

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C**

7 August 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.....

I suppose many of us are wondering about the current discussion around the amalgamation of parishes in the Belconnen Region. It is about three months since parishioners from the six parishes met at St Francis Xavier College.

While no formal recommendations have been made to the Archbishop it would be fairly safe to assume that some form of amalgamation in the Belconnen region is inevitable.

However, in the case of Kippax it is also fairly safe to assume that we will not be amalgamating as long as Kippax remains an MSC parish. By saying this, I hope to allay any concerns by parishioners that amalgamation for Kippax will occur any time soon.

You will remember the contents of the letter written by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and sent to the Archbishop in May; the Archbishop's response on 23 May was open to our situation with an invitation to keep the conversation going regarding amalgamation.

The Belconnen Regional Working Group [BRWG] has also been informed of our desire to remain a single parish for as long as the MSC are able to remain. Nevertheless, ongoing discussion by parishioners is important. To this end the PPC is organizing another open meeting for parishioners to further discuss the amalgamation of parishes in the Belconnen region and how that may impact our parish in the future.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

Presence

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

Deep down we desire the freedom to live the life we would love. Yet life itself will rarely give us exactly what we desire and seldom offers it to us in the form we long for. We would benefit greatly were we able to develop a more ascetic approach to our lives. As with all manner of spiritual discipline, we gain most when we are willing freely to choose what is difficult. To include the ascetic as a vital dimension in our daily life would deeply enrich us.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

A Blessing

May you awaken to the mystery
of being here and enter the quiet
immensity of your own presence.
May you respond to the call of your gift
and find the courage to follow its path.
May your outer dignity mirror
an inner dignity of soul.
May you take time to celebrate the
quiet miracles that seek no attention.
May you experience each day
as a sacred gift woven
around the heart of wonder.

First Holy Communion

We welcome Estella O'Brien who will make her First Holy Communion at the 10:00am mass this weekend. Please pray for Estella and all the children preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading



"A Time of Gifts"

By Patrick Leigh Fermor



Sunday 21 August - 3:00 pm - Parish Library.



Journey towards Easter 2017.

Enquiry Night

Day & Date: Wednesday 31 August
Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Perhaps you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic?

Invite them to 'come and see'. Jn. 1:39

ENGLISH CONVERSATION & A CUPPA.

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

Thursdays 10:00am- Next Meeting 4 Aug
St John the Apostle Church Parish Centre
Pre-school age children welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Practice Thursdays – 4:00pm

We sing next: 10:00am Mass –
14 August



Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross

[Mary Mackillop]

8th August

We will celebrate this feast at the 9:30am
mass on Monday 8th August.

JUBILEE OF MERCY

The Church's first truth is the love of Christ. The Church makes itself a servant of this love and mediates it to all people: a love that forgives and expresses itself in the gift of oneself. Consequently, wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy. #12

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



SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Next Meeting:
Sunday 7 August – 11:00am
Parish Library.
All welcome.
New members needed.

KEY QUOTE – Social Justice Statement 2015-16

"We do not open our hearts and our home to vulnerable people simply because they are "deserving" of charity or compassion. We take them in, provide shelter and bandage their wounds because they are equal to us in dignity. They are no longer "aliens" (Lev. 19:33) but our brothers and sisters."

Apostleship of the Sea – Stella Maris

The leaving collection advertised for this weekend for this Apostleship has been deferred to a time still to be determined.

Feast of The Assumption

Monday 15 August

Masses will be celebrated
at 9:30am and 6:00pm.

PLANNED GIVING

Thank you for your response to the planned giving talk last weekend. Your response has resulted in:

- 24 new givers
- 40 givers who have increased their giving by \$5.00 or more.
- This gives a net weekly increase of \$450.00

We thank you for your continued commitment to our parish community

Volunteers needed:

St John the Apostle Primary School & St Francis Xavier College

need volunteers to support their asylum seeker programs.

1. Wednesday's 2-3pm -
trained ESL teachers
2. Monday's for 5 weeks commencing
15 August - 4:30 – 6pm.

Volunteers are needed to support teachers supervising young children while a program for parents is run in an adjoining classroom.

Venue: St John the Apostle Primary School
Contact Leilah Ayton on 0410993429.

Archdiocesan Retreat – 'Be Still'

Facilitator: Sister Lynette Young rsj
Date: Friday 7th – Sunday 9th Oct
Chaplain: Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter
Enquires: sandy.cassidy@cg.org.au or
Ph. 6163 4300.

Sr. Lyn has experience in spiritual direction, retreat facilitation, has been a secondary school teacher and is currently running the Josephite Heritage Centre in Tasmania.

Taizé Retreat

Date: 26-28 August 2016
Where: St Clement's Monastery, Galong
Cost: \$300 ensuite, \$260 standard (shared facilities). Fully catered Friday night to Sunday lunch.

More info: Ph. 6380 5222 or
Email info@stclement.com.au

An Ecumenical event organised by the Canberra Taizé group, comprised of members of Catholic, Uniting Church, Anglican and other Christian churches – all welcome.

ROSTERS

14 Aug Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, Anthony Jayawardena, 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	Lesley Givens, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30 am	David Mather, Therese Mather
10:00am	Margarete Gill, Tony Kennedy
6:00 pm	VACANT

Other Rosters

- 8 Aug **Altar Society:** Margaret Stanford
8 Aug **Church Cleaning:** Ted & Carol Quade
20 Aug **Presbytery Cleaning:** Maryanne Ferguson, Margaret Sheehan, Ann Clementine, Lynette Weaver
14 Aug **Counting Roster:** James Cox, Toni Cox, Bryan Cowman
13 Aug **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. Adjust your hearing aids according to audiologist's advice.

On A Lighter Note:

The New Confessional

Patrick goes into the confessional box after a long lapse from going to church. Inside he finds a fully equipped bar, Guinness on tap and a row of decanters with fine Irish whiskey. On the wall is a dazzling array of cigars. Then the priest comes in. "Father, forgive me, for it's been a long time since I've been to confession, but I must admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be. The priest replies: "Get out, you fool, you're on my side".

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

Recently Deceased: Sr. Kathleen Houghten rsj, Colin Alldridge.

Anniversary: Michael Ciszek, Leonard Hill, Keith Jobling, Joyce Olive, Bona Duffy, Donald Telford, Lindsay Guest, Adam Markham, Arthur O'Callaghan, Wesley Perceval, Margaret Cole, Alfred Clynych, Manning Hoy, Dominic Pham, Indianna Forth, Norman Pentland, Phillip Doran, Leslie Ferry, Ray Allen, George Brettell, James Marlor, Zenona Skiba, Emily Jacob, William Smith, John Ray

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen
to be his own.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
You know not when
the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Lk 12:32-48

The Greek word *parousia* means 'presence' or 'arrival'. In ancient times the word was usually associated with the formal visit of a king or a ruler. The *parousia* of a king was a significant and sometimes formidable event. In the writings of the New Testament, the word is used for the return of Christ, the drawing to a close of salvation history and the full establishment of the kingdom of God. The earliest Christians expected to see the Parousia in their own lifetimes. The realisation that this was not to be the case led to a rethinking about living a Christian life.

Resources used – Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp



Library News: "Praying the daily Gospels", "Praying the New Testament as psalms", "A Book of graces" and, "Sacred reading: the art of Lectio Divina" are some of the books on display this week.