

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

First Sunday of Lent Year A

5 March 2017

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"To be on earth the Heart of God"
"Auf Erden das Herz Gottes zu sein"

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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

Trusting in God's Providence

The Gospel passage is an account of the temptation of Jesus. Jesus' responses to the temptations posed by the devil all come from Deuteronomy's version of Israel's testing in the wilderness. This suggests that Jesus here is being compared with that ancient community. This account is replete with messianic meaning. It shows that the Son of God has chosen not to use divine power to establish his reign on earth. He will be open to the word of God, allowing it to direct his actions; he will rely on God's providence and not put God's promises to the test; he will not compromise his fidelity to God regardless of the price that he might have to pay. Jesus is steadfast in the face of temptation.

In our world today there is a fading of trust in God's discreet and providential guidance of humanity towards its destiny.

To be in control of one's destiny, health, career, or finances seems to be an unquestionable cultural value. On a practical level it may be partially true, but not on the bigger level. Our bodies, our souls, and especially our failures, teach us this as we get older. We are clearly not in control. This is not a negative discovery, but a thrilling discovery of divine providence; being led, used, and guided; having an inner purpose and a sense of personal vocation; and owning one's destiny as a gift from God. Learning that you are not in control situates you correctly in the universe. You know you are being guided, and your reliance on that guidance is precisely what allows your journey to happen.

Wilfulness must become willingness in the world of Spirit: Wilfulness is a setting of oneself apart from the fundamental essence of life in an attempt to master, direct, control, or otherwise manipulate existence. More simply, willingness is saying yes to the mystery of being alive in each moment.

Having control is a major desire and need in the early years of life, yet many hold on to it until their last breath.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS & *You Are Not in Control*, by Richard Rohr

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Sharon Williams, Ian Coffill,
Evelyn Swaris, Josephine Hawkins, Damien Lamb,
Oscar De Jesus Zamora, Darrell Rutter,
Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan, Alan Leach,
Bernard Fitzgerald, Brendan Patterson,
Eileen Luke, Michael Hamilton, Nicola Torelli,
Caelan MacKenzie, Eugene De Rose.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of

Jehane Thelland

Will be celebrated at 9:30am

Monday 6 March 2017

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

There will be no Adoration that morning

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

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.

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.

PARISH NEWS

Web Page: Due to a problem with the
mail out function we have not been able
to send out the Web Page for the past
couple of weeks. We are looking into the
problem and endeavour to have it fixed
as soon as possible. The web site is
working and the COMPACT is still
accessible..... go to
www.stjohnkippax.org.au click on the tab
Parish News and then *Weekly Bulletin*



RCIA: The Rite of Election and Enrolment 2017.

Please pray for our RCIA candidate

Crystal Jansen who will participate in the Rite
of Election this Sunday - 5 March. The Rite will
take place in the crypt of St Christopher's
Cathedral at 9.30am. Crystal will then be
formally welcomed during the 11.00am Mass
by Archbishop Christopher Prowse.



Farewell: Henri & Ann Clementine are
leaving Canberra for a sea change. We
will farewell Henri & Ann at the 9:30am
mass Friday 10 March followed by a
morning tea in the church foyer.



Refugee Resettlement Committee:

Meeting: Tuesday 7 March, at 7.30pm

Where: Parish Centre.

New members are welcome.

COMBINED CHOIR FOR EASTER



All singers and musicians are
welcome to join the Easter Choir.
We will sing on Holy Thursday,
Good Friday and at the Easter

Vigil. Practice starts on Wednesday
8th March in the church at 7:30pm.

SCRIPTURE STUDY RESUMES:

Day & Date: Tuesday 14th March

Time: 7:30PM

Where: Parish Library

Who: Everyone is welcome to join in
the Scripture Study Group.

Lent 2017

Project Compassion

Love your Neighbour

The Philippines: Dinia was pregnant with her fifth child when her husband died, suddenly and unexpectedly. She lost not only her husband, but also the financial security his job at the mines brought. The only way she could earn anything at all was by collecting shells and crabs from the seashore and selling them. She was in a very vulnerable position. In 2011 a Caritas Australia partner organisation began working with her, and she has been able to develop a sustainable income through a livelihoods program that helps both her and her neighbours.

Dinia's story is a story of healing, through her own skill and perseverance, and through support from a Caritas-Australia funded program.

“As much as possible I
will try to help my
neighbours....I have a
feeling of contentment
being able to help others”
Dinia

Project Compassion offers us a way to help our neighbours like Dinia in the Philippines to find healing and peace, and to know herself as a valued member of her community with a role in creating a brighter future for her children.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: *We welcome Kevin Vassarotti who will speak at each mass this weekend on the work of Caritas Australia – the Catholic agency for international aid and development.*

MEDITATION: Tuesday mornings during Lent 7am -7.30am. Parish Library. All welcome. *An opportunity to start the day in silent prayer.*

St Vincent de Paul 2017 Doorknock

Just over **\$9,000.00** has been collected and banked so far. So we will not get anywhere near our budget of **\$20,000.00**

This is a disappointing result we only had 53.7% of the area's covered, This was due to a large decrease in volunteer collectors and a drop in donations as compared to the last two years.

There is still some kits that haven't been returned so please return them at any Mass this weekend.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped with the Door Knock this year your gift of time is greatly appreciated and the money collected will assist us to help the needy and marginalized people within our community with vital assistance such as emergency accommodation, clothing, medical expenses and food.

International Women's Day Wednesday 8 March 2017 #BeBoldForChange

On A Lighter Note:

A bartender notices that every evening, without fail, one of his patrons orders three beers. After several weeks of noticing this pattern, the bartender asks the man why he always orders three beers. The man says, "I have two brothers who have moved away to different countries. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." Several weeks later, noticing that the man only ordered two beers, the bartender said, "Please accept my condolences on the death of one of your brothers. You know, the two beers and all..." The man replied, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well... It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

ROSTERS

12 March Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, Vacant, Vacant
8:30am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Fay Hodgetts, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Jojo Mathew, Shyni Jojo, Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck Barbara Gardiner, Henri Clementine

12 March Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mary French, Tom Halloran
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	CHILDREN'S MASS
6:00pm	Judith Deklin, Brian Mahony

12 March Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan
8:30am	Violet Duve
10:00am	Cass & Jason Pepper
6:00pm	VACANT

Other Rosters

6 Mar	Altar Society: Margaret Ferguson
6 Mar	Church Cleaning: Meg Millband, Sabina Van Rooy
11 Mar	Grounds: Henri Clementine, John Gill, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth
18 Mar	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:

Be merciful, O Lord,
for we have sinned.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

Sin and temptation are the dominant themes of the readings for this first week of Lent. Indeed, they are regular themes in the season of Lent. However, the scripture passages throughout this season allow us the opportunity to think again about these themes and perhaps reconsider some traditional understandings of them. The Greek word translated as 'sin' in the New Testament literally means 'miss the mark'. Its origin may lie in archery where the object was always to hit the mark; to miss the mark was to not achieve at one's best. Jesus set about trying to redefine the Jewish notion of sin from being a transgression against God that deserves punishment to the more compassionate idea that sin is a wandering off course that can be rectified – a missing of the mark. When he encountered someone who was missing the mark, Jesus called them back into right relationship.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

LIBRARY NEWS: More new books are on display this week. Many of them were generously donated to the library by Fr. Paul before he left the parish.

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.