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## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

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**The Baptism of the Lord      Year C**

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**10 January 2016      #07.16**

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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

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### 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

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### PRAYER

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



## Weekly Reflection:

### Baptism

These days there are some young Catholic parents who wonder whether baptism is the proper thing for them to seek for their children. Young Catholic parents do not give their children any choice about eating vegetables, learning to read or write and living out a moral code. They enforce these things because they know that nutrition, literacy and ethics are essential for adulthood. If we recognise that, from birth, a child has spiritual as well as educational, moral and physical needs, it strikes me as inconsistent to relegate Baptism as this constitutively otherworldly element of a child's character to a 'must be decided on later' category.

Baptism is not brainwashing. In our culture baptism of infants by their parents is an entirely proper thing to do. In line with the right action of God, Jesus does the proper thing in being baptised by John's baptism of repentance, even though he had nothing of which to repent. Jesus' experience of baptism starts with John's baptism as an admission of guilt and then reveals that baptism is primarily about the Father's love. When we are baptised in Christ, we acknowledge both Original Sin and Original Grace. God's love comes alive in us even though we are aware of how far from that love we stray.

The Baptism of Jesus and every baptism done in his name ever since, is the moment when we hold together the greatness of God's love, that calls each of us by name to be his son or daughter, with the reality of our human frailty.

Resources used: Homily by Richard Leonard SJ at LiturgyHelp.

## Key Quotes from *Laudato Si'*

### Pope Francis' Encyclical on Ecology and Climate

If the simple fact of being human moves people to care for the environment of which they are a part, Christians in their turn, "realise that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith". It is good for humanity and the world at large when we believers better recognise the ecological commitments which stem from our convictions.

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### Funeral Notice

Requiem Mass to give thanks and celebrate the life of

**Florence Anthony**

will be celebrated on

Tuesday 12 January 11:00am

St John the Apostle Church

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### Funeral Notice

Requiem Mass to give thanks and celebrate the life of

**Mary Costelloe**

will be celebrated on

Wednesday 13 January 11:00am

St John the Apostle Church

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### SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading



"Scoop" By Evelyn Waugh



Sunday 17 January

3:00 pm Parish Library.



### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast is:

**TUES 19 January 2016 7:00am**

*This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
as the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday is Australia day*

Little Chef Café

Nettlefold Street Belconnen

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# JUBILEE OF MERCY

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## Corporal Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbours in their bodily needs". They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

*Listed below are practical suggestions for living the Corporal works of Mercy in everyday life.*

### FEED THE HUNGRY

There are many people in this world who go without food. When so much of our food goes to waste, consider how good stewardship practices of your own food habits can benefit others who do not have those same resources.

- ✦ Research, identify and contribute financially to organizations that serve the hungry.
- ✦ Try not to purchase more food than you are able to eat. If you notice that you end up throwing groceries away each week, purchasing less groceries would eliminate waste and allow you to donate the savings to those in need.

Resource used: The Corporal Works of Mercy at USCCB.

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## COLUMBAN CALENDARS

### \$9-00 each

The parish bookstore has only 10 calendars remaining. Purchase your calendar from the bookstore. Open before and after weekend masses.

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## FEPCOW (Australian Association of FEPCOW Incorporated)

There will be a special general meeting on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at Noon. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a new committee. All committee members and interested parishioners are invited to attend.

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**Library News:** "Loss and Gain: the story of a convert" by Blessed John Cardinal Newman is one of the spiritual novels on display in the library for the next few weeks of the holiday season.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DOORKNOCK APPEAL- 2016

The St Vincent de Paul 2016 Door Knock Appeal will be held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February.

The doorknock is the main source of funds to support the work of the Society in our local area. During the coming week members of the society will contact those parishioners who volunteered last year to seek their help again in 2016.

As the years go by some of our previous volunteers/collectors can no longer help so we are looking for several new volunteers to take their place. If you can give one and a half to two hours of your time to this worthy cause it would be greatly appreciated. It is a very practical way to help those in need in our area.

We are also seeking expressions of interest from parishioners who would be able to help collect donations at a stall to be held at a local shopping centre during February.

If you need more information please contact Colin Fox on 0421758550

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## 2016 – DATES FOR YOU CALENDAR

1 <sup>st</sup> Feb :	School Returns
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	St John the Apostle Primary School Opening Mass
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Ash Wednesday
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Second Formation Evening for the Sacrament of Penance
20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Feb:	Presentation Masses for the Sacrament of Penance
27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	Ministry Expo
3 <sup>rd</sup> March:	Ministry Discernment Night
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> March:	Ministry Commitment Masses
17 <sup>th</sup> March:	Children's celebration of the Sacrament of Penance

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*Lenten Prayer Program books will be available on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January. You will also be able to sign up for a prayer group on this day.*



# ROSTERS

## 17 January Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Trevor Williams, Barbara Witrzens, Laurine & Daryl Smeaton
8:30 am	Janet Almond, Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Marie Flint, Colin Fox, Erin Pitt, Maida Kajkic, VACANT
6:00 pm	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, Jacinta Le, Robert & Mary Sharf

## Reading Roster

6:00pm	Jim and Mindalesia Jones
8:30 am	Violet Duve, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	
6:00 pm	Meg Millband, Matthew Toohey

## Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Mary Barrett
8:30 am	Norma & Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Vijy Antony
6:00 pm	Brian Mahony

## Other Rosters

- 11 Jan **Altar Society** Maresa Laird  
 11 Jan **Church Cleaning:** Maresa Laird  
 Joseph Lê Văn Hải, Kirsty Vera  
 23 Jan **Presbytery Cleaning:** Maresa Laird,  
 Meg Millband, Pat Cowburn,  
 Sabina Van Rooy, Linnie Traynor  
 17 Jan **Counting Roster:** Judy Netting,  
 Joy & John McInerney  
 16 Jan **Grounds:** David Pigram,  
 Rob Caskie, Matthew Garton

**School of Religion: – 9.15 am-10.00 am**  
 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. To access it turn your hearing aid to the T-Switch setting.

## On A Lighter Note:



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**Let us pray for those who are sick.**

**We remember them in our Masses.**

## Recently Deceased:

*Florence Anthony, Mary Costelloe*

**Anniversary:** *Terence Martin, Ann Grannall, Caterina Fallace, Phyllis Morrison, Alexander Beggs, Frederick Felsing, Shaun MacKey, Bradley Keenan, Josephine McLaren, Josephine Fox, Horace Staunton, Eugenia Kurzynski, Leonard Crowe, Tara Ottewill, Albert Bingham, Ernest Hackett, Danielle Sykes, Christopher Hemmingway, Claudine MacDowell, Chris Thamer, Brendan Gibson, Nicholas McInerney, Emanuel Grech, Bernadette Davis, Joan Casey, Maxwell Lewis, Kyall Green, Michael Sweeney, Geoffrey Fisher*

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;  
 he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL **Lk 3:15-16. 21-22**

Today's gospel begins with a level of expectancy among the people that John the Baptist may be the Christ; the Messiah. This seemingly throw away introductory comment confirms the fact that the Jewish expectation of the Messiah was particularly heightened at the time of John and Jesus. At the time of the ministries of John and Jesus, the Romans had been the occupying force in Judea for about 80 or 90 years. Throughout most of their lives the infamous Galilee area had been relatively peaceful and free of revolutionary activity but that changed from about 26 CE. With the anti-Roman sentiment on the rise, the ancient yearning for a Messiah resurfaced.

This Messianic expectation stretched back hundreds of years and was richly associated with the sovereign line of King David. John makes clear to the people that the baptism he performs is with water but the baptism by Jesus is with the Holy Spirit. John preached a baptism of repentance. In keeping with his Jewish tradition, John called upon the people to make a public declaration of their wrong-doing and commitment to be washed clean of this sinfulness and desire to live in right relationship with God and others.

**Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp.**