

COMPACT

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C**

26 June 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: 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.....

“Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” This saying of Jesus that we hear in today’s gospel refers to the itinerant nature of his ministry. Jesus was always on the move, going from town to town, preaching the kingdom of God and healing the afflicted.

But the above saying of Jesus might equally apply to today’s world in which there are millions of displaced peoples. We have just celebrated Refugee Week and as the Jesuit Refugee Service informs us:

First held in 1986, Refugee Week promotes positive images of refugees so that a culture of hospitality, understanding and successful integration is encouraged across Australia.

This is achieved by educating the public about refugees and the many challenges they face, celebrating their valuable contribution to society, and putting people in touch with refugees living in their neighbourhood.

But all so often refugees are met with inhospitality. It was in the context of inhospitality that prompted Jesus to remark “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” The disciples had just left a Samaritan town in which they were unwelcomed. James and John wanted to extract vengeance: “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But Jesus rebukes them for such outlandish thoughts. No, in the face of inhospitality Jesus will continue to show by his words and actions that God’s *modus operandi* is one of divine gracious hospitality. Indeed, the theme of God’s hospitality is a persistent motif in Luke’s gospel.



At our last Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting Carl Madsen was elected as the new chair of the PPC. I thank Carl for accepting to take on this role.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

Commitment & Discipleship

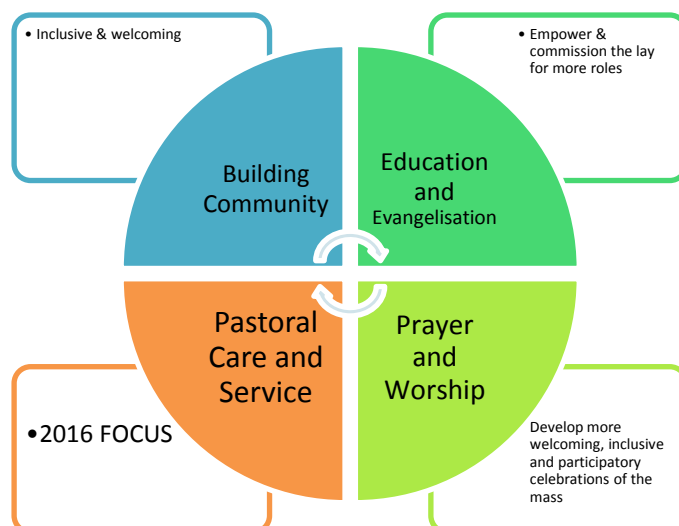
Today we consider some of the personal difficulties we might have to face as disciples. First, there is no part-time discipleship. Our commitment must be wholehearted and complete. We must have a willing attitude that frees us interiorly from all other concerns so that we might be able to follow Christ regardless of our state in life or our occupation. This attitude of commitment comes not merely from our own generosity of heart but from our having been transformed into Christ through faith and baptism.

We may face *conflicts* when our various allegiances seem to clash. We may have family responsibilities. There are children to raise, elderly parents or infirm relatives to care for. What does discipleship require of us? We all must earn a living. Are we expected to leave our employment to follow Jesus? And if so, what then will we do? All disciples must face the interior struggle caused by the conflict of legitimate responsibilities.

The freedom of which Paul speaks comes with genuine love. If, out of love, we can negotiate successfully these conflicts caused by competing responsibilities, without compromising our total commitment to Christ, we will find a new kind of freedom. This is the freedom that enables us to be faithful to both sets of responsibilities according to the proper priority. We will see that commitment to Christ is primary and the circumstances of our lives with the accompanying responsibilities set the parameters within which we live out our commitment. It is not in opposition with these responsibilities or despite them, but by means of or through them that we live out our discipleship.

Resources used; *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN 2013 - 2016



Focus for 2016 Pastoral Care & Service

The parish is in the process of establishing a Pastoral Care Team who will oversee the pastoral needs of the parish. Members are Manel Samarasinghe, Barbara Gardiner, Br. John Walker msc, Helen Kennedy, Marian England & Fr. Gerard McCormick msc. The team is currently in the process of identifying the needs of the parish. If you have any ideas or suggestions you would like to put to the team would you please contact the parish office, Ph. 6254 3236.

Save the Date: 16/17 July
Vinnies Winter Appeal
Leaving collection

PLANNED GIVING

Envelopes are on the table in the foyer for collection.

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

JUBILEE OF MERCY

Justice and mercy are not two contradictory realities, but two dimensions of a single reality that unfolds progressively until it culminates in the fullness of love. Justice is a fundamental concept for civil society, which is meant to be governed by the rule of law. Justice is also understood as that which is rightly due to each individual. #20

Misericordiae Vultus – Pope Francis

Key Quotes from *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology & Climate

The current global situation engenders a feeling of instability and uncertainty, which in turn becomes “a seedbed for collective selfishness”. When people become self-centred and self-enclosed, their greed increases. #204

Federal Election: Australia's bishops and our Archdiocesan Catholic Social Justice Commission have each released a statement for the coming federal election. The statements can be found at <http://www.catholic.org.au/election> and http://bit.ly/CSJC_FederalElection respectively. Hard copies are available on the information table.

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.

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

CATHOLIC MISSIONS

There will be a leaving collection for the missions after each mass this weekend. There are envelopes on the table in the foyer if you would prefer to take home and return next week.

REFUGEE WEEK 2016

A Service of Prayer and Reflection

Guest Speaker: Clara Khayat-Nordblom

Sunday 26 June – 5:00pm

Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture Barton followed by a shared meal



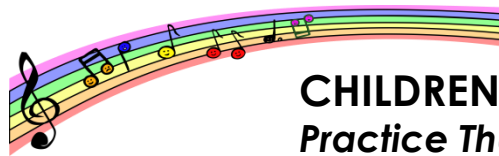
**ST JOHN THE APOSTLE
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB**

The next breakfast is:

TUES 28 June - 7:30 am

Little Chef Café

Nettlefold Street Belconnen



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Practice Thursdays

St John the Apostle Church at 4:00pm

We sing next: 10:00am Mass – 10 July

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading



“The Sea”

By John Banville



Sunday 17 July - 3:00 pm - Parish Library.

Over 45's will meet on Wednesday 29 June 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

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

ROSTERS

3 July Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Eric French, Debbie Milne, Joe Catanzariti, Maria Catanzariti
8:30 am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Agnes Pham, Maria Scarr, VACANT
10:00am	Farid Naoum, Jenny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie Benedictos, Rose Benedictos
6:00 pm	Margaret Curry, Maria Devine, James Cox, Toni Cox, Anthony Dunnicliff-Hagan

Reading Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30 am	John O'Heir, Violet Duve
10:00am	Robin Williams, Tony Kennedy
6:00 pm	Nicole Mikkonen, VACANT

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joe Catanzariti
8:30 am	Agnes Pham, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Farid Naoum, Victoria Naoum
6:00 pm	VACANT

Other Rosters

- 27 June **Altar Society:** Gabrielle Culhane
- 27 June **Church Cleaning:** Agnes Le & Family
- 9 July **Presbytery Cleaning:** Maresa Laird, Meg Millband, Pat Cowburn, Sabian Van Rooy, Lynnne Traynor
- 3 July **Counting Roster:** John O'Heir, Marlene Purnell, Gary Potts
- 2 July **Grounds:** Barry Dwyer, Peter Onstenk, John Dudley

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: *Three Pastors were having lunch in a diner. One of them said, "You know, since summer started I've been having trouble with them flying bats in my loft and attic at church. I've tried everything, but nothing seems to scare them off. Another pastor said "Yes, me too. I've got hundreds living in my belfry and in the narthex attic. I've even had the place fumigated, and they won't go away!" The third pastor said, "I baptized all mine, made them members of the church, and they haven't seen one back since!"*

LIBRARY NEWS: "Sex, God & marriage", "Getting the marriage conversation right", "The Joy of Love" and "Catholic married life" are three of the books on display in the library this week.

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

Recently Deceased: Fr. Brian Rosser msc
Sr. Elaine North FDNCS (sister of Fr. Bede North msc)

Anniversary: *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, Gilbert Hall, Patrick Salmon, Jean Irvine, Jack Synnott, Elizabeth Dennison, John O'Brien, Steven Argy, Rosalie Callaghan, Constance Crowe, Gertrude Cazarnik, Conner Cooke, Anne Patterson*

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Lk 9:51-62

Today's gospel can be seen as falling into a category of gospel passages that are often referred to as the 'hard sayings' of Jesus. These hard sayings are often confronting and even offensive to the audience – particularly a modern one. The harshness of the language and sentiment seems to jar with our image of the compassionate Jesus. Yet, these challenging teachings remind us of the hard edge that is contained within Christian beliefs and teachings. They call for strength in the face of overwhelming odds and commitment even in the face of custom and family loyalties.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp