

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

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Year C**

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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

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

The Place of Baptism

Baptism is the sacrament by which its recipients are incorporated into the Church and are built up together in the Spirit into a house where God lives (see Eph 2.22), into a holy nation and a royal priesthood (see 1 Pet 2.9). Baptism is a sacramental bond of unity linking all who have been signed by it. (Rite of Christina Initiation of Adults)

There are two ways of baptising: by affusion (that is, the pouring of water, usually upon the head); or by immersion. The practice of the early church was by immersion. Fonts were large enough to accommodate this practice. In more recently built churches there has been a return to this practice with fonts constructed in such a way that allow for immersion for either infants or adults. Often, too, these fonts have flowing or reticulated water. When the baptistery is placed in an accessible location, such as the entrance to the church, it allows for people to bless themselves from the font, thus becoming a strong reminder of their own baptism.

There are a number of places that the baptistery and font could be located. If there is space, it could be located in a designated room. Another possible location is in an interior gathering space that leads into the church, thus symbolising that we enter the church through baptism. In recent times there had been a tendency to move the font to the front of the church, but this idea has now come under reconsideration. Wherever the baptistery is located, it should have enough space for people to gather around the font.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

Gratitude

The story of the ten lepers is not just about asking for what we need and being grateful when we get it. In this rich and multi-layered story, Jesus does three things: he reaches out to the untouchables of his day; he heals them and enables them to be welcomed back into the community; he draws attention to the fact that the poorest of the lepers, a Samaritan, is the only one who can recognise the source of the healing and has the humility to return and praise God for it.

As well as the virtue of gratitude, then, Jesus also announces that the Christian community is the place where there is no such thing as an unclean or untouchable person. Jesus touches the lepers and then goes about his business. In doing so he rejects centuries of ritual taboos. We are called to do the same today. We are challenged to get our hands dirty with the most unclean groups of our society, confront the assumptions that marginalise and oppress them, and defend their rights to dignity and participation. Not surprisingly Christians who do this often report the same experience as Jesus: they are staggered at the gratitude and faith of the people society has rejected.

Scripture, everywhere and always, makes this point: to receive in gratitude, to be properly grateful, is the most primary of all religious attitudes. Proper gratitude is ultimate virtue. It defines sanctity. Saints, holy persons, are people who are grateful, people who see and receive everything as gift.

In his autobiography, Morris West suggests that at a certain age our lives simplify and we need have only three phrases left in our spiritual vocabulary: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! He is right, if we understand fully what is implied in living out gratitude. To be a saint is to be motivated by gratitude, nothing more and nothing less.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ & *Gratitude the Basic Virtue*, by Ronald Rolheiser OMI

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,

St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre,

PO Box 19A Douglas Park NSW 2569

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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

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>

Hildegard - Sung Vespers

Sunday 23 October 2016 - 6:30pm

St Christopher's Cathedral Manuka

All welcome

JUBILEE OF MERCY

The Ten Commandments of Mercy:

2. **Remember that mercy is the essence of all true religion.**

Inside religion and spirituality, within all faiths, three things try to lay claim to what's central: proper religious practice, outreach to the poor, and compassion. Ultimately they are not in opposition, but complementary pieces of one religious whole. But for religious practice and outreach to the poor to be an extension of God's love and not of human ego, they need to be predicated upon compassion and mercy. Deep inside of every religion is the invitation: Be compassionate, merciful, as God is compassionate. By Ronald Rolheiser OMI

Key Quotes from *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology & Climate

ON UNIVERSAL COMMUNION: A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted.



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

Today's gospel is one of the stories unique to the gospel of Luke. At the same time, it is a commonly known story that is often cited to demonstrate the value of saying thank you. However, as usual, there's more to this story than initially meets the eye. One of the recurrent themes of the gospel is at play here: the message of salvation that Jesus brings is available to all, not just the Jews. It is insufficient to say that the miraculous healing these men experienced changed their lives. Being healed of this disease meant so much to them: they could return to their families; they could return to work; they could touch another person; they could walk among other people; they must have been overwhelmed by the possibilities and opportunities that lay before them. But they neglected to acknowledge the source of their great joy!

Resources used. Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

Public Lecture:

Hospitality & Inter-Religious Witness

Date: Wednesday 12 October 2016

Time: 7:30pm

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

Presenter: Professor Mona Siddiqui

Hosted By: The Centre for Public and Contextual Theology (PACT)

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

Public Meeting

"The Cost Cruelty: What Australia's Refugee Policies Cost You"

Thursday 13 October 6:30pm

Manning Clarke Lecture Theatre ANU

Speakers from Save the Children &

Dr John Minns Associate Professor

International Relations ANU

Healing Mass

Healing Mass for those affected by "stillborn, miscarried and aborted babies" will be held at St Benedict's Narrabundah on Friday 14 October at 5.30pm.

All are most welcome.

"when you are broken hearted, I am close to you". Psalm 34:18

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

Too Much Happiness

By Alice Munro



Sunday 16 October-

3:00 pm - Parish Library.

There are 2 books available at the parish office for anyone interested in joining the book club this month.

Fr. Gerard – Camino De Santiago

Fr. Gerard commenced his walk on Friday 7 October and will complete the walk on Friday 14 October.

Please keep Gerard in your prayers.

ROSTERS

16 October Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Maresa Laird, Laurine & Daryl 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	Vacant
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00 pm	Meg Millband, Matthew Toohey

Hospitality Roster

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

Other Rosters

10 Oct	Altar Society: Margaret Stanford
10 Oct	Church Cleaning: Ted & Carol Quade
15 Oct	Presbytery Cleaning: Maryanne Ferguson, Margaret Sheehan, Ann Clementine, Lynette Weaver
16 Oct	Counting Roster: Therese Kercher Matthew Toohey, Elizabeth McDonald
15Oct	Grounds: David Pigram, Rob Caskie, Matthew Garton, Mike Lavis

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 rd Thursday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th 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: Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren, Norma Flood, Henryk Jalocha, Verdi Guy, Raymond Dummett, Iosif Szakal, John Whigham, Eugenia Wlodarczyk, Connie Thomas, Luke White, Bradley Wattam, Audrey Walker, Michael O'Neill, Margaret Van Halderen, Lauri Brennan, Edwardus Van Audenaerde, Jeffrey Ashauer, Hernando Paz, Justin Fisher, George Heath, Matthew Nelson, Ferdor Sonnenberg, Patricia Hall, Sebastian Licciarrello, Cheryl Tramantini, Ursula Gormely, Robert Imber, Constance Goodall, Richard Koch, Carmel Johnston, Johannes Blengst, Michael McKenzie-McHarg.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of
you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

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.

LIBRARY NEWS: Different saints pray in different ways. This week we are displaying books to help us in our prayer life by learning how the saints went about it – something for everyone!

On A Lighter Note:

Bob and Tom both like to golf. One day Bob went to Tom and said, "Hey look at this great ball!" Tom replied, "What's so great about it?" Bob said, "Well if you lose it, it will beep until you find it, and if it goes into the water it will float. This ball is impossible to lose!" "Wow!" said Tom, "Where did you get that from?" Bob replied, "I found it."