

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A

9 April 2017

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"To be on earth the Heart of God"

"Ahhoz, hogy a földön az Isten szíve"

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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

Where Salvation takes place

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives.



Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave.

We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow.

As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must to be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS

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

Recently Deceased: Julio Vinales

Anniversary: *Josh De Smet, 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, Otto Trenka, Leonard Franks, Drago Polak, Barbara Normann, Delilah Wilson, Leslie Barry, Daniel Dewar, Claudio Orifice, Sheldon Doyle, Yoland Melikian, Brenda Hudson, Basil Adkins, Ricaredo Jabagat Snr.*

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.

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,
rodney.gardiner@bigpond.com

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

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

Fair Trade Chocolate

***What comes first -
the children or the egg?***

There is a display in the church foyer listing fair trade Easter Eggs and the stores who stock them. On the table in the foyer there are postcards that can be sent to Darrell Lea stating.....

STOP THE TRAFFIK.

Trivia Night

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary

Where: Belconnen Labor Club
Date: Friday 21st April - 7.00pm
Cost: \$20 a head
Contacts: Daphne Ashley 6254 7409
Raising funds for Mental Health Rehabilitation, Therapy Dogs and Stroke Research.

Time Talent & Treasure

Please return your TTT forms by 13 April 2017. Please complete a form even if you are continuing with your ministry.

Project Compassion Boxes

Please bring your Project Compassion Box to the Mass of the Last Supper - Holy Thursday 7:00pm. They will be part of the offertory procession.

PARISH NEWS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME

SJACare coordinating group met on Friday 31 March 2017. Currently they are concentrating on formulating the *Ministry of Care* area of the ministry: *Communion to the housebound* and *Home visitation*. If you are interested in this ministry please complete a Time and Talent form.



The Parish Finance Council met on Thursday 6 April 2017. The Council approved finance to have the sewer pipes near the parish centre replaced. The renovation of the presbytery kitchen was discussed with the view that we commence obtaining quotes.



The St Joseph the Worker Group crew continued the painting of the outside of the church building this week. The church entrance is looking clean and fresh just in time for Easter. We thank this group of parishioners for their dedication and tireless work maintaining the parish plant.



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

Past COMPACTS can be obtained from the Archive page follow the steps above then click on [2017 COMPACT archive](#).

**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.**

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.



The survey that was conducted over the past three weeks regarding a proposed time change to the Vigil mass during the winter months resulted in:

60% of respondents choose 5:00pm

27% of respondents choose 6:00pm

13% of respondents choose 5:30pm

After the Vigil mass on Saturday 2 April parishioners were invited to remain behind for a conversation regarding this initiative. After some discussion a parishioner proposed that the mass time be changed to 5:00pm to commence the first week after Easter 22 April 2017. This proposal was endorsed by a show of hands. It was also proposed and agreed that this initiative would be a trial and would be evaluated at the end of winter.

Whilst this decision will not suit everyone it is a pastoral one and comes from a concern for those parishioners who find it difficult coming out during the winter months. This presents an opportunity for our community to come together to support each other in the spirit of care.

We thank everyone for their cooperation and taking the time to respond to the survey. We will endeavour over the next couple of weeks to advertise this mass time change as vigorously as possible.

Hence the Vigil mass will move to 5:00pm from 22 April 2017, reconciliation will move forward to 4:00pm – 4:30pm.

On A Lighter Note:

Changing daylight saving time:

Preacher: "For those who habitually show up 15 minutes late to church, allow me to remind you that tonight is the night you set your clock back 45 minutes."

ROSTERS

16 April Ministers of Communion

7:00pm	Easter Vigil
8:30am	Violet Duve, Jean Tierney, Fay Hodgetts, Margaret Conlon, Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Marie Flint, Colin Fox, Maida Kajic, Patrick Corr, Jenny Howarth
6:00pm	No Mass

16 April Reading Roster

7:00pm	Easter Vigil
8:30am	Bert Broekhuysen, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	No Mass

16 April Hospitality Roster

7:00pm	Easter Vigil
8:30am	Norma Sloan, Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Marie Flint
6:00pm	No Mass

Other Rosters

10 April	Altar Society: Margaret Stanford
10 April	Church Cleaning: Ted & Carol Quade
15 April	Grounds: David Pigram, Rob Caskie, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
15 April	Presbytery Cleaning: 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:

My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave
him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Mt 26:14 – 27:66

The Passion narrative, as described in the gospel of Matthew, is keen to drive home two particular points. Firstly, throughout this gospel, the gospel writer is at pains to demonstrate Jesus as fulfilling the prophecy of scripture. At the time of the arrest and the use of the thirty pieces of silver, we are reminded that these things took place to fulfil scripture. Secondly, this particular gospel emphasises the innocence of Jesus throughout the passion narrative: he is 'sold out' by one of his followers; his trial before the Sanhedrin is a farce; his most loyal follower denies association with him; Pilate declares himself innocent of Jesus' blood and the crowd accepts the consequences of their actions. At no point is any hint of guilt cast over Jesus. He is an innocent whose fate has been manipulated by others. In this gospel there is no conversation between Jesus and the criminals between whom he is crucified. There is no suggestion that Jesus too is a criminal who is deserving of his fate. His innocence is manifest.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

LIBRARY NEWS: Over the next couple of weeks we shall display books covering the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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.