

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Second Sunday of Easter Year A

23 April 2017

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**“To be on earth the Heart of God”
“For å være på jorden Guds hjerte”**

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

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 4:00pm – 4:30pm or by
appointment with the priest

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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REFLECTION

Believing is Seeing

Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as ‘Doubting Thomas’ because he wasn’t prepared to take someone else’s word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, ‘My Lord and my God!’ This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

Most of us are like Thomas and look for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. Thomas has believed because, like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples present in the room, he has seen the risen Jesus. Others – succeeding generations of believers – will not see Jesus. Unlike Thomas, they have to believe simply on the report handed down in the Church’s preaching: ‘We have seen the Lord.’

Jesus pronounces a blessing: ‘Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ Why ‘blessed’? Because from them - from us a faith greater than that of Thomas and the others will be required: the greater the faith the more scope for the power of God.

When we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof of the resurrection. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world.

Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection. The first century fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

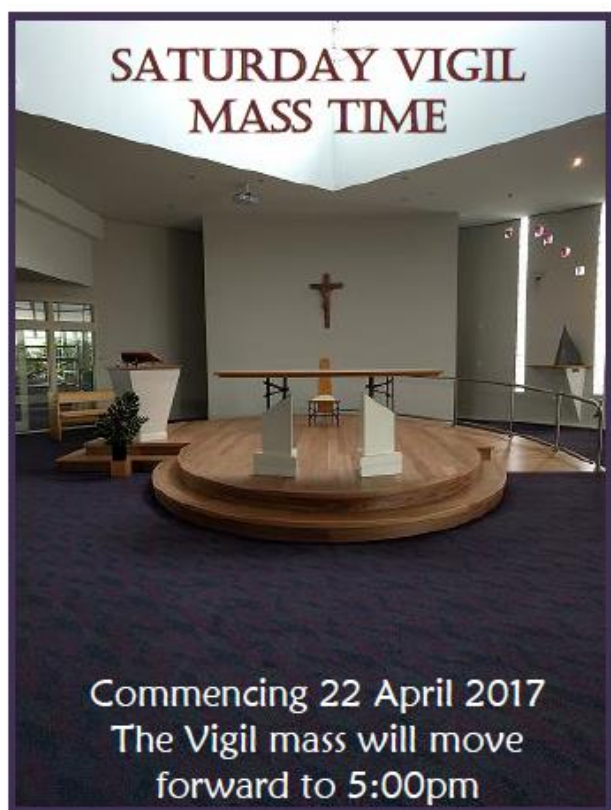
Resources used: *Reflections*, by Dianne Bergant CSS, Brendan Byrne SJ & Greg Sunter.

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

Recently Deceased:

Maria Filomena Fallace in Gallace

Anniversary: *Monique Adamik, Hannah Kennett, Joachim Tittlebach, Frederick Hayes, Michael Lowe, Vladislav (Tony) Malnar, Joseph Kowalski, Miroslav Chodora, Patricia Ticehurst, Andrea Sannazzaro, Michael Quigley, Cyril Harper, Michael Bell, Anna Rodziewicz, Ashley Johnson, Anna Clobus, Neil White, Gertrudt Harridence, John Schmich, John Braddon, John Costelloe*



This will be reviewed at the end of winter before the commencement of Daylight Saving Time.

Confessions will move to an hour
 before the Vigil Mass
 4:00pm – 4:30pm

FEPCOW Easter Raffle results

1st Prize Ticket #1366
 2nd Prize Ticket # 201
 3rd Prize Ticket # 452

The raffle made \$1,748.00. This will assist FEPCOW with its various projects. Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle. Enquiries: Eric Weinman
 Ph. 6254 9924, or 0433 532 448.

TIME & TALENT ROSTERS

There are gaps in the rosters that need to be filled. Having a full compliment of ministers for each mass helps with the smooth running of the liturgy. It also helps the Acolytes as they are not distracted from their duties to find ministers. If you have not been on a ministry before please give it your prayerful consideration our parish needs your gifts and talents.

Vigil	Ministry	Needed
	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	4
	<i>Hospitality</i>	2
	<i>Book [Piety] Store</i>	3

8:30am	Ministry	Needed
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10:00am	Ministry	Needed
	<i>Book [Piety] Store</i>	3

6:00pm	Ministry	Needed
	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	6
	<i>Hospitality</i>	5
	<i>Book [Piety] Store</i>	4

The new rosters commence on the weekend of 6/7 May.



Invitation

You are invited to
 celebrate

St Joseph the Worker Feast Day
 with members of our St Joseph the
 Worker Group.

Day: Monday
Date: 1 May 2017
Time: 9:30am mass
Followed by Morning tea in the Church Foyer

PARISH NEWS

Sacrament of Confirmation: *The children of the parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be presented to the parish at the masses on the weekend of 6/7 May. The children will hand their prayer cards to parishioners asking them to pray for them. The Sacrament will be celebrated by Fr. Anthony Percy VG on Thursday 1 June at 5:00pm.*



Good Friday Holy Places collection:

Thank you for your generosity to this appeal. We collected \$1,959.90.



ANZAC DAY Public Holiday

The office is closed for Anzac Day –
Tuesday 25 April

See the National ANZAC Day mass notice in COMPACT




CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Practice Thursdays
St John the Apostle Church at 4:00pm

We sing next: 10:00am Mass

14 May Mother's Day

COLLEGE'S OPEN DAY

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

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

Concerned Catholics

a response to the Royal Commission

A group of concerned Catholics who are seeking a way to respond to issues arising from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse are holding a public meeting to encourage public discussion.

When: Thurs, 27 April
(7pm for 7:30pm - 9:30pm)

Where: Australian Centre for
Christianity & Culture (ACCC)
15 Blackall St Barton ACT

Contact: Mark Methereil
0417 603 697

Email: concerned.catholics.cangbn@gmail.com

NATIONAL ANZAC DAY MASS

St Christopher's Cathedral

8:00am Tuesday 25 April

Celebrated by Archbishop Prowse

Please be seated by 7:45am. The Ensign Party from the Australian Defence Force Academy will enter the Cathedral before 8:00am

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*.

Over 45's will meet on **Wednesday 26 April** for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

On a Lighter Note

Ted Stin loves his work. Part of his job is to look for holes and fill them. Rearrange the letters in his name to find out his job.
(Answer: Dentist)

ROSTERS

30 April Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Daryl Smeaton, Joy McInerney, Maresa Laird, VACANT
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Carmel Screen, Janet Almond, Jean Tierney, Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Colin Fox, Anthony Noakes, Robin Williams, Bonnie Benedictos, Rosa Benedictos
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Margaret McMahon, Brian Mahony, VACANT, VACANT

30 April Reading Roster

5:00pm	Rob Caskie, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Louise Honan, Kerry Yard
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Andrew Luck

30 April Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Barbara Witzens, Marie McKie
8:30am	Margaret Ohlin, Kay Dwyer
10:00am	John Blackwell, Louise Bulfin
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

Other Rosters

24 April	Altar Society: Gabrielle Culhane
24 April	Church Cleaning: Agnes Le & Family
22 April	Grounds: VACANT
29 April	Presbytery Cleaning: Maryanne Ferguson, Margaret Sheehan, 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 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:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me,
but still believe!
Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL **Jn 20:19-31**

Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities – thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They'd gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

LIBRARY NEWS: A collection of books for meditation and quiet prayer are displayed in the library this week as a fitting continuation of the Easter season.

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.