

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C**

21 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.....

We've recently witnessed Brexit. We are witnessing the bazaar antics of Trump in the lead up to the US presidential election. And we are also witnessing the rise of right wing parties in Europe. In all of these cases there have been crude examples of anti-foreign rhetoric.

This isolationism is in some ways similar to the outlook of the Jewish people of Isaiah's time. They jealously guarded their racial and religious identity. The other nations were looked down upon and despised. In the light of this background, the prophet Isaiah presents a shattering vision: all the nations will be assembled in Jerusalem. They will come from the four corners of the earth. This message of universal salvation was something radically new.

The prophetic vision challenges the myopic and parochial way of seeing, which is characteristic of many in our society. Christianity is meant to transcend barriers that divide us. Revelation enables us to behold the sweeping grandeur of God's vision which is universal in its embrace of all peoples.



On Thursday evening about 30 parishioners attended a short meeting to discuss the ongoing process of amalgamation of parishes within the Belconnen region. While amalgamation will be inevitable for most parishes in Belconnen the situation for Kippax is different. The possibility of Kippax amalgamating is real but not likely to happen at any stage soon. Being a religious order parish places us in a unique situation. Provided Kippax continue to be an MSC parish then it will remain a single parish.

I was pleased by the positive energy of Thursday's meeting. I believe it is important for us to support the efforts of the Archdiocese in restructuring parishes and likewise support our neighbouring parishes as they journey on their process of amalgamation. This, then, can become an opportunity for all of us to work together in the important task of evangelization.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

God does not Judge us – We judge ourselves

The question; *Will I be saved* places the responsibility for salvation on Jesus. His reply; *Do you want to be* turns this question back on each individual. If you want to be saved, there are things you need to do about it. The parable leaves the choice of salvation to each person not to Jesus. It is as if Jesus is saying to us, 'You have the invitation, do you want it?'

God sends his life into the world and we can choose that life or reject it. We judge ourselves in making that choice. If we choose life, we are ultimately choosing heaven. If we reject life, we end up living outside of life and that ultimately is hell. But we make that choice, God doesn't send us anywhere. Moreover, hell is not a positive punishment created by God to make us suffer. Hell is the absence of something, namely, living inside of the life that's offered to us.

What is hell? The images the bible chooses for hell are arbitrary and vary greatly. The popular mind tends to picture hell as fire, eternal fire, but that is only one image, and not necessarily the dominant one, in scripture.

Scripture speaks of hell as "experiencing God's wrath", as "being outside" the wedding and the dance, as "mourning and weeping and grinding of teeth", as being consigned to the "Gehenna" (a garbage dump outside of Jerusalem), as being eaten by worms, as fire, as missing out on the banquet, as being outside the kingdom, as living inside a bitter and warped heart, and as missing out on life.

In the end, all these images point to the same thing: Hell is the pain and bitterness, the fire, we experience when we culpably put ourselves outside of the community of life. And it is always self-inflicted. It is never imposed by God. God doesn't deal death and God sends nobody to hell.

Resources used: *God Judges No One*, by Ronald Rolheiser, & *Commentary*, by Mary Coloe PBVM at LiturgyHelp

First Holy Communion

We welcome Samuel Moran who will make his First Holy Communion at the 6:00pm Saturday Vigil mass this weekend.

And Mia Adamson, Raziel Alcazar, Aidan Bailey, Amelie Burrell, Oliver Cusch, Jay Frando, Breanna Gillego, Mia Givens, Emma Nicholson, Brodie Schorsch, Nicolas Vera, Lidia Swiderski, Llandan Vergano 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.

JUNIOR ALTAR SERVERS

We are looking for boys and girls who would like to serve on the Altar. A prerequisite for this ministry is that you have made your first Holy Communion. Training will be provided. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server contact the parish office on 62543236 or kippax@cg.org.au.



**ST JOHN THE APOSTLE
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB**
The next breakfast is:

TUES 23 August - 7:30 am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

ENGLISH CONVERSATION & A CUPPA.

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

Thursdays 10:00am- Next Meeting 25 Aug
St John the Apostle Church Parish Centre
Pre-school age children welcome.

LIBRARY NEWS: Among the new books on display this week is "Beyond Belief: how we find meaning with or without religion" by Hugh MacKay

JUBILEE OF MERCY

If God limited himself to only justice, he would cease to be God, and would instead be like human beings who ask merely that the law be respected. But mere justice is not enough. Experience shows that an appeal to justice alone will result in its destruction. This is why God goes beyond justice with his mercy and forgiveness. #21

Misericordiae Vultus – Pope Francis

Key Quotes from *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology & Climate

What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? What is the purpose of our life in this world? Why are we here? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us? We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. #160.



*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

Building Community Parish Pastoral Plan 2013-2016

A couple of weeks ago we asked for people who may be interested in being involved in 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

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY 102nd World Day of Migrants and Refugees

*Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us.
The Response of the Gospel of Mercy*
There will be a leaving collection after each of the masses next weekend
27/28 August.

We will celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday with a shared lunch in the parish centre. 11:30am for 12noon start

28 August 2016

Guest Speaker: Leilah Ayton

2016 Blackfriars Lecture Series:

Frances Crimmins, YWCA Canberra -
"She Leads - Transforming Communities through Young Women's Leadership"

Date: Wednesday 31 August,

Time: 6:00 - 7:00pm,

Venue: ACU Canberra Campus, Watson.

RSVP essential by 26 August.

To register or more information -
OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au

Typist needed for manuscript

Anyone who would be interested in typing a manuscript for future publication as a book, please contact the parish office on 62543236 or kippax@cg.org.au.

MenAlive Breakfast

Date & Time: 26 August – 7am - 9am

Where: Canberra Yacht Club

Hosted by: Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Presenter: Prof. 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

Amicus, a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering for 2016 at the **Flavours of India Restaurant**, Woden Plaza on **Saturday 27 August**, meeting at 6pm for dinner. To join us please call Patricia Ph. 0412 351 548.

ROSTERS

28 Aug 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, Rachel Blackwell, Marissa Blackwell, John 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	Libby Kain, Joe Ots
6:00 pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Barbara Witrzens, Marie McKie
8:30 am	Margaret Ohliln, Kay Dwyer
10:00am	John Blackwell, Louise Bulfin
6:00 pm	Judith Deklin

Other Rosters

- 22 Aug **Altar Society:** Gabrielle Culhane
22 Aug **Church Cleaning:** Agnes Le & Family
3 Sept **Presbytery Cleaning:** Maresa Laird, Meg Millband, Pat Cowburn, Sabina Van Rooy, Linnie Traynor
28 Aug **Counting Roster:** Kay Dwyer, Joseph Lai, Trevor Williams
27 Aug **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:

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. 'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: *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, Josephine Weinheber, Anna Yoo, Sheila Dignam, Patrick Sheehan, Armando Cavuoto, Gladys Anderson, Virigina Matera, Melinda Davis, Annette Polak, William Wiegold, Philip Smith, Mary Telford, Gaye Walmsley, Susan O'Dwyer, Josephine Smith, Ralph Dunn, William Schofield, Dorothy Hush, Andre Domjan, Ivan Jones, Kathleen MacKay, Collin McEvoy, Dorothy Hornick.*

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father,
except through me.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Lk 13:22-30

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.' These words of Jesus carry with them a major thrust of his ministry in the gospel of Luke. Jesus reminds his audience that their status in society means nothing when it comes to their status in the kingdom of God. What will make people 'first' in the kingdom is their acceptance of Jesus' message, their faith and their compassionate actions toward others. Jesus' insistence on the inherent value of the 'last' in society must have been a constant irritant to those who considered themselves 'first'.

Resources used. Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

