

## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

19 February 2017

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**“To be on earth the Heart of God”**

צו זײַן אויף ערד די האַרץ פון גאָט

**“tsu zeyn aoyf erd di harts fun got”**

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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: 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

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## REFLECTION



### Love your Enemies

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.

At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive. Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.

Resources used: *Reflection*, Dianne Bergant CSS & Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

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

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** David Lowe, Ian Bransby, Ondina Finzi, Joe Mammoliti, Vincas Puzas, Judith Hickey, Rodney Chapman, Rudi Meyer, James Wiley, Johanna Garratt, Reg Lazaro, Ivan Mikulic, Angeles Arranz, Lillian Luke, Elena Zamora, Adrian Newton, Adrienne Stewart, Ashley Kent, Hayden Ricketts, James McKay, Dorothy Jeffrey, Leo McDonald, Rachael Netting, Francisca Benedictos, Eun ho Shin.

## February Baptisms

*We welcome into our community:*



Mason Barker-Smith,  
Son of Westley and Tracey;  
Alexandra Bradbury,  
daughter of Neil and Kellie;

*We Congratulate and welcome*  
**Cassandra Halls**

*Who will be confirmed at the*  
**6pm Vigil Mass this weekend.**

*Please keep Cassandra in your prayers as*  
*she embarks on this new dimension of her*  
*spiritual life.*

## JUNIOR ALTAR SERVERS

*We are looking for boys and girls who*  
*would like to serve on the Altar.*

*A prerequisite for this ministry is that you*  
*have made your first Holy Communion.*  
*Training will be provided. If you are*  
*interested in becoming an Altar Server*  
*contact the parish office on 62543236 or*  
[\*kippax@cg.org.au\*](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au).

**1 March – Ash Wednesday Mass Times:**

**St John the Apostle Kippax**

9:30am and 6:00pm

1 tháng 3-tro thứ tư khối lượng thời  
gian:

St John Kippax tông đồ 9:30 sáng và  
6:00 chiều



ASH  
WEDNESDAY

# St Vincent de Paul 2017 Doorknock

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

We are now half way through the Doorknock Appeal period and we still need another 80 collectors. The demands on our services has increased significantly since last year which puts a great strain on the resources of the societies.

Our target this year is \$ 20,000.00 and to achieve this we need more people to KNOCK ON doors, the greater number of doors we can knock on increases the resources which enable us to help the poor and marginalized within our community.

Doorknocking is a great way of helping the poor and underprivileged in our area, if you can help please pick up a kit at the table in the foyer after Mass. Each kit has a guideline brochure to enable you to Doorknock successfully.

*The SVDP members would like to thank*  
*everyone for their prayers, donations and*  
*any assistance or support they have given to*  
*the doorknock.*

## 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

## CALENDAR DATES

**20 February –Sacrament of Penance**

7:00pm Second Parent formation evening

**25/26 February - Presentation Masses**

Children preparing for the Sacrament of  
Penance

**COMPACT:** We encourage you to take  
your copy of COMPACT home. Have  
you thought....this could be a form of  
Evangelisation.....sharing the Word of  
God with a loved one or a neighbour!

# PARISH NEWS

From the PPC.

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, the Parish Assembly was held as a forum for continuing the vision and mission as developed in the Parish Pastoral Plan.

The meeting provided a great start for 2017 by dialogue, questions and sharing to move together in our focus on Evangelisation and education in our Parish.

Thanks to everyone who attended and provided valuable discussion and feedback for our life and mission at St John's. The task of the PPC is now to take on these comments and concerns and seek direction for the life and mission of our parish. We will keep you informed of developments.

Finally thank you very much to those who helped make the day "happen" by their practical service – morning tea, BBQ, child minding, facilitators and presenters.

Blessings,

Carl Madsen, Chair PPC.

**Primary School:** The opening school mass for the 2017 school year was held on Thursday 16 February. It was a prayerful start to the year

## Liturgy of Lament and Hope – 16 Feb

A liturgy of lament and hope was celebrated on Thursday evening. Those who gathered had the opportunity to lament the failures of the church to protect and support victims/survivors of sexual abuse. In a spirit of hope we prayed for renewal within the church.

## PARISH BLESSING SONG

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Cause his face to shine on you  
and have mercy on you.

Turn his countenance to you  
and give you peace.

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Enrolling Now

- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
- 9:15am before 10:00am Mass

Enrolments in Church foyer

Classes resume on Sunday 5th March



## SJACare

*Supporting parishioners in our community*  
SJACare is a coordinating body that is overseeing the Pastoral Care of St John the Apostle Parish. It is currently looking at setting up the following ministries.

- Communion to the House Bound
- Home Visitation
- Funeral Ministry
- Spirituality of ageing

*Members of the coordinating body are,  
Helen Kennedy, [Chair], Barbara Gardiner,  
Manel Samarashinge, [Ex-officio  
Gerard McCormick, & Marian England]*

*flyer available in the foyer*

**Over 45's** will meet on **Wednesday 22 February** for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048



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

The next breakfast is:

**TUES 28 February - 7:30 am**

Little Chef Café

Nettlefold Street Belconnen

## On A Lighter Note:

**Q:** Why wouldn't they let the butterfly into the dance?

**A:** Because it was a mothball.

# ROSTERS

## 26 February Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Judy Netting, Marie McKie, John Drury, Barbara Witrzens, Judy Mewburn
8:30am	Violet Duve, Janet Almond, Ted Kell, Clare Kell, VACANT
10:00am	Rachel Blackwell, Marissa Blackwell, John Blackwell Robin Williams, Libby Costello
6:00pm	Margaret McMahon, Judith Deklin, Matthew Toohey, VACANT, VACANT

## 26 February Reading Roster

6:00pm	Marie Murphy, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Louise Honan, Joe Ots
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

## 26 February Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Barbara Witrzens, Marie McKie
8:30am	Margaret Ohlin, Kay Dwyer
10:00am	John Blackwell, Louise Bulfin
6:00pm	Judith Deklin

## Other Rosters

20 Feb	<b>Altar Society:</b> Mary Cruickshank
20 Feb	<b>Church Cleaning:</b> John & Jenny Maher
20 Feb	<b>Grounds:</b> VACANT
4 Mar	<b>Presbytery Cleaning:</b> Ann Clementine, Maryanne Ferguson, Margaret Sheehan, 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 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Little Chef Café Belconnen

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.  
Alleluia!



## GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Mt 5:38-48

Roman soldiers were allowed by their own military laws to require any person to carry the soldier's pack along the road from one milestone marker to another. That is, they could order a man to walk one mile with their pack. If they made someone carry their pack for more than one mile, the soldier himself was subject to discipline and punishment. Jesus says, 'If anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him.' Like turning the other cheek, it is turning the tables on the one who would oppress you and bringing shame upon them. In Jesus' time, it was not shameful or embarrassing for a person to be naked but it was shameful for the person who caused them to be naked. By law, if you were unable to repay a debt, the person to whom you owed money could literally take your clothes as payment of the debt. What Jesus says is, if someone demands your tunic as payment of a debt, give them everything you're wearing to shame them for making you naked to collect their debt.

**Resources used:** Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

**LIBRARY NEWS:** "Questions and answers for Catholics", "101 Questions on Vatican II", and "The 101 most asked questions about the liturgy" are some of the new titles on display 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.