

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

“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.....

Today is the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is also National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, which is an opportunity to acknowledge the deeply spiritual traditions of the original inhabitants of this island continent.

The injustices suffered by the indigenous peoples of this land have been well documented. And yet, sadly, as a nation we have a long way to go toward redressing these wrongs. It is a sad reflection on the present state of affairs that so little attention was given in the political campaigns leading up to the elections.

“Let the Earth Cry Out to God with Joy and Compassion” is the theme chosen for this year’s Sunday. The theme of mercy is also threaded through this year’s message to coincide with the Year of Mercy. I quote from the Bishops of Australia:

The peoples of Australia’s First Nations are famously resilient and in their own words they are survivors. Notwithstanding the vagaries of government policy or the faulty efforts at work to close the gap, or the dreadful prejudices evident in racist attitudes so notoriously on display even in the public forum in recent times, Aboriginal and Islander peoples so often live the name of mercy in their lives. Ever might it be so and ever might they seek solace in the compassionate warmth of God’s embrace. In their prayers and in their loving communion may they continue to enrich the Church in Australia so that it will be “fully the Church that Jesus Christ wants her to be”. As we celebrate this Aboriginal and Islander Sunday in 2016 so we might echo with one voice the thoughts in psalm 66: “Let The Earth Cry Out To God With Joy And Compassion For All”.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

Weekly Reflection:

Discipleship & The Kingdom of God

Having explained how hard it is to be a disciple, Jesus sends his followers out to 'have a go'. When they come back successful he tells them not to be boastful or proud of their achievements but rather to be happy that their 'names are written in heaven'. In other words, anything they accomplished was because they were 'known' by God and that God was working through them. God works through disciples to accomplish great things!

For the Jewish and Christian tradition, God is specifically encountered in history and relationships, not in analysis. Community and experiencing life together in the context of human history--which is longer and wider than our individual lives--help us trust reality and grow into fullness.

Paul says that "the Spirit given to each person is for the common good" (1 Cor. 12:7). Paul's word for this is a "charism"--a gift that is given to you not just for your own self, but to build up the community, to build up the society. As an individual, you don't have the full responsibility of putting it all together, as the false theology of perfectionism claims. All you have to do is discover your one gift and use it for the good of all.

Disciples minister to the needs of others, whatever those needs may be and with whatever abilities the disciple may possess. There are various kinds of healing: a friendly smile, a word of gratitude, a soothing touch.

We can teach the lessons of life in classrooms, in playrooms, in kitchens, in boardrooms. There are many ways that we can cast out the demons that hold our world by the throat; demons of poverty and oppression, demons of addiction and slavery, demons of disdain and neglect, demons of hatred and violence.

If they are not cast out by us, then by whom?

We must help people connect to The Story, the mystery of God and the universe, so that they can understand the significance of their lives as part of the body of Christ and the Great Pattern, what Jesus calls "the Kingdom of God."

Resources used: *Reflections*, by Greg Sunter Dianne Bergant
CSS at Liturgy and Meditations, by Richard Rohr.

We congratulate Samuel Moriarity who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10:00am Mass this weekend.

Next weekend we will welcome Archbishop Christopher Prowse who will celebrate the 6:00pm vigil mass Saturday 9 July 2016.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

There will be a leaving collection after each mass the weekend 16/17 July. There will also be envelopes for credit card payments available.

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

ENGLISH CONVERSATION and a CUPPA.

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

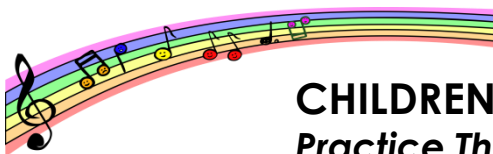
On Break:
resuming
21 July
10:00am

Thursdays 10:00am- Next Meeting 21 July

Pre-school age children welcome.

Refugee Resettlement Committee

Next Meeting: Tuesday 5 July at 7.30pm
Parish library. All are welcome to attend.



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.

JUBILEE OF MERCY

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

“You have much to teach us! Yet, on many occasions, in a systematic and organized way, your people have been misunderstood and excluded from society. Some have considered your values, culture and traditions to be inferior. Others, intoxicated by power, money and market trends, have stolen your lands or contaminated them. How sad this is! How worthwhile it would be for each of us to examine our conscience and learn to say, ‘Forgive me!’ Today’s world, ravaged as it is by a throwaway culture, needs you!”

Pope Francis’ statement on Indigenous People 15/2/2016

Key Quotes from *Laudato Si’*

Pope Francis’ Encyclical on Ecology & Climate

A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted. #91

KEY QUOTE – Social Justice Statement 2015-16

“This global movement of people cannot be stopped or managed by any single country, including Australia. In the Asia Pacific region there are over 3.8 million people who are refugees or in refugee-like situations. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has reported that in 2014, around 53,000 people have embarked upon dangerous sea journeys from the Bay of Bengal to Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia.”

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP meets in the Parish Library on Sunday 3 July - 11:10am (after the 10:00am Mass). All welcome. New members needed.

Central Deanery Assembly

Mercy in Marriage & Family Life.

12 - 13 August, St Clare’s College, Griffith.

Registration essential - www.bit.ly/DeaneryAssembly or 6163 4300.

Guinness & God

Date & Time: 5 July-dinner 6.30pm, talk 7:30pm

Place: King O’Malley’s Irish Pub in Civic

Topic: ‘Freedom of Speech.’

Presenter: Prof Greg Craven -ACU Vice Chancellor.

Cost: Free for all young adults (18+).

Info: youth@cgc.org.au or Ph. 6163 4300.
www.guinnessandgod.com

L’Arche Genesaret

Classical Piano Concert

Date & Time: Sunday 7 August at 3:00pm

Where: Wesley Music Centre

Presenter: Dr Robert Schmidli

Online: Adult \$25, Concession \$20,
Student \$15, Child \$10

Tickets: Ph. 6282 9066

At the Door: Adult \$30, Concession \$25,
Student \$20, Child \$15

All proceeds go to L’Arche Genesaret.

MenAlive Breakfast

Date & Time: 26 August – 7am - 9am

Where: Canberra Yacht Club

Hosted by: Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Presenter: Professor Greg Craven – ACU V.C.

Topic: *Children, Cows and Catholicism*

Info: Peter Hilton peter.hilton@menalive.org.au
(0417 771 761) brad.moffitt@menalive.org.au

Annual Dinner Forum

Christians for an Ethical Society (CES)

Date & Time: Thursday 21 July- 6pm

Place: Bella Vista Restaurant,

Presenter: Fr Frank Brennan SJ

Topic: What Makes for the Common Good

Bookings: www.ces.org.au.

ACU Short Course

on Christian Faith and Theology:

ACU invites registrations for this upcoming 4 weeks Short Course, which is open to the public

Topics include: What is faith? Who is God?

Jesus’ life, death & Resurrection;
& Christian ethics.

Dates: 8, 15, 22 and 29 August, 6-8pm.

Venue: Australian Catholic University, ACT.

Cost: \$80 for a Certificate of Attendance.
\$40 for attendance only.

Register: <http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses>
Click on the ‘Canberra’ page.

Registration is essential by 5 August.

Details: shortcourses.ftp@acu.edu.au

ROSTERS

10 July Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30 am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Fay Hodgetts, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Jojo Mathew, 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, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	CHILDREN'S MASS
6:00 pm	Judith Deklin, Brian Mahony

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30 am	Violet Duve
10:00am	Cass Pepper, Jason Pepper
6:00 pm	VACANT

Other Rosters

- 4 July **Altar Society:** Margaret Ferguson
- 4 July **Church Cleaning:** Meg Millband, Sabina Van Rooy
- 9 July **Presbytery Cleaning:** Maresa Laird, Meg Millband, Pat Cowburn, Sabina Van Rooy, Lynnie Traynor
- 10 July **Counting Roster:** Margaret Sheehan, Margaret Stanford, Denis Donoghue
- 9 July **Grounds:** Henri Clementine, John Gill, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth

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: Did you hear about the boy who turned up to school with only 1 glove?

A: He said the weather man said it's going to be cold but on the other hand it might be warm

LIBRARY NEWS: There is a display of new and newly acquired books this week including some requested by The Refugee Resettlement Committee.

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: 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, Christopher Davis, Mary Ryan, Josephine Allester, Mollie Paterson, Marie Richards, Laurence Swift, Linda Dawson, Victoria Norton, Bede Stinson, Lionel Carberry, Jan Kurzynski, Catherine Raadts, Gayle McGoogan, Veronica Hannah, David Leonard, Paul Kurlowicz, Mona Castle, Stephen Carson

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message
live within you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

Lk 10:1-12. 17-20

In the previous chapter the Twelve were sent out. The sending of the Twelve represents the mission to the Jews – the twelve tribes of Israel are frequently used symbolically to represent all of the Jewish people. The sending of the 72 represents the mission beyond the Jewish people to all nations and all people.

The 72 who are sent out are given very clear instructions about how to respond when their message is welcomed and when it is rejected, but in both cases they are to tell the town, 'The kingdom of God is very near.' In the case of a welcoming town, these words serve as a blessing, but for an unwelcoming town the same words are a threat or curse.

Resources used: Greg Sunter @ LiturgyHelp