glass of wine (or juice)

Cost: \$20 per head.

Contact: Mary 6258 1739 or Di 6241 2658

RSVP: 16 May 2016.

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## A day of fun: card, Mahjong & board

**games** - hosted by a very dedicated group of volunteers. Get a group of 4 together and spend a few hours of fun and games, as well as supporting the Genesaret Community.

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## The 12th Annual St Thomas More Parish and Forum Dinner, Friday 24 June

The keynote speaker will be Fr Chris Riley, who will speak of his ministry with young people and his desire for a church that is focused on social justice.

For further information and registration call 6163 4300.

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## 'Be Still' - The Archdiocesan Retreat for 2016

is a chance for parishioners and those searching, to encounter God in a new way.

Facilitator: Sr Lynette Young, RSJ

Details: October 7-9, @ St Clement's, Galong.

Contact [sandy.cassidy@cg.org.au](mailto:sandy.cassidy@cg.org.au) or  
phone 6163 4300.

# ROSTERS

## 22 May Ministers of Communion

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| 6:00pm  | Judy Netting, Marie McKie, John Drury, Barbara Witzens, Judy Mewburn               |
| 8:30 am | Violet Duve, Janet Almond, Ted & Clare Kell, VACANT                                |
| 10:00am | Robin Williams, Libby Costello, John Blackwell Rachel Blackwell, Marissa Blackwell |
| 6:00 pm | Margaret McMahon, Judith Deklin, Matthew Toohey, VACANT, VACANT                    |

## Reading Roster

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| 6:00pm  | Marie Murphy, Elaine Laycock |
| 8:30 am | Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh |
| 10:00am | Louise Honan, Joe Ots        |
| 6:00 pm | Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck  |

## Hospitality Roster

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| 6:00pm  | Barbara Witzens, Marie McKie     |
| 8:30 am | Bert Broekhuysen, Fay Stephenson |
| 10:00am | Lucia Moran, Judy Kenny          |
| 6:00 pm | Judith Deklin                    |

## Other Rosters

- 16 May Altar Society: Pat Gilchrist
- 16 May Church Cleaning: Carol Blyth, Therese Edwards
- 28 May Presbytery Cleaning: Margaret Ohlin, Maryanne Ferguson, Margaret Sheehan, Ann Clementine, Lynette Weaver
- 22 May Counting Roster: Peter Polkinghorne, Sabina Van Rooy, Denis Donoghue
- 21 May Grounds: David Pigram, Mike Lavis Rob Caskie, Matthew Garton

**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. To access it turn your hearing aid to the T-Switch setting.

## On A Lighter Note:

A minister was walking to church one morning when he passed one of his members working in his garden. "Can't you hear those bells calling you to church?" asked the minister. "Eh, what's that?" said the member. "Can't you hear those bells calling you to church?" "I'm afraid you'll have to speak a little louder!" said the member. "CAN'T YOU HEAR THOSE BELLS CALLING YOU TO CHURCH?!" shouted the minister. "I'm sorry," said the member, "I can't hear you because of those darned BELLS!"

**LIBRARY NEWS:** Among the books on moral theology displayed this week are:- "Conscience in conflict: how to make moral choices", "Principles for Catholic morality", and "Moral and pastoral questions".

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

**Recently Deceased:** Pat McLindin, Vincent Kelly [brother of Maureen Craddock] Veronica Robinson, Paul McGuigan msc.

**Anniversary:** Kevin Crossley, Sarah Sealey, Betty Cowman, Edna Hamilton, Robert Donovan, Elena D'Ambrosio, Hemult Wanda, Daphne Parnell, Bryan McGurgan, Ella Dimitres, Sanra Miniotas, Neil MacFarlane, John Loadman, Bernard Gibson, Gloria Fleming, Edward McGregor, Michael Logan, Jim Ohlin, Hermine Raeuscher, David Pinner, Christopher Boyldew, Stan Niemiec, Gloria Harris, Suzana Katavic, Thomas Flynn, Alexander Potts

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit;  
fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle  
in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Jn 20:19-23

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp