

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

12 February 2017

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“To be on earth the Heart of God”
“Chcete-li být na zemi Boží srdce”

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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 during 10:00am Mass
Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm or by appointment with the priest

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

It has hit us as a tsunami – and not just one tsunami– there has been wave upon wave. I am referring, of course, to the revelations of sexual abuse within the Catholic Church. The latest wave to hit us with such devastating impact is the wrap up of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse which is presently underway.


The Commission has set aside three weeks to:
a) examine the cultural, structural and governance factors that may have contributed to sexual abuse of children in the church, b) inquire into the current policies and practices related to child protection, complaints handling and risk management, and c) consider the responses of Catholic Church Authorities to issues raised in Royal Commission reports and to data relating to claims of child sexual abuse in the church.

This whole shameful affair has been traumatic for Catholics and some of us feel a justified anger: anger at the perpetrators of abuse and anger at those in positions of authority who failed to act on behalf of victims/survivors.

There is no question that the church will suffer as a consequence of its actions and inactions. But that is not to say that the future is without hope. I personally believe that this is an opportunity to abandon all those unhealthy beliefs and practices that have helped to sustain and sanction a church out-of-step with the radical message of Jesus as well as being out-of-touch with the realities of our times. For too many centuries the church as an institution has constructed a power base that is at odds with the gospel. This is a betrayal of the countless faithful who by their lives have witnessed to the beauty, truth and goodness that is at the heart of our Catholic faith.

I draw your attention to the letter of our Archbishop Christopher Prowse. I also draw your attention to the Media release from the Truth Justice and Healing Council. We will hold a “liturgy of lament and hope” in our parish as our prayerful response to this calamity. It will take place this coming Thursday evening at 7.30 pm.

Peace & blessings,
Gerard

 Let us pray for those who are sick.

We remember them in our Masses. 

Recently Deceased:

Br. Dominic Mahony OP (brother of Brian Mahony)

Anniversary: Roberto Millucci, Robert Galliano, Rene Stubbs, George Griffiths, Trent Foster, Glenn Foster, Nellie Bannon, Henry Moulis, Edward Blake-Smith, Philip Babic, John Thompson, Raychell Nolan, Charlotte Lansdown, Carmel Page, David Lowe, Ian Bransby, Ondina Finzi, Joe Mammoliti, Vincas Puzas, Judith Hickey, Rodney Chapman, Rudi Meyer, James Wiley, Johanna Garratt, Reg Lazaro

St Vincent de Paul 2017 Doorknock

*More helpers are needed for the
St Vinnies Doorknock.*

Thank you to those parishioners who have volunteered to doorknock for St Vinnies this year. We now have 79 of our 162 areas covered.

Some of our Volunteers can no longer do the Door Knock so we desperately need new volunteers to take their place to enable us to cover the other 83 areas. The more doors that we knock on the more resources we will have to help the needy in our community with vital assistance such as emergency accommodation, clothing and food. It will only take a couple of hours and you can doorknock on any day during February. If you are not able to Door knock you may be able to help with our Collection Stall in Kippax Fair.

Your community needs you to step up.

So PLEASE come and visit us at the tables in the foyer where we can provide you with a kit

Thank you.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION Enrolling Soon

Contact the Parish Office on 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au for more details

A Liturgy of Lament and Hope

This is an invitation for parishioners to gather in prayerful response to the harm and destruction caused by the scandal of sexual abuse within the Catholic Church.

This will be an opportunity to lament this terrible situation and to invoke God's transforming power to heal and renew.

Thursday, 12 February – 7:30pm
St John the Apostle Parish Church

To lament is to taste the tears of God

9:30am MASS - FRIDAY 17 Feb

This mass will be a **Liturgy of the Word with Communion** as Fr. Gerard is concelebrating the Opening School Mass at St Francis Xavier College.

CALENDAR DATES

16 February - Mass 11:00am

Opening School Mass for 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 Mass Times:

St John the Apostle Kippax

9:30am and 6:00pm

St Matthew's Page

7:00am and 9:30am

St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood

9:30am and 7:00pm

St Vincent's Aranda

9:30am

St Monica's Evatt

9:30am

St Michael's Kaleen

11:30am and 6:00pm





Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra & Goulburn

Pastoral Message | 2 February, 2017

Final Royal Commission Hearings Starting

Dear friends in Christ,

In the days ahead, the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse will review evidence it has already received and seek reasons why this tragedy has occurred.

It will involve the Catholic Church. Victims and survivors and many in the Catholic community may find these days distressing.

Many bishops and other Catholic leaders will be participating. I will be one of the bishops appearing.

Once again, I offer my sincerest apologies to those who suffer due to the criminal behaviour over many years of some among us. As Pope Francis has said recently, "It is a sin that shames us."

I can assure you that many measures are now in place in the Archdiocese, please God, to prevent these horrendous crimes from happening again. From these troubling times, I am hopeful that new mentalities and structures within the Church in Australia will assist us to move ahead humbly with the work of the Lord.

Be assured of my prayers for you in the weeks ahead, especially those most needing of the Lord's consoling love and healing.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and
Goulburn

2nd February 2017

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 \$10.00 per CD

St John the Apostle Primary School Twilight Multicultural Carnivale FETE

Friday 17th February
4pm - 8pm.

A Fete with a difference! Multicultural food stalls, Tombola, cow bingo, amazing rides, 'bling it up', dance performances including professional dancers and much much more for children and adults. Come along and join the Carnevale fun!!!

We Congratulate and welcome

Cassandra Halls

Who will be confirmed at the

6pm Vigil Mass

on Saturday 18th February.

*Let us pray that the gifts of the Spirit of
Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel [Right
Judgement], Courage, Knowledge, Reverence,
Wonder and Awe, will fill her life.*

Volunteering – Calvary Hospital

Calvary Public Hospital Bruce is looking for volunteers to fill in some gaps on their rosters to bring communion to Catholic patients in hospital. In volunteering what is being asked of you?

Commitment: once a month (or more regularly) for an hour and a half.

Requirements:

- A current Working with Vulnerable People Card (WWVP).
- Trained Minister of Communion

Currently there are vacancies on both weekdays and weekends.

This is a great way to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. The patients, their family and friends are appreciative of this service.

If you would like to volunteer for this privilege role of discipleship please **Contact:** Calvary Bruce Pastoral Care Team, Ph. 6201 6665.

On A Lighter Note:

Q: What did the calculator say to the other calculator on Valentine's Day?

A: Let me count the ways I love you.

ROSTERS

19 February Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Maresa Laird, Laurine & Daryl Smeaton
8:30am	Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Marie Flint, Colin Fox, Erin Pitt, Maida Kajkic, Patrick Corr
6:00pm	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, Jacinta Le, VACANT, VACANT

19 February Reading Roster

6:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30am	Andrew Shafik, Sarah Shafik
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Matthew Toohey

19 February Hospitality Roster

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

Other Rosters

13 Feb	Altar Society: Margaret Stanford
13 Feb	Church Cleaning: Ted & Carol Quade
12 Feb	Grounds: David Pigram, Rob Caskie, Matthew Garton, Mike Lavis
18 Feb	Presbytery Cleaning: Maresa Laird, Meg Millband, Pat Cowburn, Sabina Van Rooy, Lynnie Traynor

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 are they who follow the law of the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Mt 5:17-37

There is a distinct pattern to the teaching examples Jesus provides: 'You have heard it said ...'; 'but I now say to you...'. This was a common method of teaching in Jesus' day and is often used as an example to suggest that Jesus was regarded as a Rabbi in his day. It is a typical rabbinical method of interpreting scripture. The rabbi quotes the teaching (you have heard it said...) and then offers an interpretation or reinterpretation of that teaching (but I now say to you). While it is an unfamiliar teaching style for us today, it would have been common in Jesus' time.

By declaring that he has come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to complete – or fulfil – them, Jesus is making it perfectly clear that his ministry and teaching is in alignment with and in accordance with the historical tradition and he is not setting out to overthrow the Jewish tradition. Rather, throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

LIBRARY NEWS: This week we are displaying another batch of new titles that have recently been donated to the library. We always welcome gifts of books on the understanding that if they are either already on the shelves or deemed unsuitable they will be passed on to Lifeline.

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.