

## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

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

**18 September 2016 #43.16**

**“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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 11:30 am

Reconciliation: Sat 11:00 – 11:30 am or by  
appointment with the priests

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## From the Pastor's Desk.....

It's been over two years since we had begun the process of exploring our liturgical space with the aim of enhancing our celebration of the liturgy. We began by holding a parish assembly in which we invited Fr Stephen Hackett msc to give a presentation on the liturgical documents relating to church architecture and the celebration of the sacraments. Parishioners were then invited to form discussion groups. A follow up meeting was held for those who attended this assembly and a steering committee was formed to carry forward the recommendations of this meeting.

This is not a major renovation. The main thrust of this project is to simplify the sanctuary area by having just one level for altar, ambo (lectern) and presider's chair. This will help to streamline the celebration of the liturgy and maximize the economy of space. It will also ensure greater safety compliance. The second stage of the project will be the installation of a new baptismal font in the body of the church. This is something that we urgently require.

I am grateful to Established Builders (who were previously engaged for the renovations of the toilets) and for Black Forest Joinery. They have been exceptionally helpful and generous toward us.



This weekend we welcome Fr Brian Vale. Brian is a Columban Missionary Society Priest. He will be here to promote the magazine "The Far East". Many of you would be familiar with this popular publication. It certainly reflects Pope Francis' call to be a "church of the poor for the poor". While this is an MSC parish it is important that we welcome and support other congregations and societies working to promote the mission of the wider church.

**Peace & blessings,  
Gerard**

## Stewardship of the World

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can.

We know now that if human beings disappeared tomorrow, the existence of birds, insects, water creatures, and land animals wouldn't be affected at all. On the other hand, if animals disappeared tomorrow, human beings could not possibly live without them – as long as bees are needed even to pollinate so many plants. As the top of the food chain, we would be the first to go.

The interdependence of the species that has become so clear in our age has also shed new light on the concept of creation itself.

It is indeed time for us to begin to listen to the animals. We must begin to realise that the animals do not belong to us- they belong to God. They have lives of their own. And their lives affect ours. Whatever happens to the animals will eventually happen to the human animal.

We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own wellbeing. We must serve God, not mammon.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS &  
*Two Dogs and a Parrott*, by Joan Chittister

**We welcome** Fr. Brian Vale SSC who is visiting the parish this weekend  
Fr. Brian will talk at each mass on *Columban Missions and the "Far East"* Magazine.

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## God in the Here and Now:

*A retreat for those living with a life-limiting / life threatening illness*

St Mary's Towers Douglas Park  
**4-6 November 2016**

This retreat is offered to those who are living with a life-limiting illness that causes them to face the prospect of their dying. The aim is to reflect on the meaning of life and how faith can encourage and enrich the grace we are being offered to live life in our present condition.

**Retreat presenters:** Michael Fallon msc,  
Therese Compton, Michelle Vass,  
Application forms and further information  
available from:

<http://towersretreat.abundance.org.au>

The Administrator,  
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## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

**25 September**

Bishop's Social Justice Statement  
***A Place at the table: social justice in an ageing society***

Copies of the statement and its related 10 steps leaflet and prayer card will be available next weekend. Web link below:

<http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statement-2016-17>

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## OZANAM SUNDAY – TWINING APPEAL

Gold Coin Donation after each mass  
**2 October 2016**

We support two Twin Conferences

### INDIA

Saints Peter and Paul  
Thuraiyur, Tamil Nadu

### INDONESIA

St. Maria Dikandung Tanpa Noda  
Lembata

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## JUBILEE OF MERCY

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*The word and the concept of 'mercy' seem to cause uneasiness in humanity, who, thanks to the enormous development of science and technology, never before known in history, has become the master of the earth and has subdued and dominated it (cf. Gen 1:28). This dominion over the earth, sometimes understood in a one-sided and superficial way, seems to have no room for mercy... And this is why, in the situation of the Church and the world today, many individuals and groups guided by a lively sense of faith are turning, I would say almost spontaneously, to the mercy of God". #11*

**Misericordiae Vultus – Pope Francis**

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### Key Quotes from Laudato Si'

**Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology & Climate**

We understand better the importance and meaning of each creature if we contemplate it within the entirety of God's plan. As the Catechism teaches: "God wills the interdependence of creatures. The sun and the moon, the cedar and the little flower, the eagle and the sparrow: the spectacle of their countless diversities and inequalities tells us that no creature is self-sufficient. Creatures exist only in dependence on each other, to complete each other, in the service of each other. #86

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### CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION (CEC) SURVEY

Everyone is encouraged to have their say. Survey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MT329WM>

This survey seeks to draw on the strengths and experiences of students, parents and caregivers, teachers, general employees and clergy to help the CEC and Catholic Education plan for the future provision of secondary education throughout the ACT.

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### On A Lighter Note:

While carpenters were working outside the old house I had just bought, I busied myself with indoor cleaning. I had just finished washing the floor when one of the workmen asked to use the bathroom. With dismay I looked from his muddy boots to my newly scrubbed floors. "Just a minute," I said, thinking of a quick solution. "I'll put down newspapers." "That's all right, lady," he responded. "I'm already trained."

**Thank you.** On behalf of the Parish Community we thank the parishioner who very generously donated \$5,000.00 toward the Sanctuary renovation.

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### Anointing of the Sick within Mass Friday 23 September at 9:30am

The time of this mass was incorrectly advertised as 10:00am, please note the change of time.

The Sacrament of Anointing will be offered after mass. Anyone who would like to receive this Sacrament is welcome to stay.

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### St Thomas More Forum:

#### "How beliefs can get in the way of faith"

Presenter: Hugh Mackay AO

Social Researcher and Author

Date: Friday **7 October 2016**

Time: 7.30-9pm,

Venue: Holy Faith Hall, Campbell.

Booking and payments are required by 4 October at [bit.ly/hugh\\_mackay](http://bit.ly/hugh_mackay). Enquiries: 6163 4300.

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### Claim the date: 3 November, 4pm - 8pm Called and Gifted Workshop

Held at the Rheinberger Function Centre, and also form part of the Professional Development Series for Catholic Education teachers. Online registration essential. Full details to be forwarded to parishes in late September.

Enquiries: [sharon.brewer@cg.org.au](mailto:sharon.brewer@cg.org.au).

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### Year of Mercy Pilgrimage

Marian Procession

**Sunday October 9**

**St Clement's Galong.**

- 11:00am – confession
- 11.30am – Mass
- 12.30pm – Lunch
- 2:00pm - Procession.

Join with Archbishop Christopher, the Clergy and lay people of our Archdiocese.

Bookings:

Judy & Joe Mewburn on 6254 6202

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**LIBRARY NEWS:** This week we have on display some of our collection of books on bereavement, grief and counselling. There is great wisdom within their pages which can benefit us all.

# ROSTERS

## 25 September 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	Margaret Ohlin, Kay Dwyer
10:00am	John Blackwell, Louise Bulfin
6:00 pm	Judith Deklin

## Other Rosters

- 19 Sept Altar Society:** Pat Gilchrist  
**19 Sept Church Cleaning:** Carol Blyth, Therese Edwards  
**1 Oct Presbytery Cleaning:** Maresa Laird, Meg Millband, Pat Cowburn, Sabina Van Rooy, Lynne Traynor  
**25 Sept Counting Roster:** Peter Polkinghorne, Sabina Van Rooy, Lynn & Terry O'Brien  
**17 Sept Grounds:** VACANT

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### PRAYER LIFE

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
Children's Mass	Second Sunday monthly 10am

### SOCIAL LIFE

English Conversations	Thursdays during school term 10:00am Parish Centre
Coffee Club	Second & Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass
Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Little Chef Café Belconnen

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

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Peter Hill, Allan Biggs, John Haley, Frances Critchlow, Antonio Ahn, Magda Ripszam, Marijona Grybaitis, Jana Nassir, Jo Mulligan, Luke White, Beryl Mannix, Aileen Antcliffe, James Sharah, Zoila Wait, Philip Hazell, Lidia Torelli, Patrick Clarke, Georgina Kukolic, Hok Tung, Edmond Sarrah, Joseph Sciberras, Vic Puzas, Patricia Tyers, Antonia Prieto, Antonella D'Ambrosio, Victor Bitterman.

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!



### GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Lk 16:1-13

We return again to the Lukan theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time.

To be the steward of a household or business was much more than being the manager on behalf of the owner. Stewardship was meant to stand and act in the place of the owner. It was to carry the authority and responsibility of the master or owner. When dealing with a steward it was just like dealing with the master. Jesus sometimes portrays himself as God's steward and sometimes portrays the disciples as his stewards. To be entrusted with the stewardship of anything was a great honour and carried enormous trust.

Resources used. Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

### 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.