

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

14 May 2017

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**“To be on earth the Heart of God”  
“Byt’ na zemi Srdcom Božiemu”**

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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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### Jesus is the Way

When Thomas asks, ‘we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus answers by saying, ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.’ The reader of the gospel has known this truth all along from the opening line of the gospel, ‘In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.’ Our aim, as Christian people, is to be one with God, not only by sharing in the resurrection but also in the way we live. Jesus makes clear that the way to be with God is by following his example.

Jesus states that he is the way that leads to life. Jesus’ way is the way of wisdom, the way of pondering. The way of Jesus is the way of standing amid all delight, joy, contradiction, ambiguity, division, and complexity with a heart and a faith big enough to somehow hold it all. Jesus’ way is the way of holding things.

The opposite of the way of wisdom, the way of holding things, scripture tells us, is the way of amazement. Time and time again, the crowds following Jesus are described as being amazed at what he says and does. Always they are chided for it: “Don’t be amazed!” Jesus says.

Wisdom is pondering and helplessness. We see an example of this in Mary, Jesus’ mother. She is never amazed. When others are amazed she goes off and instead, silently, ponders things in her heart.

The way of wisdom is the way of pondering, the way of holding every kind of pain, suffering, delight, and contradiction long enough until it transforms you, gestates compassion within you, and brings you to your knees in thousand surrenders. You and I are wise, and we walk the way of Jesus, when we are so stunned by it all that, in wonder, we ask: “If that is the case, who then can be saved?”

Resources used: *Gospel Reflection*, by Greg Sunter &  
*Jesus’ Way of Wisdom*, by Ronald Rolheiser OMI

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

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Kenneth Brennan, Krysta Lindstrom, Harrison Wroe, Antonia Gladwish, Kevin Crossley, Sarah Sealey, Betty Cowman, Pat McLindin Edna Hamilton, Robert Donovan, Elena D'Ambrosio, Wanda Hemult, Bryan McGurgan, Daphne Parnell, Ella Dimitres, Sandra Miniotas, Neil MacFarlane, John Loadman, Bernard Gibson, Gloria Fleming, Edward McGregor, Michael Logan, James Ohlin, Hermine Raeuscher, David Pinner, Stan Niemiec, Christopher Boydew, Gloria Harris, Suzana Katavic, Alexander Potts.

### MINISTRY FORMATION SESSIONS

*Ministers of God's Word*  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 11:30am  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10:30am

&

*Ministers of Communion*  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 11:30am  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am

Two formation sessions have been organised for the reading and communion ministries. It is essential that everyone attend one of the designated sessions for your ministry. If you are unable to attend please contact the parish office.

Mary French & Judy Netting for the Liturgy Committee. [Reading & Communion Ministries]

### 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.



*For the one who has lost a mother  
For the mother who has lost a child  
For the one who longs to be a mother  
You are not forgotten this Mother's Day  
You are in our prayers and we love you.  
For all mothers and all those who mother  
may you be blessed every day of your life.*



### Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

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

### Next gathering 21 May

*We gather for a meal, play games and share our stories. A group where young people can explore their faith in a safe environment, share experiences, and encourage each other in their faith journey.*

Contact the Parish Office  
for more information



### Pins & Needles Craft Group

Third Thursday Monthly

**Next Meeting: 18 May**

7:15pm Parish Library

**All Welcome .**

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

# PARISH NEWS

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The PPC met on Thursday 11 May. Council Members for 2017: Fr. Gerard McCormick msc Pastor, Elected Members: Leilah Ayton, Tim Gill, Carl Madsen [Chair], Dennis Puniard, Moira Sutch. Ex-officio members: Rob Breen [minutes], Stephanie Stewart [Religious Education Coordinator], Marian England [Pastoral Associate/Parish Manager & secretary to the council] The Council flagged the following ideas for further discussion.

- Explore ways of giving people the opportunity of a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.
- Explore ways of lay preaching.
- Look at ways we can welcome new parishioners.
- Plan a follow up Assembly from the February Assembly.

The next PPC meeting is 8 June 2017.



## CLERGY ASSEMBLY

Fr. Gerard will be attending the CLERGY ASSEMBLY from Monday 15 –Thursday 18 May 2017 There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday of that week.



### Sacrament of Confirmation:

*The Sacrament will be celebrated by Fr. Anthony Percy VG on Thursday 1 June at 5:00pm.*

## REMINDER

Saturday Vigil Mass  
is now 5:00pm

## Quiet Day:

*Deep Listening to the Spirit of Place*

**Date:** Saturday 27 May 2017

**Time:** 9:30am – 3:00pm

**Place:** The Pavilion, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

**Facilitator:** Sarah Bachelard

**Cost:** \$25 per person [cash on arrival]

Morning Tea provided. BYO lunch.

**RSVP:** 23 May – Alice-Anne Macnaught

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Sarah is a theologian, retreat leader and priest in Anglican Orders. She has led retreats and taught contemplative prayer nationally and internationally.

## “Board Games with L’Arche Genesaret”

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

**Venue:** Canberra Bowling Club, Forrest.

**Date:** 15 May 2017

**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:** 8<sup>th</sup> May.

## PETITION

**Open Letter to the Bishops of Australia**

*‘Please Listen and Act Now’*

*This Open Letter has been distributed to all parishes in Australia.*

The Open Letter can be signed by Australian Catholics either ONLINE - with comment - at

[www.catholicsforrenewal.org.au/OpenLetter](http://www.catholicsforrenewal.org.au/OpenLetter)

OR by signing the petition that is available in the church foyer.

## Weekend Freaky Facts



Vincent Van Gogh only sold one painting in his life and that was to his brother.

*Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.*



# ROSTERS

## 21 May Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Patrick Corr, Laurine Smeaton, Daryl Smeaton.
8:30am	Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Marie Flint, Colin Fox, Matthew Garton, Maida Kajkic, Jenny McMahon
6:00pm	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, VACANT, VACANT, VACANT

## 21 May Reading Roster

5:00pm	Rob Caskie, Judy Netting
8:30am	Bert Broekhuysse, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Matthew Toohey

## 21 May Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Mary Barrett, Lesley Givens
8:30am	Norma Sloan, Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Marie Flint
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	Pat Gilchrist
Church Cleaning:	Carol Blyth, Therese Edwards
Grounds:	David Pigram, Rob Caskie, Matthew Garton, Mike Lavis.
Counting:	Group 5

# 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 <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:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the way, the truth, and the  
life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father,  
except through me.  
Alleluia!



## GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Jn 14:1-12

*I am the way, the truth, and the life.*

The gospel readings for this week and next week shift the focus away from the resurrection and begin to set us up for the departure of Jesus from the earth – the Ascension – and the sending of the Holy Spirit – the Pentecost event. The theme of being present and being absent is very strong in this gospel. The discussion about Jesus and the Father being one is part of this theme. Jesus is God present in the world. God has come to dwell among the people. When Jesus speaks of preparing rooms in the Father's house, it is a reference to preparing the disciples to 'live' in God; to dwell in God just as God has dwelt in the people. It is the departure of Jesus from their midst and the sending of the Spirit that really prompts the disciples to act on what they had experienced while Jesus lived among them.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

**LIBRARY NEWS:** Our display of books on family relationships will continue this week. They cover all aspects of modern family including pre-marriage, marriage, child rearing and continuing spiritual growth between couples.

**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.