

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

29 January 2017

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“To be on earth the Heart of God”

"bhagavaan ke dil prthvee par hona karane ke lie"

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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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REFLECTION

Discipleship – continuing the work of Jesus...

The sermon of the mount was directed to Jesus' close followers, not to the broader crowds. While the teachings are all in some way directed toward the establishment of the reign of God, the type of behaviour or values that Jesus advocates is frequently the opposite of that espoused by society at large.

There was a shift in the nature of faith: from the radical first-century ethic of the Sermon on the Mount, in which there is not a single word about what to believe, only words about what to do – to the fourth-century Nicene Creed, in which there's not a single word about what to do, only words about what to believe.



To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

It is clear that each and every beatitude invites us to turn our standards and our way of life upside down and inside out.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS

 Let us pray for those who are sick.
We remember them in our Masses. 

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Fank Ripszam, Michael Ryan, Janelle Sykes, Des Jones, Rupert Waterford, Declan Morris, Margaret Hill, Alice Tonna, Alexander Powell, Robert Thomas, Doreen Kennedy, Salvatore Nasca, Julian Oakley, Annie McCreath, Clements Cox, Bruce Walker, Carmelita Godfrey, Maria Carrusca, Victoria Wilkinson, Kenneth Vella, Faye Menegazzo, Stella Bell, Margaret Ephgrave, Margaret Davis, Elias Kiki, John Maher

**THE FEAST OF THE
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Thursday 2nd February - 9:30am Mass
*Blessing of Candles***

You are invited to bring your prayer candle to this mass. The "blessing of candles ceremony" will take place during the mass. Your candle can be placed on the table provided in front of the altar before mass. You will then collect your blessed candle at the conclusion of mass.

We Welcome John Bosman msc who is with us this weekend and will celebrating mass with us.

**Lenten Program 2017
"Hope"**

Following on from the Year of Mercy –
as where there is mercy, there is hope

A weekly program produced by the Diocese of Wollongong. Available in the Parish Bookstore \$9.00 per book

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

"The Dry" By Jane Harper

Sunday 19 February - 3:00 pm
Parish Library.



PARISH ASSEMBLY 12 FEBRUARY

11:00AM – 1:00PM

The Heart of Our Parish



The purpose of this assembly is to address two important challenges that face our parish. The first is the amalgamation of parishes in the Belconnen region and what this will mean for our parish. The second is the transitioning from a two priest parish to a one priest parish.

To help us address these challenges the assembly will focus on our Spirituality, Community and Mission.

This assembly will help us to address these important areas as a means of re-energizing our parish life and mission

- MSC Spirituality
- Lay leadership
- A renewed sense of mission

All parishioners are encouraged to attend. Sausage sizzle will follow.

CHANGE OF TIMES

Commencing Saturday 4th February

Confession/Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00pm - 5:30pm

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays during 10:00am Mass
(except during Lent)



CHOIR PRACTICE

2 February 2017

Thursdays Weekly

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Parish Church

The Children's Choir sings at the 10:00am Mass on the second Sunday of the month. Contact the Parish Office on 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.og.au for more information.

CALENDAR DATES

30 January – School Resumes

2 February - Presentation of the Lord

Blessing of Candles at 9:30am Mass

12 February – Parish Assembly

11:00am – 1:00pm Parish Centre
followed by sausage sizzle lunch

16 February - Mass 11:00am

Opening School Mass for St John the
Apostle Primary School

17 February – Twilight Fete

St John the Apostle Primary school

20 February –Sacrament of Penance

7:00pm Second Parent formation
evening

25/26 February - Presentation Masses

Candidates for the Sacrament of
Penance

1 March – Ash Wednesday

**23 March – Celebration of the
Sacrament of Penance**

7:00pm 2nd Rite celebration
for Children

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

There is a box on the table in the foyer where you can leave stamps (both used and unused) for the Missions. These stamps will be sent to the MSC Mission Office in Sydney and will be sold. The money raised will be used to help the MSC Missions.

On A Lighter Note:

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Nobel.

Nobel who?

There's nobel, that's why I'm knockin

St John the Apostle Primary School Multicultural Carnivale FETE

Friday 17th February
4pm - 8pm.

Please note this year we are **NOT** having

- White elephant stall
- Plant stall
- Book stall
- Second hand clothing stall

So we don't need your donations of plants, books, clothing or household items.



However, please keep an eye out for future notices as there will be interesting food stalls, entertainment and rides.

If you would like to volunteer at a stall, even just for an hour, please sign up at the following web address

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054dabaf2aa6f94-volunteers> or call

Anna Cirocco on 0449 804 718.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DOOR KNOCK - 2017

The members of the society are extremely grateful to all Parishioners who responded to the appeal at all Masses last Weekend, THANK YOU.

To enable us to have 100% coverage this year we desperately need more volunteers. If you are able to help, see one of our Conference members at the tables in the foyer after Mass who will supply you with a collection kit.

The Parishioners who have already volunteered can collect their kit after any mass this weekend.

Included in each kit are details of when you can return both the money and the kits

ROSTERS

5 February Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Debbie Milne, Joe & Maria Catanzariti, VACANT
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Agnes Pham, Maria Scarr, VACANT
10:00am	Farid Naoum, Jenny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Maria Devine, James & Toni Cox, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan

5 February Reading Roster

6:00pm	Therese Kercher, Dennis Puniard
8:30am	John O'Heir, Violet Duve
10:00am	Robin Williams, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Nicole Mikkonen, Judith Deklin

5 February Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Ann Clementine, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Bryan Cowman
6:00pm	VACANT

Other Rosters

30 Jan	Altar Society: Mary Cruickshank
30 Jan	Church Cleaning: Marian England, Sharon Greaves
4 Feb	Grounds: Barry Dwyer, Peter Onstenk, John Dudley
4 Feb	Presbytery Cleaning: Maryanne Ferguson, Margaret Sheehan, Ann Clementine, Lynette Weaver

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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Mt 5:1-12

Jesus is trying to present a new interpretation of the right way to be in relationship with God; one that is not dominated by rules and regulations. The attitudes and states of being that Jesus blesses were not the characteristics that were valued in the society of his time. Poverty, gentleness and mourning were not considered strong, desirable qualities. So, the picture Jesus paints of how to be in right relationship with God and others was confronting the standards and expectations of the time.

The structure of the Beatitudes can be seen as yet another attempt by God to re-establish a covenant between Godself and the people. Throughout Jewish history, God called the people back into relationship and re-established God's covenant with them. Like all the previous versions of the covenant, the Beatitudes contain both a series of demands and a series of promises. The first part of each Beatitude is a statement of what the people are called to do and the second part is God's promise of how they will be rewarded for their right action.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

LIBRARY NEWS: "The 101 most asked questions about liturgy", "Responses to 101 questions about Jesus" and "Responses to 101 questions about the biblical Torah" are three of the new books on present display.

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.