

## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**Second Sunday of Lent Year A**

**12 March 2017**

**#16.17**

**"To be on earth the Heart of God"**

**"Ina ia i le lalolagi o le Loto o le Atua"**

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

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## REFLECTION

### Transforming our Lives

Jesus' glorious transformation and the voice of the Father from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!', communicates with divine authority that these two truths must be held together: Jesus is God's beloved Son and he is, as he has said, going to fulfil his messianic vocation through suffering and death. Jesus is to tread the path to Jerusalem as the Messiah who came, 'not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many'.

The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're confused and scared by what they witness. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is.

The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God. The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself.

Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. During this Lenten season, like the disciples, we are called to consider who Jesus is and what role he plays in our lives.

**Resources used: Reflection, by Dianne Bergant CSS & Reflection, by Greg Sunter.**

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

**Recently Deceased:** Joan Sculthorpe,  
Jack Widdison, [brother of Veronica Brennan]

**Anniversary:** Alan Leach, Bernard Fitzgerald,  
Brendan Patterson, Eileen Luke, Michael  
Hamilton, Nicola Torelli, Caelan MacKenzie,  
Eugene De Rose, Helen Murphy, Jill Wilson,  
Richard Kingsford, Peter Roache, Marijan  
Cavlovic, Generoso D'Ambrosio, Brian Weston,  
Jack Ranson, Dorothy Hornick (Potts).

## 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 Wednesdays weekly in the  
church at 7:30pm.

## SCRIPTURE STUDY RESUMES:

Day & Date: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Time: 7:00PM

Where: Parish Library

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

Please bring your copy of the "Hope" Lenten  
book. Contact Brian Mahony on 6255 2758.

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

## *Pins & Needles Craft Group*

*Third Thursday Monthly*

**Next Meeting: 16 March**

7:15pm Parish Library

*All Welcome . If craft is not your thing,  
maybe conversation is.*

## On A Lighter Note:

What do you call a sleepwalking nun?  
A roamin' catholic

# PARISH NEWS

## Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Thursday  
9 March. Some of the topics of discussion  
were:

**Youth Ministry:** Council members and  
school leaders will meet with the youth  
ministers next Wednesday 15 March with a  
view to looking at the structure of the  
ministry and how the wider parish can  
support the youth and this ministry.

**Membership of the PPC:** Ideally membership  
of the Pastoral Council would reflect who we  
are. It is important that the Council  
represents the whole parish. Membership  
would comprise 8 nominated parishioners  
plus the Pastor, Pastoral Associate and  
Principal of St John the Apostle Primary  
school [or representative] who are ex-officio  
members. As we currently have only 3  
nominated members we are looking for 5  
nominations from parishioners for the  
council. If you would like to nominate  
someone or yourself there are nomination  
forms in the church foyer.

### **Guardians & Angels [mum's & bubs]:**

Interest has been expressed in reviving a  
regular get together for parents and  
babies/children when they can gather for,  
conversation, coffee and play. The Pastoral  
Council endorsed this initiative.

**Parish Assembly follow up:** Items discussed  
were: Parish Pastoral Council, Pastoral Plan,  
Youth Ministry, and Liturgy. Discussion  
ensued regarding: ♦ new parishioners and  
how we recognise and welcome them. ♦ lay  
involvement – how can parishioners lighten  
the load on Fr. Gerard. ♦ Investigate ways  
that the laity can be involved in the homily.



**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 few  
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](http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au) click on the tab  
Parish News and then Weekly Bulletin You  
can also access past COMPACT's – follow  
the steps above and then click on 2017  
COMPACT archive.

# Lent 2017

## Project Compassion

### *A Shared Responsibility*

For Martina, a mother of eight, escaping domestic violence was the first step in her journey to a new life. Gender based violence is a critical issue for women in Timor-Leste, and domestic violence is the most reported crime to the National Vulnerable Persons Unit. Studies show that 38 percent of women aged 15-49 experienced physical violence and 36 percent who were or had been married reported violence: - physical, sexual or emotional - by their husbands or partners.

Like many other women in Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. Facing



*"We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it"*

*Pope Francis, Laudato Si*



Leste. The program connected her with livelihood training opportunities, offering economic empowerment, the chance to afford education for her children, and a safe life in a supportive community.

**Uma PAS** is a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program, a holistic community-wide program that offers economic empowerment and a life of safety in a supportive community.

poverty and an

uncertain future, she sought refuge at Uma PAS shelter, a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program in Timor-

## FUNERAL NOTICE

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of

*Joan Sculthorpe*

Will be celebrated at 9:30am

Wednesday 15 March 2017

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

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## INSTAGRACE

### Teens Catholic residential program

INSTAGRACE is a great opportunity for teenagers from year 9 to 12 to encounter and experience the love of God through a stay in program(residential camp), which includes workshops, music, games, testimonies and inspiring talks by preachers and priests. Archbishop Christopher Prowse is our special guest.

When: Wednesday 19th April  
(3:00pm-10:00pm)

Where: GreenHills Conference Centre,  
1437 Cotter Rd, Stromlo, ACT

Reg Fee: \$250.00

Contact: Roby Ray Joshua in 0433828266

Email: [jesusyouthcanberra@gmail.com](mailto:jesusyouthcanberra@gmail.com)

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### "Constance on the Edge"

*A nationally acclaimed film about refugee resettlement*

**Day & Date:** Thursday 16 – March

**Time:** 6.30 - 9.00pm

**Where:** CIT REID Room J028

**Cost:** \$15 per head or \$10 concession, paid at the door.

**RSVP:** [doug.hynd@netspeed.com.au](mailto:doug.hynd@netspeed.com.au)

Canberra Refugee Resettlement Society (CRS).

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### Archbishop's Opportunity for Listening

**Day & Date:** Sunday 19 March

**Time:** 1.30pm

**Where:** Rheinberger Centre,  
Corner Weston and Loch Streets, Yarralumla

*Archbishop Christopher will be available to listen to his people and their wider communities in relation to any effects from the proceedings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.*

*He invites victims, their family and friends and others who would like an opportunity to share together in these fragile times.*

# ROSTERS

## 19 March 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, VACANT, VACANT, VACANT

## 19 March Reading Roster

6:00pm	Jim Jones, Mindalesia Jones
8:30am	Bert Broekhuysen, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Matthew Toohey

## 19 March Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Mary Barrett
8:30am	Norma Sloan, Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Joe Pisciotta, Maria Hannan
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

## Other Rosters

13 March	<b>Altar Society:</b> Maresa Laird
13 March	<b>Church Cleaning:</b> Maresa Laird, Joseph Lê Văn Hải
18 March	<b>Grounds:</b> David Pigram, Rob Caskie, Matthew Garton, Mike Lavis
18 March	<b>Presbytery Cleaning:</b> 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 <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:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's  
voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!



## GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're confused and scared by what they witness. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is.

**Resources used:** Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

**LIBRARY NEWS:** On display this week among other titles are two books about the MSC's. One is a history of the Order and the other is Fr. Jim Littleton's history of our own parish, St John's. Some newer parishioners may be interested to see these.

**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.