

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

2 April 2017

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"To be on earth the Heart of God"
"Da bi na zemlji srcu Boga"

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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

A Redeeming, not A Rescuing God

The Lazarus story begs a lot of questions. John, the evangelist, tells us the story: He begins by pointing out that Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary, were very close friends of Jesus. Hence, we are understandably taken aback by Jesus' seeming lack of response to Lazarus' illness.

Martha and Mary, send word to Jesus that "the man you love is ill" with the implied request that Jesus should come and heal him. But Jesus doesn't rush off immediately to try to heal his close friend. Instead he remains where he is for two days longer while his friend dies. Then, after Lazarus has died, he sets off to visit him. As he approaches the village where Lazarus has died, he is met by Martha and then, later, by Mary. Why doesn't God rescue his loved ones and save them from pain and death?

Jesus doesn't offer any theoretical apologia in response. The story begs that question: Why? Why didn't Jesus rush down to save Lazarus since he loved him?

The answer to that question teaches a very important lesson about Jesus, God, and faith, namely, that God is not a God who ordinarily rescues us, but is rather a God who redeems us. God doesn't ordinarily intervene to save us from humiliation, pain, and death; rather he redeems humiliation, pain, and death after the fact.

Jesus treats Lazarus exactly the same way as God, the Father, treats Jesus: Jesus is deeply and intimately loved by his Father and yet his Father doesn't rescue him from humiliation, pain, and death. In his lowest hour, when he is humiliated, suffering, and dying on the cross, Jesus is jeered by the crowd with the challenge: "If God is your father, let him rescue you!" But there's no rescue. Instead Jesus dies inside the humiliation and pain. God raises him up only after his death.

This is one of the key revelations inside the resurrection: We have a redeeming, not a rescuing, God.

The Resurrection as Revealing God as Redeemer, not as Rescuer,
by Ronald Rolheiser OMI

☞ Let us pray for those who are sick.

We remember them in our Masses. ☞

Recently Deceased:

Frank Van Plat [Uncle of Stephanie Stewart],
John Walpole [brother of Mary O'Brien]

Anniversary: *Bill Corby, Francesca Fernando, Kay Haworth, Katherine Jones, John Henshaw, Helena McGee, Harold Allester, Jordan Matthews, Vivienne Montgomery, John Napier, Caitlin Brice, Alyssa Brice, Betty Kerekes, Janelle Brice, Joan Boulsover, Leonard Smith, Trevor Agnew, Elena Guindas, Kenneth Marlor, Jim Curran, Noel Smith, Leon Fernando, Kees Van Rooy, Daniel Cassar, Leslie Thomson, Edward Yewdall, Ian Stephenson, John Margetts, Adria Krook, Sharon Hannah, Vladislav Malnar, Mihaly Baruta, Augusta Colquhoun, Alan Hodge, Sharron Diamond, Jim Fallon msc, Leslie Savage.*

COLLEGE'S OPEN DAY

MERICI COLLEGE

Wednesday 3 May 2017

2.00pm to 7.00pm

Wise Street Braddon - Ph: 6243 4100

email patricia.ryan@merici.act.edu.au

Visit www.merici.college

ST FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE

Friday 12 May 2017

9.00am - 2.30pm

Barnard Circuit Florey - 6258 1055

Email: jennifer.madgwick@sfx.act.edu.au

Visit www.sfx.act.edu.au

Information Evening Monday 8 May 2017

guided tours starting at 5:00pm

information session at 6.30pm - 7.15pm.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

"The Good People"

By Hannah Kent



Sunday 23 April - 3:00 pm Parish Library.

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

On A Lighter Note:

Teacher : What a pair of strange socks you're wearing, one is green and the other is blue with red spots !!

Allen: Yes, it's really strange. I've got another pair just like that at home.

PARISH NEWS

MINISTRY EXPO 1st & 2nd April
Stewardship
Time, Talent, Treasure

Information & brochures in the church foyer.


The aim of the Ministry Expo is to attract and encourage all parishioners to volunteer for various liturgical ministries. The cultural diversity of the parish is changing and we want to encourage all parishioners to participate in ministry and fulfil their baptismal covenant.



EASTER LITURGIES
The Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday: 13 April 2017

Mass of the Last Supper 7:00pm

Please bring  bells to ring during the Gloria

Prayers at the Altar of Repose:

Concluding with night prayer 10:00pm



Good Friday: 14 April 2017

Stations of the Cross - 10:00am

The Lord's Passion - 3:00pm



Holy Saturday: 15 April 2017

No confession on Saturday

Easter Vigil - 7:00pm

Please bring  bells to ring during the Gloria



Easter Sunday: 16 April 2017

8:30am, 10:00am

Mass of the Resurrection

No 6:00pm Mass Sunday night

Refugee Resettlement Committee

NEXT MEETING: Tue 4 April - 7.30pm Parish Centre

New members are very welcome.

Claim the Date
Parish Retreat Day

Saturday 29th July 10am-3pm

Theme 'Come and See' Jn 1:39 - 41

Presented by Sabina Van Rooy

More information to come.

LITURGY OF LAMENT AND HOPE

Where: St Christopher's Cathedral

Day & Date: Tuesday, 4th April

Time: 7.30pm

The Archbishop invites you to join him in a Liturgy of Lament and Hope. In these Lenten days before Holy Week, it is an appropriate time to gather and pray in lament and hope for victims, families, and communities impacted by sex abuse and issues raised in the Royal Commission.

Plant Sale - The Calvary Hospital Auxiliary

Where: Foyer of the Hospital.

When: Thursday 6th April

Time: 8.00am -4.00pm

This year the Auxiliary is supporting Stroke Research and Mental Health Rehabilitation

Enquiries Mary Cruickshank 62544084

Canberra Women's Cursillo

Where: Greenhills Conference Centre

Date: Thursday 27- Sunday 30 April

Spiritual Director: Fr Bernie Patterson

Contact: Irma Jambor 6242 7332

irma.jambor25@gmail.com



Canberra Men's Cursillo

Where: Hartzer Park, NSW.

Date: Thursday 4 - Sunday 7 May

Contacts: Joe Jambor 6242 7332

irmandjoe@gmail.com or

Rod Gardiner 0439 845 655,
rodneym.gardiner@bigpond.com

A Cursillo provides a wonderful opportunity to renew and recharge your spirituality.

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

TUES 18 April - 7:30 am

Little Chef Café

Nettlefold Street Belconnen

Breakfast will be the 3rd Tuesday in April because the 4th is ANZAC day.

LENT – 2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION

St Matthew's Page

Wednesday 5 April 7:30pm

Web Page: COMPACT is accessible on the WEB go to www.stjohnkippax.org.au click on the tab *Parish News* and then *Weekly Bulletin*.

Saturday Vigil Mass Time

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the survey regarding the Vigil mass time. We appreciate you taking the time to discern your response.

The initiative in considering moving the Vigil mass to an earlier mass time is in response to a pastoral need of some parishioners who do not like driving and coming out at night in the cold, dark winter months.

At this stage we are merely canvassing parishioners for their response. It is not intended to be a vote - which always results in winners and losers. Rather we see this as an opportunity to involve parishioners in a conversation where we seek out what is best for our parish.

While each of us may have our own personal preferences for a preferred mass time we also need to take into consideration what is best for the whole community.

To date we have received 64 responses and a decision will be made on the basis of the greater pastoral needs of the respondents.

I would like the Vigil mass to:

☐ Move to 5:00pm

☐ Move to 5:30pm

☐ Stay at 6:00pm

Name: _____

Please return this form to the parish office by Monday 3 April 2017. There is a box on the table in the foyer.

ROSTERS

9 April Ministers of Communion

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

9 April Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mary French, Tom Halloran
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Palm Sunday – readers required
6:00pm	Judith Deklin, Brian Mahony

9 April Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Lesley Givens, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	David Mather, Therese Mather
10:00am	Margarete Gill, Tony Kennedy
6:00pm	VACANT

Other Rosters

3 April	Altar Society: Pauline O'Gorman
3 April	Church Cleaning: Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Kennan, Peter Hofman
8 April	Grounds: Barry Dwyer, Peter Onstenk, John Dudley
15 April	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 Friday Monthly After 9:30am Mass
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:

With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life,
says the Lord;
whoever believes in me
will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL

The third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent in Year A feature significant passages from the gospel of John. The first of the three readings was the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, to whom Jesus described himself as Living Water. The second was the healing of the blind man and Jesus declaring himself to be the Light of the World. In today's passage about the death and raising of Lazarus, Jesus declares, 'I am the resurrection and the life.' Living Water; Light of the World; and the Resurrection and the Life – three important images of Jesus that all emerge from the gospel of John. Each of the events relate to Jesus' response to some physical need: thirst; blindness; and death. However, in each case, Jesus not only responds to the physical need but also reveals a truth about himself that leads people to belief.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

LIBRARY NEWS: More of the new titles on display at present are "Let your life speak: listening for the voice of vocation", "The Premise of paradox: a celebration of contradictions in the Christian life" and "The Gaze of mercy".

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.