

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Pentecost Sunday

Year A

4 June 2017

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“To be on earth the Heart of God”

“A fi pe pământ inima lui Dumnezeu”

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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

Busyness is the Enemy of Peace

Have you noticed how, these days when we meet someone and ask how they are, they reply, ‘busy’ or ‘frantic’ or ‘as busy as ever’. I wonder what would happen if we replied, ‘Relaxed and laid back’ or ‘taking time to smell the roses’. I don’t think we would be believed, or we might get a lecture from our friends on how lucky we are not to be busy!

As Christians we have to be careful about this busy-ness competition. Being active in our lives and engaged with the world around us is a gift, but if we are honest about our busyness, some of it is not virtuous. It’s about denial, avoidance or trying to stay up with our peer group.

In John’s account of the first Pentecost the primary gift Jesus’ Spirit bestows on the disciples is peace. Compulsive frantic activity is the enemy of peace. Christ’s gift of peace is like all the best things in life: an attitude of mind and a habit born of consistently making good choices.

Seneca, a 2nd century philosopher, noticed, even in his day, how most of his friends and acquaintances were lacking peace. He wrote a famous book on anger and how to deal with it. He especially noticed that his richest friends were the angriest of all. Seneca came to believe that the reason so many people were agitated was that they had an unreasonable expectation about how smoothly their day would go. Those who were rich thought their money would buy them an easier life in every way and so when it didn’t, they got the angriest of all.

If we really want to cultivate peace and quiet in our lives we have to confront the things we are trying to avoid or deny. Often these things hinge on painful memories or events where we were destructive toward others or they were toward us. Unless we forgive ourselves or forgive them, our busyness will ensure that we have enough clamour and activity to stay away from ugly memories.

In today’s Pentecost Gospel forgiveness is the second gift Jesus bequeaths the disciples.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ.

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Margaret Coker-Godson,
Olga Sarran, 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, John Bray, Ilona Ham,
Dorothea Guilfoyle, Elsie Dickason, Robert Scarr,
Wendy Hawes, James Webb, Ingrid Soria,
Marie Tyack, Mavis Southwick, Sheila Phillips,
George Carney, Ann Joyce, Kerry Montgomery,
Maureen Ashley, Helen Heindl,
Patricia Williamson

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

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

Next gathering 4 June

*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



CHILDREN'S CHOIR Practice Thursdays

St John the Apostle Church at 4:00pm

We sing next: 10:00am Mass
11 June 2017

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

"The Shipping News"

By E. Annie Proulx

Sunday 18 June - 3:00 pm
Parish Library.



Calling young Australians to be part of an international conversation

Pope Francis
has called
young people
to join this
inclusive

journey saying
that the Church 'wishes to listen to
your voice, your sensitivities and
your faith; even your doubts and
your criticism. Make your voice
heard, let it resonate in
communities'.



Closing date: Sun, 2nd July

Email: Synod2018@catholic.org.au

Website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey>

The Refugee Resettlement

Committee is settling a family of 8
arriving from Eretria. They are in
need a washing machine and beds
for a family of 8. Contact Sigi Kropp
kropp@netspace.net.au

Amicus: a support group for widowed,
divorced and separated Catholics will be
holding its next gathering on the **10 June**
at Conservatory Restaurant National
Arboretum meeting at 10.00am for brunch.
To join us call Patricia: 0412 351 548.

The ACU 2017 Blackfriars Lecture Series

Date: 20 June 2017

Time: Lecture from 6.00pm to 7.00pm.
5.30pm for registration and refreshments.

Where: Room 300 G23, Blackfriars Building.
Australian Catholic University

Topic: "Diversity & Empathy:
Opportunities for Leadership"

Presenter: Sally Moyle (CEO of CARE Australia).

RSVP 15 June OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au
or (02) 6209 1129.

PARISH NEWS

Sacrament of Confirmation

Thirty two of the parish children made the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 1 June. In his homily Fr. Tony Percy VG spoke with the children and told them they are on the brink of moving into their adolescent years and that the Sacrament of Confirmation could help them mature. He urged them to choose good friends and to make good choices. It was a wonderful spirit filled celebration of the sacrament.



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.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the following masses

Saturday 5 August 5:00pm

Sunday 6 August 10:00am

Saturday 12 August 5:00pm

Sunday 13 August 10:00am



Ministers of Communion

The final formation session for the communion ministry will be held on:

Sunday 4th June 11:30am

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]

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

VINNIES SLEEPOUT 22 June 2017



Support Ted Kell

To donate go to www.ceosleepout.org.au and donate with the reference Ted Kell.

Weekend Funnies



Knock, knock

Who's there?

Iva.

Iva who?

I've a sore hand

From knocking!

Knock, knock

Who's there?

Harry.

Harry who?

Harry up,

It's cold out here!

ROSTERS

11 June Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, , Fay Hodgetts Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Frank Colley, Barbara Witzens, VACANT
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck, Maria Devine, Andrew Webster, Anthony Dunnicliff-Hagan

11 June Reading Roster

5:00pm	Mary French, Tom Halloran
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Children's Mass
6:00pm	Ruth Dunnicliff-Hagan, Brian Mahony

11 June Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Michael Horan, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	David Mather, Therese Mather
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer

Other Rosters

5 June	Altar Society: Pauline O'Gorman
5 June	Church Cleaning: Group 2
10 June	Grounds: Group 2
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:

Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts
of your faithful and kindle in
them the fire of your love.
Alleluia



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Jn. 20:19-23

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

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.

LIBRARY NEWS: Three books by Richard Rohr are among those displayed this week – “Near occasions of grace”, “Hope against darkness: the transforming vision of St Francis in an age of anxiety” and, “Simplicity: the freedom of letting go.”