

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

The Ascension of the Lord Year A

28 May 2017

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“To be on earth the Heart of God”
“Dlia taho, kab być na Ziamli Serca Boha”

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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 Mountain Top of Everyday Life

When I was a boy, Sir Edmund Hillary came to speak at my school. I can remember the fuss surrounding the visit of the first person to scale Mt Everest. And though there is now a school of thought that holds that he was beaten to the summit by Tenzing Norgay, his Tibetan colleague, there was an aura around this New Zealander who had been to the top of the world.

Some of my usually dour teachers were in awe of Sir Edmund. There was more than a little hero worship going on that day. Rather surprisingly in his address Sir Edmund did not say very much about his adventure to the peak. I can vividly remember him sending us out at the end of his speech to create a better world for all people everywhere. Hillary's visit to my school is not far from what happened to the disciples in today's Gospel.

Whether we realise it or not we are commissioned to go out to the world at the end of every liturgy, 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' This changes our worship. Mass, which comes from a word meaning 'to be sent', indicates that our liturgy is about celebrating what God has done in the world in and through us, and is a preparation for what God still wants to accomplish.

God, as revealed in Jesus Christ, is not distant to our lives or impervious to our needs; we believe in a Companion-God who seeks our company as much as we need his. We continue to experience the abiding presence of Christ in our daily lives.

Let us thank God for the mountain top of Christ's Ascension that lifts us up out of our everyday life to celebrate that we are creatures, not the Creator.

Resources used: Homily by Richard Leonard SJ

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

Anniversary: *Thomas Flynn, Sofie Aver, Adena Hugo, Ruby Molloiy, Kevin McCalister, Pat Butcher, Brian Durack, Maxwell Harmer, Beryl Moulis, Mary Clynych, Wally Chymko, Eric Duve, Margaret Coker-Godson, Olga Sarraan, Terry Sheppard, Roxanne Le Cornu, Mary Stinton, Stefani Seaton, Margaret Keogh, Thomas Guy, Stephen Carew, Elizabeth Strike, Jack Draper, Marie Johnson, Evelyn Weinman, Ian Cupitt, Denise Doyle*



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

Over 45's will meet on **Wednesday 31 May** 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



Faith Resources

Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn

Set Pools of Silence in this Thirsty Land



A six part DVD on Christian Meditation in the Catholic tradition featuring Fr Laurence Freeman OSB
\$18.00 – to purchase online go to the link below.
<https://www.faithresources.org.au>

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.

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.

MINISTRY FORMATION SESSIONS

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

Two formation sessions have been organised for the communion ministries. It is essential that everyone attend one of the designated sessions. If you are unable to attend please contact the parish office.
Judy Netting for the Liturgy Committee.
[Communion Ministry]

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading



"The Shipping News"

By E. Annie Proulx

Sunday 18 June - 3:00 pm
Parish Library.



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*.

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*



Sacrament of Confirmation:

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



Sacrament of the Eucharist. Formation Evening for Parents Monday 26 June 2017

7:00pm – 8:30pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

The families of children in year 3 enrolled at St John the Apostle Primary school and the families of children enrolled in the sacramental program at the Parish School of Religion have been written to regarding their children making their First Holy Communion this year. If you have a child who is not at the primary school or enrolled in the Parish School of Religion and is in year 3 or above and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion this year please contact the parish office.

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.

Weekend Funnies



An elderly woman and her little grandson, whose face was sprinkled with bright freckles, spent the day at the zoo. Lots of children were waiting in line to get their cheeks painted by a local artist who was decorating them with tiger paws. "You've got so many freckles, there's no place to paint!" a girl in the line said to the little fella. Embarrassed, the little boy dropped his head. His grandmother knelt down next to him. "I love your freckles. When I was a little girl I always wanted freckles," she said, while tracing her finger across the child's cheek. "Freckles are beautiful." The boy looked up, "Really?" "Of course," said the grandmother. "Why just name me one thing that's prettier than freckles." The little boy thought for a moment, peered intensely into his grandma's face, and softly whispered, "Wrinkles."

ROSTERS

4 June Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Debbie Milne, Joe Catanzariti, Maria Catanzariti, 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

4 June Reading Roster

5:00pm	Therese Kercher, Daryl Smeaton
8:30am	John O'Heir, Violet Duve
10:00am	Robin Williams, Vacant
6:00pm	Nicole Mikkonen, Judith Deklin

4 June 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

29 May	Altar Society:	Margaret Ferguson
29 May	Church Cleaning:	Group 9
3 June	Grounds:	Group 1
4 June	Counting:	Group 2

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:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end
of the world.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Mt 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

In both the gospel passage from Matthew and the passage from the Book of Acts, Jesus commissioned his disciples to go out to the whole world. In Matthew, it is to 'all the nations' and in Acts it is 'to the ends of the earth'. Both writers make it abundantly clear that the message of Jesus is not exclusively for the people of Israel but for all people everywhere. The message of the Ascension is a powerful one. It reminds us that Jesus, the human incarnation of God on earth, was limited to a specific time and place in history. Despite the physical limitations of his life on earth, Jesus ensured that his message and ministry would continue through those he had taught. Knowing that the disciples would need time to grieve and come to terms with all that had occurred in a relatively short space of time, Jesus promised that the Spirit would come upon them in the days to come. That visiting of the Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost was the motivation to set about doing what Jesus had charged them to do. Without the Ascension, there is no Pentecost.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

LIBRARY NEWS: Titles relating to our spiritual life are being displayed at the moment, including books by Richard Rohr and Ronald Rolheiser, - two authors familiar to many of us.

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.