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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
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.....

For many centuries the Jewish people resisted the temptation to establish a monarchy. They witnessed the semi-divine status attributed to monarchs of neighbouring nations and viewed this with distain. Only God was sovereign.

Finally, when the monarchy was established in Judea it was a lowly shepherd boy who was chosen. This image of the shepherd-king was unique in the ancient world. This ideal of the king caring for his people as a shepherd cares for his flock did not endure as the future kings of the southern and northern kingdoms of Israel gradually succumbed to the corruptive temptation of power.

Jesus was born of the lineage of David. But he did not claim any earthly power. Indeed, his throne was destined to be the cross. His cross bore the inscription: INRI the initials of the Latin IESVS·NAZARENVS·REX·IVDÆORVM (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews) It is of extreme irony that on the cross all vestige of human dignity is stripped away and yet it is from this place of absolute desolation that the power of God's love is manifested.

Pope Francis has certainly been setting an example of shepherd leadership demonstrated by Jesus. He clearly shuns the medieval trappings of papal ceremony.



Matthew Eagan-Richards will be finishing his term as principal of St John the Apostle Primary School at the end of this year.

Matthew will take up his new position of acting Principal of St Clare of Assisi Primary School Conder. We wish Matthew every blessing on his new appointment and thank him for the hard work and dedication that he has given so generously to our primary school over the last four years. An acting principal for 2017 will be announced in due time.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

Christ the King

This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ.

Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges the sovereignty of Christ. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images.

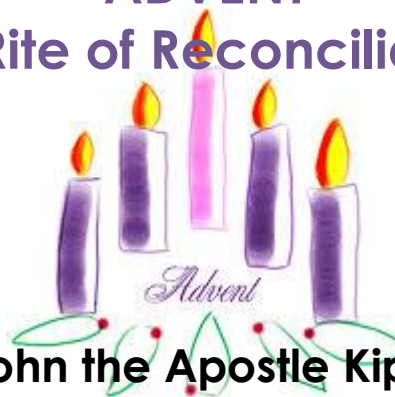
When Jesus was being crucified, he was offered precisely the challenge to prove that he was special by doing some spectacular gesture that would leave all of his detractors stunned and helpless: "If you are the Son of God, prove it, come down off the cross! Save yourself!"

But, on the cross, Jesus proves that he is powerful beyond measure, not by doing some spectacular physical act that leaves everyone around him helpless to make any protest, but in a spectacular act of the heart wherein he forgives those who are mocking and killing him. Divine kingship is manifest in forgiveness, not in muscle.

The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

Resources used: Reflection, by Dianne Bergant CSS & Different Kinds of Glory, by Ronald Rolheiser OMI

ADVENT **2nd Rite of Reconciliation**



St John the Apostle Kippax

Thursday 1 December 2016 - 7:30pm

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St Michael's Kaleen

Wednesday 14 December 2016 - 7:30pm

Over 45's last meeting for the

year Wednesday 30th November for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre. There is no raffle, but any extra donation for the Clean Water Project will be grateful. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

Church Spruce Up....

Cleaning the church for Christmas

Saturday December 10th

9:00am – 12noon

Put this date in your diary!

St Vincent De Paul **Christmas Hampers**

The local conference will again be preparing hampers for members of our community struggling at this time. Food lists and gift cards will be available from the Christmas tree in the church foyer from the weekend of 26 & 27 November. For further information contact Gabe Culhane Ph: 62543012

Parish Bookstore

Columban Calendars \$9.00

Majellan Christmas Cards \$6.50 Pkt of 10

Emmanuel Daily Advent and Christmas

Reflections book \$4.00

JUBILEE OF MERCY

The Ten Commandments of Mercy:

10. Remember that our lives are a dialogue between God's mercy and our weaknesses.

The only thing at which we are adequate is being inadequate. We are forever falling short at something, no matter the strength of our sincerity, good intention, and willpower. Only mercy, receiving it and giving it, can lead us out of the choppy waters of our own anxieties, worry, and joylessness. Only in knowing mercy do we know gratitude.

By Ronald Rolheiser OMI

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast is:



TUES 22 November- 7:30 am

Little Chef Café

Nettlefold Street Belconnen

LIBRARY NEWS: "In this hour: liturgies for pausing", "A Great cloud of witnesses: the stories of 16 saints and Christian heroes", and "Responses to 101 questions on God and evolution" are three of the new books on display this week.

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary

Christmas Craft and Present Stall

Thursday 1ST and Friday 2nd December
8.00am - 4.00pm

main foyer of the Hospital

Please come along and buy your Christmas presents while supporting the work of this very dedicated organisation. Our fund raising this year is going towards the establishment of a family recreation area in the grounds of the Hospital.

Enquiries Mary Cruickshank 62544054.

You are warmly invited to attend the

Ceremony of Lessons and Carols

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Church Charnwood
Wednesday, 7th December

6:30 p.m. to 7:30pm

A family sausage sizzle will follow

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

If you have a child who would like to be involved in the Christmas Nativity at the 6:00pm Mass, please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au

December Baptisms

We welcome into our community:



Amelia Webster,
Daughter of Benjamin & Tara;
Mia Pham,
daughter of Joe & Jess;
Tomislav Crawford,
Son of Ashley & Rebecca;
Kristina Wilson,
Daughter of Kevin & Irina;
Jeremy Arugay,
Son of Fred & Bonnie.

We congratulate Bridget Fisher, who is being confirmed at the 10:00am Mass this weekend.

Holy Spirit, strengthen these children with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, help them serve as disciples' of Christ. Amen

GLASS JARS: St John the Apostle Primary School Twilight Fete, Friday 17 February 2017 is looking for donations of glass jars. There is a collection box in the foyer.

On A Lighter Note:

A young couple moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbour hanging her laundry outside. "That laundry is not very clean," she says. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap." Her husband looked on, but remained silent. Every time her neighbour would hang her laundry to dry, the young woman would make the same comments. About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder how that happened?" The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

ROSTERS

27 November Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Judy Netting, Marie McKie, John Drury, Barbara Witrzens, Judy Mewburn
8:30 am	Violet Duve, Janet Almond, Ted & 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	Bert Broekhuysen, Fay Stephenson
10:00am	Lucia Moran, Judy Kenny
6:00 pm	Judith Deklin

Other Rosters

21 Nov	Altar Society:	Pat Gilchrist
21 Nov	Church Cleaning:	Carol Blyth, Therese Edwards
26 Nov	Presbytery Cleaning:	Maresa Laird, Meg Millband, Pat Cowburn, Sabina Van Rooy, Lynnie Traynor
26 Nov	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

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: Sr. Therese Anne Esler RSM

Anniversary: *Mary-Ellen Roots, Krissy Thomas, Herbert Gallagher, John Welfare, John Patterson, Winifred O'Neill, John Burns, John Costelloe, Susan Sutch, Darren O'Brien, Leslie Lincoln, Andrae Conelly, Vin Stewart, Nancy Selvatino, John Soetens, Kane Cahil*

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits
the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

The Feast of Christ the King was introduced to the liturgical calendar by Pope Pius XI in 1925 after the First World War. In this setting, the world was experiencing a dramatic growth in secularism and an even more dramatic growth in dictators who were rising to power in various states. The introduction of the feast was a call back from the secular and a call to remember Christ as having authority above and beyond any earthly leader.

The theme that flows through the gospel is again captured in the account of the crucifixion. At this most critical point, it is a criminal, crucified alongside Jesus, who responds in faith to Jesus and asks to join Jesus when he enters into his kingdom. The criminal has a much better idea of the nature of the sort of king that Jesus really is than is revealed by the sign that Pilate has had nailed to the cross.

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.