

## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

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

**2 October 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: 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.....

This coming week I will begin my four week annual holiday. I will have to wait until my return to see the finished remodelling of the sanctuary area. Obviously I hadn't planned for the renovations to be taking place while I am away, it just happened to work out that way. But I'm happy with the progress so far. The workmanship of the new sanctuary is faultless. It will look very beautiful.

Over the next four weeks I will reissue a series of articles on the placement of the font, assembly, ambo and altar. I had originally published these short articles in 2014 when we first embarked on this project of relocating the ambo and presiders chair.

While away I will spend two weeks on the Camino Portugués. I will begin in Porto in Portugal and hopefully complete the pilgrimage in Santiago de Compostela in Spain. It will only be a 250 kilometre walk unlike the more familiar French Camino, which, if you left from St Jean de Pied on the French boarder, would be an 800 kilometre trek. Not being an experienced walker I've opted for the shorter walk. Still, I'll be averaging 20 kilometres a day which will be challenging enough.

My guess is that people choose to do the Camino for a number of reasons. I am certainly looking forward to some much needed exercise and taking in the local scenery. But my primary motivation is to strengthen my faith. Faith is a beautiful gift. But like any gift it can be neglected and underused. I have the great fortune to live and minister in this wonderful parish. But there is always the danger that ministry can become routine, a duty and, heaven forbid, a chore! That is why retreats and pilgrimages are so important. They help to keep alive the flame of faith.

The gospel passage today is about having faith that is deeply planted and well nourished. There are many references in the gospel to Jesus commending those who show faith: "your faith has saved you". May we as a parish continue to give witness to that faith.

***Peace & blessings,  
Gerard***

**Duty and Service**

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God.

Our faith gives purpose and meaning to our work in the world. As difficult as it can be to love others and live peacefully, we know this is God's desire and intention for the world. Every act of kindness that we perform extends God's kingdom, nothing is too small, nothing is insignificant. If all of us lived out Christian teaching, the world would be transformed overnight. It is not that our virtues and values have been found wanting, it's more that they are not fully tried out.

To serve God in the world, in response to his invitation, is a privilege. We share in his creativity, compassion, hospitality and care. And often, through us, others come to know God and judge if Christian faith is sincere.

**Resources used:** Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS & Homily by Richard Leonard SJ

## 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>

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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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Cursillo Movement presents:

### ***In the Heart of Pope Francis spirituality live-in weekend***

Bishop Pat Power will be a keynote speaker and a  
special guest at the weekend.

Date: 28 to 30 October 2016

Place: Warrambui Retreat & Conference  
Centre, Murrumbateman NSW.

This special weekend will highlight key  
statements and teachings of Pope Francis and  
how they apply in our daily lives.

Contact: Joe Jambor 02 6242 7332

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**LIBRARY NEWS:** More titles in our  
collection on death and dying are: "Saying  
goodbye: stories of caring for the dying"  
and, "After suicide: help for the bereaved".

## MSC CHAPTER UPDATE

At the MSC Chapter being held this week Fr. Chris McPhee was elected to be the next Australian Provincial Superior. We congratulate Chris on his election. Many parishioners would remember Chris when he was parish priest here during the years 2002-2004. Please keep Chris in your prayers as he takes on this important role.

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## JUBILEE OF MERCY

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### The Ten Commandments of Mercy:

#### 1. ***Remember that mercy lies deepest in God's heart.***

Few things so much approximate the essence of God as does mercy. Mercy is God's essence. Scripture uses words such as loving-kindness and compassion to try to define what constitutes God's mercy, but the central biblical concept, captured in the Hebrew concept of *hesed*, connotes a relationship that loves, embraces, and forgives even when, and especially when, we cannot measure up or deserve what's given us.

By Ronald Rolheiser OMI

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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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### Guinness & God

#### **"Pilgrimage, There and back again" – 4 October**

**Presenter:** Sister Mary Rachel Capets OP

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](mailto:youth@cg.org.au) or call 6163 4300.

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### On A Lighter Note:

A woman was cutting her husband's thinning hair, when their teenage son arrived home looking for a snack. She offered a kiwifruit and tried to tempt him with its nutritious qualities. "It has more vitamin C than an orange," she remarked. "And more hair than Dad," added their son.

## 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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### 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 are still available in the foyer.

[ACSJC] web link to 2016-17 statement

<http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements#SJS2016>

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### SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

#### **Next Meets: Sunday 2 October – 11:00am**

Parish Library. All welcome. New members needed. Please come and see what we do.

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### Public Lecture: Hospitality & Inter-Religious Witness

The Centre for Public and Contextual Theology (PACT) is hosting a free public lecture with visiting Professor Mona Siddiqui in Canberra

**Date:** Wednesday 12 October 2016

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Venue:** Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture 15 Blackall Street, Barton

Mona Siddiqui is well known internationally as a public intellectual and a speaker on issues around religion, ethics and public life.

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### Hildegard - Sung Vespers

Sunday 23 October 2016 - 6:30pm

St Christopher's Cathedral Manuka

All welcome.

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The Committee Members of the 'Australian Association of the FEPCOW Project – Inc' wish to thank everyone who supported the Fundraising Raffle & Dinner Dance that took place on 24 September 2016. FEPCOW raised sufficient money to give 1500 kilos of rice to the very poor children of Sri Lanka, Philippines and Vietnam. See [www.fepcow.org](http://www.fepcow.org). For further information, ring Eric Weinman on 0433 532 448.



# ROSTERS

## 9 October Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, Anthony & 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 Webster, Andrew Luck, Barbara Gardiner

## Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mary French, Tom Halloran
8:30 am	Mariana Rollgeyser, 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

- 3 Oct **Altar Society:** Pauline O'Gorman  
 3 Oct **Church Cleaning:** Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman  
 15 Oct **Presbytery Cleaning:** Maryanne Ferguson, Margaret Sheehan, Ann Clementine, Lynette Weaver  
 9 Oct **Counting Roster:** James Cox, Toni Cox, Bryan Cowman  
 8 Oct **Grounds:** Henri Clementine, John Gill, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth



# 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:** Robert Smith, Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy, Anne Bynum, Fred Aschenberger, Gaeto Vella, Patricia Richardson, Renee Tozer, Wendy McCarthy, Frederick Jackson, Norma Hall, Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren, Norma Flood, Henryk Jalocha, Verdi Guy, Raymond Dummett, Iosif Szakal, John Whigham, Eugenia Wlodarczyk, Connie Thomas, Bradley Wattam, Luke White, Audrey Walker, Michael O'Neill, Margaret Van Halderen, Lauri Brennan

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

If today you hear his voice,  
 harden not your hearts.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
 it is the word given to you,  
 the Good News.  
 Alleluia!



## GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

When speaking about doing what is expected, Jesus uses the image of a servant or slave. Whilst this image may be a difficult one for us, Jesus is simply using an image that would have held meaning to his audience. The sense of doing what is expected without anticipating acclaim was best captured in the time by talking about a servant or slave. This does not suggest that Jesus condoned the practice of slavery or servitude – they were just cultural norms at the time. When Jesus spoke about these matters it was only to ensure that slave and servants were treated fairly.

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve?

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.