

COMPACT

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C**

17 July 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.....

Jesus loved Martha and Mary equally. Yet he found it necessary to gently chide Martha for her undue busyness. Each of the sisters was extending hospitality to Jesus. But Martha was just too preoccupied with doing. This causes her to get into a huff with her sister and therefore Jesus has to remind Martha that “Mary has chosen the better part.” Mary has recognized that it is the Lord who is in their midst. It is this awareness of Christ’s presence that it all important. All other tasks are secondary.

Sometimes it’s just good to drop what we are doing and to attend to what really matters. Then we can be open to the beauty and giftedness of each person that we encounter. We then realize that we don’t have to be so task orientated.

As I reflect on this gospel passage I recognize that there is probably more of the Martha in me than the Mary. That’s where this gospel is so helpful. It allows us to appreciate the importance of both being and doing.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

Parish Pastoral Plan 2013-2016 Building Community

The Pastoral Council is looking to form a committee that will oversee this priority of the Pastoral Plan. If this is an area of parish life that interests you and you would like to be a part of this initiative please contact the parish office.

RSVP 25 July 2016
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Weekly Reflection:

Recognising the Guest as Gift!

Like so much of the Gospel of Luke, this week's passage is, at its heart, all about hospitality. Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. Hospitality is a theme that the writer returns to over and over again throughout the gospel to reinforce not only the importance of welcoming the message of Jesus, but also the extravagantly generous hospitality and welcome that God extends to all people.

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

Martha has forgotten that the guest is also a gift! Having welcomed and shown appropriate hospitality to her guest, Martha should have then accepted the gift of the guest, that is, the company and presence of the welcome guest. Instead she continues to busy herself with serving while her sister shows true welcome: accepting the gift of the guest's company.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be.

When we welcome a guest into our house, we can be too worried about impressing the guest with lavish hospitality and our best serving ware, rather than relaxing and enjoying the company of the guest. Like Martha, we can overlook the fact that God is present when we welcome a guest.

Resources used; Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter & Dianne Bergant CSS at LiturgyHelp

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

This weekend there is a leaving collection after each Mass for the annual St Vinnies Winter Appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. There will also be envelopes for credit card payments available.

Thank you: The 9:30am mass on 22 July will be offered for those parishioners [too many to name] who have assisted Veronica Brennan in many ways; not least transport to and from church. Veronica appreciates the love and support you have shown her. She feels blessed to have you in her life.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRESENTATION MASSES

At the masses next weekend we will welcome the parish children preparing to make their First Holy Communion. The children will hand out their prayer cards asking a parishioner to pray for them during this preparation time.

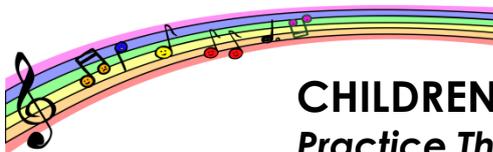


Please hold these children of God in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time.

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.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR Practice Thursdays

St John the Apostle Church at 4:00pm
We sing next: 10:00am Mass – 14 August

WEST BELCONNEN LOCAL SERVICES NETWORK

Technology and Your Independence
Free forum with Professor Greg Tegart
Date: Thursday 21 July
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm
Place: Holt Community Hub
80 Beaurepaire Cres
Contact Margaret Stanford: 6254 7262 or
margaretstanford@bigpond.com

JUBILEE OF MERCY

WE MUST ADOPT GOD'S MERCY AS OUR LIFESTYLE.

To be merciful like the Father requires a programme of life which leads us to listen to his voice, rediscovering the value of silence to meditate on it, in order to adopt His mercy as our lifestyle.

Misericordiae Vultus – Pope Francis

Key Quotes from *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology & Climate

Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world. Love for society and commitment to the common good are outstanding expressions of a charity which affects not only relationships between individuals but also "macro-relationships, social, economic and political ones. That is why the Church sets before the world the ideal of a "civilization of love".

POWER POINT OPERATORS NEEDED

The PowerPoint operator is a vital role for all Liturgies. The level of participation of the congregation in all aspects of the Liturgy is much greater when the words are easy to see. The PowerPoint operators run the software that projects the mass responses and songs overhead. If you are interested in joining this ministry contact the parish office.

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.

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

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.

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

Carers Spiritual reflection day (retreat)

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" for all women who care for children or adults with disabilities

Date: 30 July
Venue: Rheinberger Centre Yarralumla
Time: 9.30am -2.30pm.
Cost: \$30 per head,
including lunch and morning tea.

Limit to 15 participants. RSVP 20 July 2016.

Contact Karna O'Dea email karnakd9@gmail.com, Ph.0450 811 010 or
Patricia Mowbray at disability@catholic.org.au

Call to Connect Women's Ministry day retreat

Where: The Carmel, 28 Mugga Way, Red Hill,

Date: **Saturday 6 August,**

Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm.

Theme "Open the Door of your Heart".

Cost: \$25, concession available, which includes morning tea, lunch and coffee breaks.

RSVP: Monday 1 August –

Bronnie 0432 257 622 or

www.calltoconnect.org

ROSTERS

24 July 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	Bert Broekhuysse, Fay Stephenson
10:00am	Lucia Moran, Judy Kenny
6:00 pm	Judith Deklin

Other Rosters

- 18 July **Altar Society:** Pat Gilchrist
- 18 July **Church Cleaning:**
Carol Blyth, Therese Edwards
- 23 July **Presbytery Cleaning:**
Maryanne Ferguson, Margaret Sheehan, Ann Clementine, Lynette Weaver
- 24 July **Counting Roster:**
Peter Polkinghorne, Sabina Van Rooy, Lynn O'Brien, Terry O'Brien
- 23 July **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. Adjust your hearing aids according to audiologist's advice.

On A Lighter Note: WHOSE JOB?

*There were four people, named
Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.
There was an important job to be done.
Everybody was sure Somebody would do it.
Anybody could have done it, but
Nobody did it!
Somebody got angry, because
it was Everybody's job.
Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but
Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.
In the end,
Everybody blamed Somebody, when
Nobody did what Anybody could have done.*

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

Recently Deceased: Fr. Michael Cantwell msc,
Josephine O'Kane

Anniversary: *Chris Penders, Stephen Gorst,
Leo Williams, Naomi Slater, Rudi Weiss, Rita Riddle,
Joseph Myatt, Isabella Backhaus, Gwnedoline White,
Sheila Marshall, James Patterson, Queenie Solomonsz,
Mary Mules, Maria Pedic, Thomas Pinner,
Czeslaw Kowalski, Wallace Johnson, Dianne Fraser,
Darryl Bremer, Frank Sculthorpe, Donald Briggs,
Valentini Vrataric, Therese Van der Vliet,
Carol Thompson, Daniel Keneally, Jillian McInerney,
Ardina Dudok, June Traynor, Mathilde Clemence,
Diane Eccles*

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The just will live in the presence
of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the word
with a generous heart and yield a
harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Lk 10:38-42

It is no accident that this story about Martha and Mary immediately follows the parable of the Good Samaritan. We must remember that Jesus is portrayed as telling that parable as clarification of the law to love God and love neighbour. The Samaritan provides an example of what it means to love one's neighbour whilst in this story, Mary provides an example of what it means to love God. Together, the two stories tell us that compassionate service to one's neighbour is crucial but that God does not require service, simply love. This gospel is sometimes portrayed as a dichotomy between action and reflection. The two different models have developed quite distinctly in the history of the Church and it must be said that the Martha approach of service and action has been in the ascendance for some time. However, action that is not grounded in prayerful reflection runs the risk of becoming well-intentioned busy-ness.

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