

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

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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.....

“As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ”. In today’s second reading we hear St Paul speak these words to the Christian communities in Galatia (in present day Turkey). The reference to being “clothed” in Christ most probably refers to the baptismal ritual in which the old garment was shed before plunging into the waters of baptism after which the newly baptised was clothed in a new white garment, symbolic of entering into a new existence.

Paul then goes on to speak of the radical effect of baptism: “There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.” Sadly, the church down through the ages has not been good at putting this radical equity into practice. It remains a challenge.

I also find it interesting to note that Christianity is the world’s largest religion with an estimated 2.1 billion followers - about one third of the world’s population. We might ask to what effect is this huge swell of believers making upon the world. I suspect that many so-called Christians do not take their baptism seriously, for surely the world would be a vastly different place.

And so the challenge to “put on Christ” – as Paul expresses our new reality through baptism – remains an urgent cry. I believe that we can, and must, do our part here at Kippax to try to live out our baptism in all its radical demands.

I began by quoting from St Paul and his reference to putting on the garment of salvation. I wish to conclude by quoting from a later Christian author, Romanos, writing in the Sixth century: “Now the garment of mourning is rent; we have put on the white robe of which the spirit has woven for us from the lamb’s fleece of our Lamb and our God; sin is taken away, and immortality is given us, our restoration is clear”.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

God – The Object of our Desire

What lies deepest inside authentic faith is the truth that God is the object of all human desire, no matter how earthy and unholy that desire might seem at times. This implies that everything we desire is contained in God. We see this expressed in the Psalms, which tell us that God is the object of our desires, and in Jesus, who tells us that it is in God that our deepest hungers and thirsts will be satiated.

When we look at all that is beautiful, full of life, attractive, sexually alluring, and pleasurable on earth, do we really think and believe that this is contained in an infinitely richer way inside of God and inside the life into which God invites us? Do we really believe that the joys of heaven will surpass the pleasures of earth and that already in this world the pleasures of virtue trump the sensations of sin? Do we really believe that faith will give us what we desire?

It would seem not. We, and most everyone else, struggle to turn our attention towards God. We find religious practice and prayer more of a disruption to life than an entry into it, more a duty than an offer, more an asceticism than a joy, and more as something that has us missing out on life than entering into its depths.

We should live our lives fully enjoying what is earthy and earthly. The beauties and pleasures of this life are a gift from God, meant to be enjoyed. But, by being aware of their source, we can also then be free enough to accept the very real limits that life puts on our desires. And, better still, we need not fear death since what we lose will be trumped one-hundredfold by what we gain.

Resources used: *The God of our Desires*, by Ronald Rolheiser OMI

July Baptisms

We welcome into our community:



Skylar Weinman,
Daughter of Darren & Ruta;
Josephine Jones,
daughter of Andrew & Dzintra;
Ayla West,
Daughter of Peter & Sarah

PLANNED GIVING

2015-2016 TAX RECEIPTS

Planned Giving 2015-2016 Tax Receipts will be available from Monday 4 July 2016. Receipts will be emailed out. If you have changed your email address or would like an alternative address used please email the Parish Office at kippax@cg.org.au

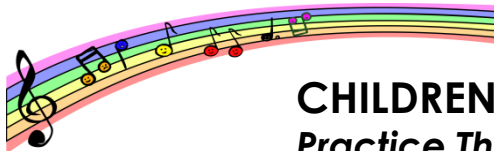
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Formation Evening for Parents:

Mon 27 June 7:00pm – 8:30pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

If you have a child who is in year 3 or is 8 years old or older and they would like to make their First Holy Communion please contact the parish office: 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Practice Thursdays

St John the Apostle Church at 4:00pm

We sing next: 10:00am Mass – 10 July

SANCTUARY PROJECT

Our project manager, 'Established Builders', has engaged a new joiner, *Blackforest Joinery & Stairs*, to build the new Sanctuary for our church. It is anticipated that it will take 3 weeks to assemble the construction in the church. It is scheduled to commence on Monday 22 August and be completed on 9 September. This part of the project will cost \$56,100.00

JUBILEE OF MERCY

"It is proper to God to exercise mercy, and he manifests his omnipotence particularly in this way". Saint Thomas Aquinas' words show that God's mercy, rather than a sign of weakness, is the mark of his omnipotence. For this reason the liturgy, in one of its most ancient collects, has us pray: "O God, who reveal your power above all in your mercy and forgiveness ..." Throughout the history of humanity, God will always be the One who is present, close, provident, holy, and merciful. #6
Misericordiae Vultus – Pope Francis

Key Quotes from *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology & Climate

Jesus took up the biblical faith in God the Creator, emphasizing a fundamental truth: God is Father [Mt. 11:25]. In talking with his disciples, Jesus would invite them to recognize the paternal relationship God has with all his creatures. With moving tenderness he would remind them that each one of them is important in God's eyes. #96.

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.

Freedom of speech petition:

The ACT Right to Life Association has drafted a petition calling for the repeal of ACT legislation that has created a "protest-free zone" extending over 50 metres from the entrance to an abortion clinic in Civic. The legislation even prohibits people from saying prayers within the zone which have taken place peacefully for seventeen years. Go to <http://actrighttolife.org/> to download and sign the petition. Further information phone 6281 2365.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION and a CUPPA. If English is not your first language then come and join in the conversation.

Thursdays - Next Meeting 23 June

We will take a break over the school holidays
Pre-school age children welcome.

Men's Prayer Weekend 22-24 July

**St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre
Douglas Park NSW**

Contact: (02) 4630 0233

Email: towersretreat@bigpond.com

towersretreat.abudnance.org.au

All retreats commence with a practical introduction at 5.40pm followed by the evening meal. They conclude with a 1.45 pm Eucharist on the last day. Eucharist is celebrated daily and Reconciliation is available. All Dietary requirements can be accommodated.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS

Leaving Collection 25/26 June

Cathy Ransom of the Catholic Mission Office will be in our parish next weekend. There will be a leaving collection for Missions after each mass. Envelopes are available in the foyer now to be taken and returned next weekend.

VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT CHALLENGE

23 June 2016

Support our parishioner Ted Kell raise funds for Vinnies. Online donations go to: www.ceosleepout.org.au search for Ted Kell

Amicus, a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering:

Tilley's Lyneham on Sunday 26th June meeting at 12noon for Lunch.

To join us call Patricia Ph 0412 351 548..

ROSTERS

26 June Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Judy Netting, Marie McKie, John Drury, Barbara Witrzens, Judy Mewburn
8:30 am	Violet Duve, Janet Almond, Ted Kell, 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

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

6:00pm	Barbara Witrzens, Marie McKie
8:30 am	Margaret Ohlin, Kay Dwyer
10:00am	John Blackwell, Louise Bulfin
6:00 pm	Judith Deklin

Other Rosters

- 20 June **Altar Society:** Mary Cruickshank
20 June **Church Cleaning:** John & Jenny Maher, Paul Huthnance
25 June **Presbytery Cleaning:** Maryanne Ferguson, Margaret Sheehan, Ann Clementine, Lynette Weaver
26 June **Counting Roster:** Kay Dwyer, Joseph Lai, Trevor Williams
25 June **Grounds:** VACANT

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:

Q: What did the bag of flour say to the loaf of bread?
A: "I saw you yeasterday"

Q: What does bread do after it's done baking?
A: Loaf around.

Q: Why do bakers give women on special occasions?
A: Flours

LIBRARY NEWS: More of the titles on Christian marriage which are on display at present are: "Christian marriage – a journey together", "Wedlock and well-being", and "Beginning your marriage".

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: *George Carney, Ann Joyce, Kerry Montgomery, Maureen Ashely, Helen Heindl, Francis Quinn, John McAppian, Christopher Robinson, Vivienne Thompson, Lucy Wilcott, Robert Cocks, Joan Loughry, Dulice Henshaw, Adrian Uhr, Giovanni Scalora, Jason Murray, Arthur Yee, Kevin Maloney, Suzie Katavic, Nathan Jones, Daniel O'Connor, Eileen Schmich, John Lazaro, Mildred Holland, William Edmunds, Rohan Murphy, Norah Keneally, Rebecca Malone, Jane McDonough, Stanley Howell, Narelle Karling, Lynne Williman, Philip Connolly, Daniel Worner, Catherina Farrugia*

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Lk 9:18-24

Jesus' question to the disciples is also addressed to us today. It is a question that every Christian person must answer honestly if they are to grow beyond the simple faith of their childhood. The answers revealed to us may change many times throughout our lives but it is our desire and honest efforts to answer the question itself that will continue to call us forward. Our answer to Jesus' question is an indicator of what we need him to be at that time; who we are at that time; and what we are called to be at that time.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp