

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.....

Back in 1982 I attended a talk given by Mother Teresa of Calcutta which took place during her visit to an aboriginal community in the NSW town of Bourke. The parish priest at the time introduced Mother Teresa as someone who lived the gospel without compromise. He used an interesting metaphor. The gospel, he said, is like a fierce tiger that has too often been tamed into a domestic cat.

Sadly we can see too many examples of how the gospel has been watered down and compromised. In today's gospel Jesus tells us in no uncertain manner that if we are to be his disciples then this will involve a radical stance. In some cases this may put us at odds with others and society, even among members of our own family.

Just as Jesus faced opposition, so too can his followers expect likewise. This is what Jesus means when he says “Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Division is not God's intention, but rather the result of opposition to the gospel. To follow Jesus takes courage, for it will inevitably bring us into conflict with all those forces opposed to God's Kingdom. Discipleship is not for the faint-hearted.



I want to thank parishioners for their positive response to the parish finance appeal. For those who were able to increase their contribution, many, many thanks. For those unable to increase their contribution but continue to contribute to planned giving, again, many, many thanks. Your sacrificial giving enables our parish to stay on track with its many financial demands.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

Divine Fire

In today's Gospel we have a glimpse of the anguish afflicting Jesus at this point of his mission. On the one hand, his passionate desire is to communicate to people a sense of the divine love that drives his mission and which is the essence of the experience of the Spirit. On the other hand, this communication of the Spirit cannot take place until he has personally confronted and overcome, through death and resurrection, the hostility to divine love lurking in the human heart. He is caught in a terrible tension between the reality of God's love and the reality of the world to which, in his own person, that love reaches out. This tension affects also the hearts of those to whom his summons is directed, reaching back into inter-family relationships as well.

God is fire, infinite fire, an energy that is relentlessly seeking to embrace and infuse all of creation. And that fire is inside of us, creating in us a feeling of godliness, an intuition that we too have divine energies, with a pressure to achieve some form of greatness.

Because we have divine energy inside us we do not make easy peace with this world, our longings and desires are too grandiose. All of us are driven outwards by a divine gene to somehow make a statement with our lives, to somehow create a personal immortality, and to somehow do something that the whole world takes note of.

Psychologically, we need images of the human person that allow us to understand ourselves healthily but in ways that include an acceptance of our limitations, our frustrations, our anonymity, and the fact that our lives must make gracious space for everyone else's life. We need the tools to understand our own life, as unique and special, but still as one life among millions of other unique and special lives.

Families are the best nurturing ground for human beings and indeed for religious values. But families can often hold people in prejudices and captivities resistant to the gospel and the following of Jesus. 'Peace' is the fruit of conversion.

Resources used; Scripture Commentary, by Brendan Byrne SJ & Struggling with Grandiosity, by Ronald Rolheiser OMI

First Holy Communion

We welcome Nicholas Carrera, Rachel Hallaj, Renee Hallaj, Ryan Korbl, Austin Moriarty and Cooper Spence who will make their First Holy Communion at the 6:00pm Saturday Vigil mass this weekend.

And Amelia Ayton, Annabel Baird, Charlie Malnar, Olivia McMahon, Annabella McNamara, Olivia Monaghan, Isabelle Pitt, Emily Saunders, Dylan Saunders, Abigail Spradau, Cooper Stewart, Ethan Talip and Miller Ward who make their First Holy Communion at the 10:00am mass this weekend.

Please pray for them 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.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION & A CUPPA.

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

Thursdays 10:00am- Next Meeting 18 Aug
St John the Apostle Church Parish Centre
Pre-school age children welcome.

Feast of The Assumption

Monday 15 August

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

The AGM of the Refugee Resettlement Committee will be held on **Tuesday 16th August at 7.30** in the parish centre. All are welcome to attend.

Nominations are open for the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, secretary, and client/membership officer.

JUBILEE OF MERCY

The Church lives within the communion of the saints. In the Eucharist, this communion, which is a gift from God, becomes a spiritual union binding us to the saints and blessed ones whose number is beyond counting (cf. Rev 7:4). Their holiness comes to the aid of our weakness in a way that enables the Church, with her maternal prayers and her way of life, to fortify the weakness of some with the strength of others. #22

Misericordiae Vultus – Pope Francis

Key Quotes from *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology & Climate

On Justice between the Generations: The notion of the common good also extends to future generations. The global economic crises have made painfully obvious the detrimental effects of disregarding our common destiny, which cannot exclude those who come after us. #159

Volunteers needed:

St John the Apostle Primary School & St Francis Xavier College

need volunteers to support their refugee 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.

Thank You

to all those who prayed and
supported me on the passing of
my sister Rosemary Cadey.
I really appreciate it.
God bless, Trish Keneally



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

AMALGAMATION OF PARISHES IN THE BELCONNEN REGION

St John the Apostle Community open meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is
holding an open meeting on:

Date: Thursday 18 August

Place: Parish Church

Time: 7:00pm

This meeting will give you an update
on current decisions and the
submission to the Archbishop.

Building Community Parish Pastoral Plan 2013-2016

A couple of weeks ago we asked for
people you may be interested in
begin part of this pastoral plan
initiative to contact the parish office.
Two people responded, however, we
are looking for at least a further two
people.

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.

Ph. 6254 3236

Email kippax@cg.org.au

LIBRARY NEWS: "Believe: meeting Jesus in
the scriptures" and "My soul magnifies the
Lord: a scriptural journey with Mary" are two
of the new books on display this week.

ROSTERS

21 Aug Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Maresa Laird, Daryl Smeaton, Laurine Smeaton
8:30 am	Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Marie Flint, Colin Fox, Erin Pitt, Maida Kajkic, Patrick Corr
6:00 pm	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, Jacinta Le, VACANT, VACANT

Reading Roster

6:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30 am	Andrew Shafik, Sarah Shafik
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00 pm	Meg Millband, Matthew Toohey

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Mary Barrett
8:30 am	Norma Sloan, Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Marie Flint
6:00 pm	Brian Mahony

Other Rosters

- 15 Aug **Altar Society:** Mary Cruickshank
- 15 Aug **Church Cleaning:** Paul Huthnance, John Maher, Jenny Maher
- 20 Aug **Presbytery Cleaning:** Maryanne Ferguson, Margaret Sheehan, Ann Clementine, Lynette Weaver
- 21 Aug **Counting Roster:** Therese Kercher, Matthew Toohey, Elizabeth McDonald
- 20 Aug **Grounds:** David Pigram, Rob Caskie, Matthew Garton, Mike Lavis

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:

Grandpa was telling his young grandson what life was like when he was a boy. "In the winter we'd ice skate on our pond. In the summer we could swim in the pond, and pick berries in the woods. We'd swing on an old tire my dad hung from a tree on a rope. And we had a pony we rode all over the farm." The little boy was amazed, and sat silently for a minute. Finally he said, "Granddad, I wish I'd gotten to know you a lot sooner!"

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

Recently Deceased: Fr. Peter Robinson msc, Fr Adrian Cork

Anniversary: *Indianna Forth, Norman Pentland, Phillip Doran, Leslie Ferry, Ray Allen, George Brettell, James Marlor, Zenona Skiba, Emily Jacob, William Smith, John Ray, Joseph Zuk, Ronald Ryan, Alfred Niquet, Majorie Carew, Edmund Kennedy, Alexander Aikman, Hedwig Von Straaten, Winifred Bridges, Joseph Weinheber Andres Munoz, Tere Fearon, Bill Fearon,, Anna Yoo, Josephine Weinheber, Sheila Dignam*

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, come to my aid!

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 12:49-53

In the ancient world, and particularly in Jewish culture, family meant everything. One's identity was completely tied up with family. Families absolutely depended on one another for survival and for personal identity. Young men were identified by who their father was. Women quite literally 'belonged' to their father or husband. The entire fabric of society and tradition was held together by extended families. For Jesus to say that his message would tear families apart was to say that all of society would be transformed by the message. The kingdom of God turns expectations and society on their head, breathing new life into tired, restrictive structures.

Resources used. Reflection, by Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

