

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Third Sunday of Easter Year A

30 April 2017

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“To be on earth the Heart of God”

地球の上に神の心を置く

Chikyū no ue ni kami no kokoro o oku

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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

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REFLECTION

Living Life in Faith

Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil.

We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith.

Christianity goes through multiple moods and feelings. Each age must struggle with its own emotions. We are trudging along the road to Emmaus. Like the two disciples, we live with crucified dreams. Aesthetically, romantically, ethically, and religiously, we are surrounded by despair and its child, cynicism.

Dreams are giving way before the caveat of the cynic; faith is daily being displaced by doubt; and perseverance and long-suffering are all but extinct in a culture and church that seeks release and enjoyment. Worst of all, there is fear, an unconscious fear whose tentacles are beginning to colour every facet of life.

Hope is still more real than death. In our hurt, we are struggling for words and grasping for trust. We need to remain on the road to Emmaus. The stranger who journeyed with the disciples still stalks that same road. In his company we need to discuss our doubts, discuss the scriptures and continually offer each other bread and consolation. At some moment too, our eyes will be opened. We will understand and we will recognize the risen Lord. Then the dream will explode anew like a flower bursting in bloom after a long winter.

Easter Sunday will happen again.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS &
On The Road To Emmaus, by Ronald Rolheiser OMI

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

Recently Deceased:

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, Lillian Boyd, Ruth Lloyd, Jack Draper, Clements Cox, Robert Griffiths, Matthew Ray, Helen Kelly, Lawrence Southwick, Andrew Harker, Jeremy Hope, Kenneth Brennan, Harrison Wroe, Krysta Lindstrom, Antonia Gladwish

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

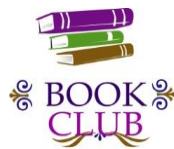
“ The Good Life”

By Hugh Mackay

Sunday 21 May - 3:00 pm

Parish Library.

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



Youth Ministry: 7 May

A group where people can explore their faith in a safe environment, share experiences, and encourage each other in their faith journey.

High school students in years 7 to 12.

**First and Third Sundays
after the 6:00pm Mass**

Contact the Parish Office
for more information

Web Page: COMPACT is accessible on the WEB go to www.stjohnkipfax.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*.

TIME & TALENT ROSTERS

There are still some vacancies in the ministries for mass. Would you please give prayerful consideration to taking up a ministry.

Our parish needs your gifts to enhance the life and ministry of the parish.

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. Eph. 4:11-13

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

8:30am	Ministry	Needed
	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	4

10:00am	Ministry	Needed
	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	2
	<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.

Weekend Funnies

A guy walks into a coffee shop and asks the waitress:



"How much is the coffee?" "Coffee is four dollars the waitress says". "How much is a refill?" the man asks. "Free," says the waitress. "Then I'll take a refill!" the man responds.

She drank so much coffee at work, she considered it part of her daily grind.

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.*



2016 Finance Audit Report: This week we received the audit report from the Archdiocesan Financial Administrator, Helen Delahunty. The audit report was very positive and the report stated - *there are not material errors in the accounts.* We thank the Archdiocesan Audit team for their generosity in taking the time to examine the parish accounts.



Concerned Catholics: A public meeting was held on Thursday 27 April to address and respond to issues arising from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. It is estimated that there were around 300 people in attendance with approximately thirty of them being St John the Apostle Parishioners. Speakers were Francis Sullivan, Kristina Keneally, & Marilyn Hatton. A follow up meeting will be held on Thursday 31 August.



CLERGY ASSEMBLY

Monday – Thursday 15 – 18 May

Fr. Gerard will be attending

**Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

REMINDER

**Saturday Vigil
Mass
is now 5:00pm**

COLLEGE OPEN DAY

ST FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE

Friday 12 May 2017

9.00am – 2.30pm

Barnard Circuit Florey – 6258 1055

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Visit www.sfx.act.edu.au

15 – May “Board Games with L’Arche Genesaret”

L’Arche Genesaret extends an invitation to their fundraising card day

Venue: Canberra Bowling Club, Forrest.

Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm.

Cost: \$25.00 includes tea, coffee, lunch, wine or juice.

Bookings: Mary 6258 1739 or
Di 6241 2658 or
Maree 6247 4002

RSVP: 8th May.

For all who are interested in playing cards, or any other board games (table of 4).

Gather a couple of friends and have a fun day out.

CES Public Forum:

Topic: “Defiant Earth: The Fate of Humans in the Anthropocene”

Speaker: Prof. Clive Hamilton

Chair: Bishop George Browning;

At: Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture,

When: 7.30 pm Wednesday 3 May

Donation: \$5. Supper provided.

ROSTERS

7 May Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Maria Catanzariti, Helen Kennedy, Debbie Milne, VACANT
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, VACANT, VACANT
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Jenny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie Benedictos, Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	James Cox, Toni Cox, Margaret Curry, Maria Devine, Anthony Dunnicliff-Hagan

7 May Reading Roster

5:00pm	Michael Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O'Heir, Violet Duve
10:00am	Robin Williams, VACANT
6:00pm	Nicole Mikkonen, Judith Deklin

7 May Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Jenny Maher
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Bryan Cowman
6:00pm	Agnes Pham

Other Rosters

1 May	Altar Society: Margaret Ferguson
1 May	Church Cleaning: Meg Millband, Sabina Van Rooy
7 May	Counting Roster: Group 1
29 April	Grounds: Barry Dwyer, Peter Onstenk, John Dudley

PARISH ACTIVITIES

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm 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 10:00am

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:

Lord, you will show us
the path of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word
plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love
when you speak.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Lk 24:13-35

The story of the road to Emmaus is a perfect model for our Christian life. It reminds us first of all that none of us walk the journey alone. Even when we don't recognise his presence, Jesus joins us in the everyday realities of life. The disciples recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread and at that moment he disappeared. The immediate reaction of the disciples might have been to dismiss the notion that Jesus had been with them as wishful thinking. However, they remind each other that their hearts had been set on fire by Jesus as he spoke to them along the road. It is an extraordinarily powerful image; to set hearts on fire. Yet, that experience is not locked in the pages of the gospel; Jesus continues to set hearts of fire, inspiring everyday people to do extraordinary things.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

LIBRARY NEWS: Another batch of books of prayers and meditations are on display this week including collections of prayers from well known saints as well as from many different religious faiths.

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.