

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

26 February 2017 #14.17

**“To be on earth the Heart of God”
“Si aad dhulka Heart Ilaah”**

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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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REFLECTION



Being Present

One of the hardest things to do in our busy modern lives is to live in the present moment. Our lives are almost consumed by a mixture of anticipating what we have to do next and reliving what we have done. We are constantly making plans for catching up with friends, organising chores that need to be done, working or studying to ‘get ahead’ and create a better future for ourselves. We live our lives in the future and in anticipation of what is to come so much so that we often don’t seem to actually enjoy the event when it comes because we’re already planning what we’ll be doing next. In this incredible rush of living our lives forward, suddenly out of nowhere we’ll be swamped with regrets about some mistake in the past or how we might have handled a situation better.

There is an incredible challenge to simply be mindful of the now. If we can be mindful of what we’re doing *now* then we can be purposeful and intentional about our actions rather than operating habitually on auto pilot or operating reactively. When we live in the *now*, instead of the *once was* or *soon to be*, then we find ourselves actually listening to our friends when they speak to us; savouring the food we eat; noticing both the beauty and the pain around us; and sometimes even becoming aware of the presence of God around and within us.

99 per cent of the time when we are in a ‘conversation’ with someone we spend more time thinking about what we will say next than we spend actually listening to what they’re saying. Jesus calls us to be *present* and to be *in the present*. To be present to another person means to be fully attentive to them and more concerned about them and what they’re saying (and not saying) than we are about ourselves. Next time you’re talking with a friend, try asking open, honest questions and then really listening to what they say.

Taken from: *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter @ LiturgyHelp

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

Recently Deceased: John Marane

Anniversary: *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, Sharon Williams, Ian Coffill, Evelyn Swaris, Josephine Hawkins, Damien Lamb, Oscar De Jesus Zamora, Darrell Rutter, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan.*

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.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

"All the light we cannot see"  **BOOK CLUB** 

By Anthony Doerr

Sunday 19 March- 3:00 pm

Parish Library.

Four copies of the book are available from the parish office.

On A Lighter Note:

A little boy was afraid of the dark. One night his mother told him to go out to the back porch and bring her the broom. The little boy turned to his mother and said, "Mama, I don't want to go out there. It's dark." The mother smiled reassuringly at her son. "You don't have to be afraid of the dark," she explained. "Jesus is out there. He'll look after you and protect you." The little boy looked at his mother real hard and asked, "Are you sure he's out there?" "Yes, I'm sure. He is everywhere, and he is always ready to help you when you need him," she said. The little boy thought about that for a minute and then went to the back door and cracked it a little. Peering out into the darkness, he called, "Jesus? if you're out there, would you please hand me the broom."

FUNERAL NOTICE

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of

John Marane

Will be celebrated at 11:00am

Monday 27 February 2017

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

St Vincent de Paul 2017 Doorknock

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has helped in any way with the Door Knock this year. Our Door Knock target this year is \$20,000.00.

The returns to date are encouraging but we may not reach our target, this is partly due to a very poor response to our appeals for volunteers, plus there has been a significant drop in the amount of donations collected from each area.

There are still 30 kits that have not been returned. Completed Kits can be returned to the parish hall (under the church) between 2pm and 4pm this Sunday 26th February 2017 or before or after any mass this Weekend if that is more convenient for you.

If you're unable to return your kit at these times please contact Colin Fox on 0421758550 to make alternate arrangements

A Parish Guide to Celebrating the Season of Lent

This booklet was prepared for the liturgy team. Its purpose is to help prepare for the liturgical celebrations throughout Lent.

Copies of this booklet are available in the church foyer for anyone who may be interested. This document is also posted on our parish website.

The Australian Church Women's Annual World Day of Prayer Service

Theme: *"Am I being unfair to you?"*

Where: Yarralumla Uniting Church

Date: Friday 3rd March

Time: 11:00am

Prepared by the women of the Philippines

PARISH NEWS

Sacrament of Penance: The second formation evening for parents was held on Monday 20 February. The children preparing for the Sacrament will be presented at the masses this weekend. The children will hand a prayer card to a member of the congregation asking that person to pray for him/her during this time of preparation. The Sacrament will be celebrated in the 2nd Rite on Thursday 23 March at 7:00pm. Please hold these children and their families in your prayers during this preparation time.



Liturgy Team: The Liturgy Team met on Thursday night before the meeting they enjoyed a dinner together celebrating and giving thanks for Di Bruce's many years of commitment and service to the team. Di has retired from the Liturgy Team.



Plumbing: A blocked sewer drain in the Parish Centre has revealed a bigger problem. The original clay pipes have broken and need to be replaced. We will obtain quotes with a view to having this work done as soon as possible.



**Happy 45th Anniversary St John's
26 February 1972.**

An extract from the Decree by Archbishop Thomas Cahill.

So as to cater more adequately for the spiritual welfare of the people of the Belconnen District in the ACT, having consulted the Diocesan Consultors and the Priests' Senate, I hereby divide the present parish of St. Matthew, Page, as from 26 February 1972, and erect the new parish of St John the Apostle, Belconnen West.

I hereby entrust the new parish of Belconnen West to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, who will be responsible for the spiritual and temporal welfare of this parish.

†Thomas Cahill, Archbishop of Canberra & Goulburn.
11 February 1972.

MASS - MONDAY 27 Feb 9:30AM
will be a **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**. There will be **no Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament.



**ST JOHN THE APOSTLE
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB**
The next breakfast is:

TUES 28 February - 7:30 am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

Congratulations

*Francis and Greta Grybaitis
Celebrating 50 years of marriage.
25th 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

CALENDAR DATES

1 March – Ash Wednesday Mass Times:

St John the Apostle Kippax
9:30am and 6:00pm



Stations of the Cross - Fridays during Lent

SJACare

Supporting parishioners in our community
SJACare is a coordinating body that is
overseeing the Pastoral Care of St John
the Apostle Parish.

Flyer available in the foyer

PARISH SHOOOL OF RELIGION

Enrolling Now

- **Sunday 26th February**
- **9:15am before 10:00am Mass**
Enrolments in Church foyer
Or contact the Parish Office

Classes resume on Sunday 5th March



ROSTERS

5 March 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	Jenny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos, VACANT
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan, Maria Devine, James & Toni Cox

5 March Reading Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O'Hair, Violet Duve
10:00am	Robin Williams, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Nicole Mikkonen, Judith Deklin

5 March Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Agnes Pham, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Farid & Victoria Nauom
6:00pm	VACANT

Other Rosters

27 Feb	Altar Society: Gabrielle Culhane
27 Feb	Church Cleaning: Agnes Le & Family
4 Mar	Grounds: Barry Dwyer, Peter Onstenk, John Dudley
4 Mar	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:

Rest in God alone, my soul

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives
of our heart.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Mt 6:24-34

Jesus insists that no one can serve two masters. He opposes, not possessions in themselves, but inordinate attachment to their materialistic character. He is not naive about the human need for food, clothing, shelter and material support. Nor does he advocate passivity or laziness. He is talking about setting one's priorities straight; appreciating humankind's place in the natural world; trusting in the goodness and providence of God. The point of this wisdom teaching is confidence in God. The images he employs indicate that his teaching applies to both men and women, for reaping and harvesting are occupations normally associated with men, while spinning is generally considered a woman's work. Both women and men are prone to become anxious about having their needs met; both women and men need to be reminded that they are precious in God's eyes and they, even as they toil, must learn to trust in God's providence.

Resources used: Dianne Bergant CSS at LiturgyHelp

LIBRARY NEWS: "Handbook for today's Catholics", "Prayers for the domestic Church", "Reading the Bible for the first time again" and "Christological catechism" are some of the new books on display at present.

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.