

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 the Assembly

Traditionally the interior of churches have been divided into two distinct spaces: the sanctuary and nave. Priest and ministers occupied the sanctuary area while the faithful took their place in the main body of the church called the nave. In the past, these spaces were markedly defined by altar rails (and during the Middle Ages by elaborate rood scenes that effectively blocked out the laity).

This is rather an unfortunate arrangement, because it divides priest from people. A richer and more authentic theology is based on a radical equality that we all share through baptism. There is a challenge for church architecture to encapsulate this theology, a theology that unites rather than divides God's people.

The Irish Bishops attempted to express this understanding of church in their document *The Place of Worship*: "The relationship of the sanctuary to the entire worship space should be such that the whole assembly is clearly seen to be a single priestly people".

Therefore we all gather together as the Body of Christ. This assembly of the Body of Christ – priest and people – celebrate together the sacred mysteries. The priest does not celebrate on our behalf, we celebrate with him. This is the clear call and vision of Vatican II:

The church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people" is their right and duty by reason of their baptism. "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 14"

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

Weekly Reflection:

Prayer Changes Us.

In our more reflective moments we sense the importance of prayer; yet, we struggle to pray. Sustained, deep prayer doesn't come easy for us. We struggle to make time for prayer. Prayer doesn't accomplish anything practical for us, it's a waste of time in terms of tending to the pressures and tasks of daily life, and so we hesitate to go there. Plus, we find it hard to trust that prayer actually works and brings about something real in our lives.

We struggle to concentrate when we try to pray. Once we do settle in to pray, we soon feel ourselves overwhelmed by daydreams, unfinished conversations, half-forgotten melodies, heartaches, agendas, and the impending tasks that face us as soon as we get up from our place of prayer. Finally, we struggle to pray because we really don't know how to pray.

In Luke's Gospel there are more descriptions of Jesus in prayer than in all the other Gospels combined. Luke gives us glimpses of Jesus praying in virtually every kind of situation: He prays when he is joy-filled, he prays when he is in agony, he prays with others around him, and he prays when he is alone at night, withdrawn from all human contact. He prays high on a mountain, on a sacred place, and he prays on the level plane, where ordinary life happens. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus prays a lot.

The disciples sense that Jesus' real depth and power are drawn from his prayer. They know that what makes him so special, so unlike any other religious figure, is that he is linked at some deep place to a power outside of this world. And they want this for themselves. That's why they approach Jesus and ask him: "Lord, teach us to pray!" What impressed them and what they wanted too for their own lives was the depth and graciousness of his soul.

Our prayer does not change God, it changes us. Because conversion is a lifetime process, Jesus encourages us not to lose heart but to pray always and hold on to faith even when the going gets tough.

Resources used: *Prayer as Seeking Depth*,
by Ronald Rolheiser OMI

Congratulations to Archbishop John Ribat, msc who has been named PNG's first Cardinal. Cardinal Ribat is the first MSC to be appointed Cardinal.

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK 16-22 Oct 2016

The main aim of Anti-Poverty Week is to:

- Strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia.
- Encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems.

www.antipovertyweek.org.au

Thank You: Members of St Vinnies Conference thank you for your generosity to the appeal for our twin conferences in Indonesia and India. The \$1093.70 will really help their work with the poor and disadvantaged.



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

TUES 25 October - 7:30 am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

Pins & Needles Craft Group

Third Thursday Monthly

Next Meeting: 20 October

7:15pm Parish Library

**All Welcome . If craft is not your thing,
maybe conversation is!**

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

*Saying 'I am sorry' is one of the important
'life lessons' a person can learn.*

If you have a child in year 2 or who is aged 7 or older and they have not made the Sacrament of Penance and you would like them to please contact the Parish Office.

Formation Night:

Mon 14 Nov 2016 - 7:00 - 8:30pm
St John the Apostle Parish Centre

JUBILEE OF MERCY

The Ten Commandments of Mercy:

3. Remember that we all stand forever in need of mercy.

There is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who converts than over ninety-nine righteous persons. Does God love sinners more than the righteous? There are no righteous persons. It's rather that we feel God's love more when we admit that we're sinners. None of us ever measure up. But, as St. Paul so consolingly teaches, the whole point is that we don't have to measure up. That's what mercy means. It's undeserved, by definition.

Ronald Rolheiser OMI

Key Quotes from *Laudato Si'*

Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology & Climate

The universe unfolds in God, and fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face! The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things.



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Lk 18:1-8

When Jesus tells this parable about the widow and the judge, he is actually painting a picture about God for his disciples. This is not to suggest that God needs to be worn down by persistence but rather it is a description of what God is not. If such a wicked and unjust judge can eventually be worn down, how much more quickly will God respond to a just cause? Yet the parable is told to reinforce the need to pray continually. The continuous prayer is not to wear God down – like the judge – but rather to demonstrate the genuine need. The constancy of prayer is not to convince God but to remind ourselves of our dependence upon God.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at Liturgy Help

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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Public Forum on Social Justice: 19th October

The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement:

A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society

Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm (till 9.30pm)

Place: Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Barton

Cost: \$5 donation includes supper

Genevieve Jacobs will moderate a public forum on the Statement with Kevin Vassarotti (COTA), Richard Gray (Catholic Health Aust) and Sr Colleen Clear rsj (Sth Cross Care).

For information, contact Mike Cassidy, CSJC, 0412 145 088 or Social.Justice@cg.org.au.

SAVE THE DATE

Ministry thank you Lunch

Sunday 20th November 2016 12noon

All current members of the many parish ministries are invited to a thank you lunch.

Finance Report: the 2015 Finance Report is available on the information table in the foyer.

ROSTERS

23 October 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	Rachel Blackwell, Marissa Blackwell, John Blackwell, Robin Williams, Libby Costello
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

- 17 Oct **Altar Society:** Mary Cruickshank
 17 Oct **Church Cleaning:** John & Jenny Maher, Paul Huthnance
 29 Oct **Presbytery Cleaning:** Maresa Laird, Meg Millband, Pat Cowburn, Sabina Van Rooy, Lynnie Traynor
 23 Oct **Counting Roster:** Kay Dwyer, Joseph Lai, Trevor Williams
 22 Oct **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 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: Edwardus Van Audenaerde, Jeffrey Ashauer, Hernando Paz, Justin Fisher, George Heath, Matthew Nelson, Ferdor Sonnenberg, Sebastian Licciarrello, Patricial Hall, Cheryl Tramantini, Ursula Gormely, Richard Koch, Constance Goodall, Carmel Johnston, Johannes Blengst, Michael McKenzie-McHarg, Robert Imber, Marion Boland, Barry Parsons, Patricia Harman, Dorothy Sutton, William Lilley, Patrick Menzies, Anne Jones, Helen Gorrell, Martin Moloney, Malcolm Lovelock, Francis Fulton, Peter Geraghty, Alejandro Bai, Jack McMahon, Kerry Hogden

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives
of our heart.

Alleluia!

LIBRARY NEWS: Bernard, Augustine, the Cure of Ars, Julian of Norwich and Therese of Lisieux are some of the saints whose way of prayer is set out as possible pathways for us to follow in the books on display in the library this week.

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: Riddle

What is black when you get it, red when you use it and white when you are finished with it?

Answer: Charcoal