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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

21 May 2017

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**“To be on earth the Heart of God”
“Linel Yerkri vra sirty Astutsoy”**

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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

The Spirit of Truth

Though Jesus may no longer be physically present, the comfort and assurance his presence gave the disciples during his lifetime will continue in the presence of the Holy Spirit – dubbed ‘the Spirit of Truth’ in the sense that, in the face of constant trial and denial from the world, he will impart to the disciples a sense that what they believe and hold on to, is indeed reality in the most profound sense.

Jesus promises the disciples that he will send them an advocate. An advocate is one who lends strength and support to someone who is disempowered; it is someone who speaks the truth.

We must defend truth, defend those who cannot defend themselves, and be solid in the traditions of our own churches. But right truth and right morals don’t necessarily make us disciples of Jesus.

What makes us genuine disciples of Jesus is living inside his Spirit, the Holy Spirit. In his Epistle to the Galatians, Chapter 5, St. Paul tells us that we can live according to either the spirit of the flesh or the Holy Spirit.

We live according to the spirit of the flesh when we live in anger, bitterness, judgement of our neighbour, factionalism, and non-forgiveness. When these things characterize our lives we shouldn’t delude ourselves and think that we are living inside of the Holy Spirit.

Conversely, we live inside of the Holy Spirit when our lives are characterized by charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, longsuffering, constancy, faith, gentleness, and chastity. If these do not characterize our lives, we should not nurse the illusion that we are inside of God’s Spirit, irrespective of our passion for truth, dogma, or justice.

When the community is indeed one where love prevails, the atmosphere of love that it experiences is nothing other than a sharing in the communion of love that is the Godhead.

Resources used: Commentary, by Brendan Byrne SJ, Reflection, by Greg Sunter, Following Jesus – According to the Letter or the Spirit? By Ronald Rolheiser OMI

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

Recently Deceased: Fr. Mark McGuinness msc,
June McCall

Anniversary: Gloria Fleming,
Edward McGregor, Michael Logan, James Ohlin,
Hermine Raeuscher, David Pinner, Stan Niemiec,
Christopher Boyldew, Gloria Harris,
Suzana Katavic, Alexander Potts, Thomas Flynn,
Sofie Aver, Adena Hugo, Ruby Molloy,
Kevin McCalister, Pat Butcher, Brian Durack,
Maxwell Harmer, Beryl Moulis, Mary Clynych,
Wally Chymko, Eric Duve.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Practice Thursdays
St John the Apostle Church at 4:00pm
We sing next: 10:00am Mass
11 June 2017



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

TUES 23 May - 7:30 am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

Australian
CATHOLICS
faith and life

Winter 2017
Magazine

A Jesuit
Communications
Australia publication.

available in the church foyer.

Concerned Catholics.....follow up
from the open meeting held on 27 April 2017.
For those interested there is an article titled
The need for Catholic Church Reform written
by Mark Metherell available in the church
foyer.

Beds needed

St Vinnies is looking for single and double bed
frames or bases for a family of 8.
If you can help, contact Mike on 0419818410.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of

June McCall

Will be celebrated at 12 noon

Thursday 25 May 2017

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

*There will be a Liturgy of the Word with
Communion at the 9:30am mass on Thursday
25 May.*

St Vinnies Festival Mass

The Canberra North Region of St Vincent
de Paul Festival Mass will be celebrated on

Day: Monday
Date: & Time: 29 May – 7:00pm
Venue: St John the Apostle Kippax

All present and past members and
associates are welcome.

If you would like to learn more about St
Vinnies Conference work please come
along. More information from

Mike Blyth 0419 818 410.

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

Ph. 0414 790 201 aamacnaught@inet.net.au

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

Weekend Funnies



Harry walked over to the Priest after services,
“You know Father, I am really stuck in a quandary I
would like to attend church next week but I just can’t
miss the big game next Sunday, it’s just out of the
question.” “Oh Harry Harry” said the priest “don’t you
know? that’s what recorders are for.” Harry’s face lit
up “you mean I could record your sermon?”

PARISH NEWS

Feast of the Sacred Heart

Friday 23 June



*Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am
followed by a morning tea in the foyer.*

*Fr. Gerard will then celebrate at
St John the Apostle Primary School
Mass 11:00am*



2017 Project Compassion: St John the Apostle community donated a total of \$7550.00 to Project Compassion. On behalf of Caritas Australia we thank you for your generosity.



Sacrament of Confirmation:

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



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

National Reconciliation Week 2017 27 May – 3 June

2017 is the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum where 90% of Australians voted for removal of those clauses in our Australian Constitution that discriminated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people; and legalised the inclusion of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island brothers and sisters as citizens in the National Australian census. It is also the 25th anniversary of the Mabo judgement.

St John the Apostle Catholic Community will host Hayley Roberts who will present an overview on how to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan for our parish.

Day: & Date: Tuesday 30 May 2017
Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Venue: SAJ Parish Centre
Presenter: Hayley Roberts
Facilitated by: SJA Social Justice group

Please bring a plate for supper.
There is a display in the foyer with brochures for you to take and read.

MINISTRY FORMATION SESSIONS

Ministers of God's Word
Sunday 21st May 11:30am
Tuesday 23rd May 10:30am

&

Ministers of Communion
Tuesday 30th May 10:30am
Sunday 4th June 11:30am

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]

ROSTERS

28 May Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Judy Netting, Marie McKie, John Drury, Barbara Witrzens, Terry O'Brien
8:30am	Violet Duve, Janet Almond, Ted Kell, Clare Kell, VACANT
10:00am	Rachel Blackwell, Marissa Blackwell, John Blackwell, Robin Williams, Libby Costello
6:00pm	Margaret McMahon, Judith Deklin, Agnes Pham, VACANT, VACANT

28 May Reading Roster

5:00pm	Marie Murphy, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Louise Honan, Joe Ots
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

28 May Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Barbara Witrzens, Marie McKie
8:30am	Bert Broekhuysen, Fay Stephenson
10:00am	John Blackwell, Louise Bulfin
6:00pm	Judith Deklin

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	22 May 2017	Violet Duve
Church Cleaning:	22 May 2017	Group 7
Grounds:	27 May 2017	Group 3
Counting:	28 May 2017	Group 7

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:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Jn 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

The Greek word, *parakletos*, is translated into a number of different terms in English translations of the gospel. Its technical use was for a lawyer or attorney. However, its use in scripture is like the broader meaning of advocate that we use today: someone who stands up for another; someone who speaks up for another; someone who intercedes on behalf of another. An advocate is one who lends strength and support to someone who is disempowered. That is exactly what Jesus did for many people during his ministry and it is also what the Holy Spirit is sent to do. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

LIBRARY NEWS: For the next week we will continue with our display of books concerning pre-marriage spirituality, the ups and downs of married life and general family relationships including those between parents and children.

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.