

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.....

Both the First Reading and Gospel speak of the virtue of humility. Cardinal Basil Hume, the humble and much loved Benedictine monk who was Archbishop of Westminster from 1976 to 1999, was once asked to name the most important attributes that he looked for in choosing candidates for the priesthood, he answered: “I look for humanity, humility and a sense of humour.” These were carefully chosen words, for humanity, humility and humour all have their origin in the Latin word *humilius*, meaning “down-to-earth”, “having feet planted on the ground”.

Being near to the earth, or being grounded, speaks of being in touch: with ourselves, those around us, and with God. The opposite is to have our head in the clouds, and therefore to be out of touch. Humility grounds us in reality. It is a virtue that allows us to value others, that puts us in touch with God, and allows us to own and celebrate our giftedness. Humility is anything but negative.



This Sunday we mark World Day of Migrants and Refugees. It is with gratitude that we acknowledge the diversity of backgrounds that make up our multi-cultural nation. Migrants and refugees from many lands have enriched our country and church. Over recent years we have witnessed this in our parish of Kippax. While we celebrate our cultural diversity we also need to be mindful of those migrants and refugees who experience hardship, danger and prejudice. Of particular concern at this present movement is the plight of Syrian and Iraqi refugees.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

Genuine Humility

A Buddhist's axiom claims that you can understand most of what's wrong in the world and inside yourself by looking at a group-photo. Invariably you will look first at how you turned out before looking at whether or not this is a good photo of the group. Basically, we assess the quality of things on the basis of how we are doing: our focus is first of all upon ourselves. What is most real to us is our own consciousness.

And it's so obsessively real that, until we can find a maturity beyond our natural instincts, it locks us inside a certain prison: and psychologists call that prison, narcissism.

Ego and its child, narcissism, do not go away simply because we consider ourselves mature and spiritual. They're incurable because they're an innate part of our make-up. Furthermore, they're not meant to go away, nor are they, in themselves, a moral defect. Our ego is the centre of our conscious personality, part of our core make-up, and each of us needs a strong ego to remain glued-together, sane, healthily self-protective, and able to give of oneself to others.

The modern fantasy, believes that we are better off without God and the church. As a result we see the rise of a culture of narcissism in our society.

Robert Moore, Professor of Psychoanalysis, Culture, and Spirituality at the Chicago Theological Seminary believes that the solution to this malady of our culture is Humility.

But can there be genuine humility, and what is genuine humility? Real humility self-effaces, but does not self-deprecate; it is not assertive, but it does not slink away in unhealthy passivity; it is not showy and exhibitionist, but it does not hide its light either.

We can attain genuine humility and indeed it is the only hope for ourselves and society.

Genuine humility consists in two things:

*Knowing your limits and
Getting the help you need.*

That help, ultimately lies in a relationship with God which lets us healthily accept and use our divine energies even as it makes clear that we may never identify with those energies.

We are humble when we live in the face of the fact that we are both dependent and interdependent.

Resources used: *Displacing Ego and Narcissism*, by Ronald Rolheiser OMI



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

Please welcome Agnes and Bernice who will be received into the Church and Genelson who will be Baptised this weekend at the 10:00am Mass. Would you please pray for them and their family.

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.*

Over 45's will meet on Wednesday 31 August for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

ALTAR RENOVATIONS will commence on Monday 12th September. Weekday Morning Masses will be celebrated in the Parish Centre. All weekend Masses will be celebrated in the Church. It is expected that the Sanctuary will be completed by mid October.

LIBRARY NEWS: We are displaying our collection of books about Mother Theresa of Calcutta who is to be canonised by Pope Francis on 4th September.

JUBILEE OF MERCY

We see in Sacred Scripture, mercy is a key word that indicates God's action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviours that are shown in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. He feels responsible; that is, he desires our wellbeing and he wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful. #9

Misericordiae Vultus – Pope Francis

Key Quotes from *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology & Climate

Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack. #222

Guinness & God – 6 September

"Let Us Sing As We Go": Why Music And Theology Need Each Other

Presenter: Dr Maeve Heaney, a musician and theologian at ACU Brisbane

Come along for live music and dinner from 6.30pm, talk from 7.30pm, followed by a Q&A at King O'Malley's Irish Pub in Civic.

G&G is a free event for all young adults (18+). For more info email youth@cg.org.au or call 6163 4300.

THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE:

Program for parents of Adolescents will be offered by CatholicCare

Commencing: Wednesday 7 September

Time: 6-9pm at 57

Place: Hicks Street, Red Hill.

The course is run over 3 weeks and the fee of \$80 includes course materials and supper.

This course is suitable for parents of children in primary school years 5&6 and secondary school years 7-12. Bookings are essential please contact 1800 068 698 free call.

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 this weekend.

There will be a shared pot luck lunch celebration in the parish centre.

11:30am for 12noon start

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Guest Speaker: Leilah Ayton

ENGLISH CONVERSATION & A CUPPA.

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

Thursdays 10:00am- Next Meeting 1 Sept
St John the Apostle Church Parish Centre
Pre-school age children welcome.

TRIVIA NIGHT – Calvary Hospital Auxiliary

Come along and have a fun-filled evening while raising money to go towards a Family Recreation Area in the grounds of the Hospital.

When: Friday 9th September

Where: Belconnen Labor Club

Time: 7.00pm

Cost: \$15/person

Bookings: Daphne Ashley on 0407835846.

HOME Queanbeyan and the OzHelp Foundation Fundraising Lunch.

Come as you are, with a friend or get a group together to enjoy lunch prepared by St Edmund's College students,

Date: September 8,

Time: 12.30 - 2pm,

Place: Queanbeyan Bicentennial Hall,
Crawford St Queanbeyan.

Walk through HOME at 11.30am.

Tickets \$60 + GST at www.eventbrite.com.au

Colloquium 2016 – Conference

"Women as Witnesses to the Joy of the Gospel"

When: September 17 -18,

Venue: Mary Mackillop Place, North Sydney

The Council for Australian Catholic Women is asking - how do we make more space for women in decision-making, leadership and lay pastoral ministry in our Church? To register or more information www.cacwcolloquium.org.au.

ROSTERS

4 Sept Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Eric French, Debbie Milne, Joe Catanzariti, Maria Catanzariti
8:30 am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Agnes Pham, Maria Scarr, VACANT
10:00am	Farid Naoum, Jenny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie Benedictos, Rose Benedictos
6:00 pm	Margaret Curry, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan, Maria Devine, James Cox, Toni Cox

Reading Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30 am	John O'Heir, Violet Duve
10:00am	Robin Williams, Tony Kennedy
6:00 pm	Nicole Mikkonen, VACANT

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joe Catanzariti
8:30 am	Agnes Pham, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Farid Naoum, Victoria Naoum
6:00 pm	VACANT

Other Rosters

- 29 Aug Altar Society:** Mary Cruickshank
- 29 Aug Church Cleaning:** Marian England, Sharon Greaves
- 3 Sept Presbytery Cleaning:** Maresa Laird, Meg Millband, Pat Cowburn, Sabina Van Rooy, Lynnie Traynor
- 4 Sept Counting Roster:** John O'Hair, Marlene Purnell, Gary Potts
- 3 Sept Grounds:** Barry Dwyer, Peter Onstenk, John Dudley

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:



Church Mice.

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Patrick Sheehan, Armando Cavuoto, Gladys Anderson, Virginia 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, Sonia Mewburn, Andrew Jeffers, Patrick Whittle, Joseph Boyd, John Grannall, Michelle Brewer, Alvaro Buso, Elizabeth Murray, Des Kiley, Sheila Whigham, John O'Neill, Leslie Collins, Joan Larkham, Jennifer Kenny, Alice Gibb, Taya Quade, Marie Happ

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

God, in your goodness, you have made
a home for the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and
lowly in heart.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

Jesus' comments about taking the place of honour at a table are introduced as being a parable. Because it is identified as a parable, we know that there is a richer meaning below the surface. In talking about places at a feast, Jesus is referring to the kingdom of God. We know that Jesus has already identified that the lowly in this world will be in a place of honour in the kingdom. His message is that those who humble themselves in this world and give hospitality to the lowly will be lifted up – exalted – in the kingdom. Jesus' message about humility is as relevant today as it was in the first century.

Resources used. Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp