

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### The Most Holy Trinity Year A

11 June 2017

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**“To be on earth the Heart of God”**  
**Esse nantu a Terra a piazza di Diu**

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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

### Trinitarian Flow

Niels Bohr, the Danish physicist who was a major contributor to quantum physics and nuclear fission, said the universe is “not only stranger than we think, but stranger than we can think.” Our supposed logic has to break down before we can comprehend the nature of the universe and the bare beginnings of the nature of God. I think the doctrine of the Trinity is saying the same thing.

We’ve had the doctrine of the Trinity described for us since the fourth century, but we have barely begun to draw out the wonderful implications. For Christians, the shape of God is Trinity—mutual emptying and infilling, and infinitely so.

If God wants to get through to us, and the Trinitarian Flow wants to come alive in us, that’s when God has the best chance. God is not only stranger than we think, but stranger than the logical mind can think. Perhaps much of the weakness of the first two thousand years of reflection on the Trinity, and many of our doctrines and dogmas, is that we’ve tried to do it with a logical mind instead of with prayer.

Good theology is important. Your image of God creates you. You become the God you worship. If your God is an eternal torturer, then torture is validated. If God is presented in the image of a king, then we’ll all want to be kings. If God is Trinity—love and relationality—that creates a very different kind of humanity. It leads us to a different worldview, sociology, politics, and sense of belonging and purpose. Anthropologist David Buchdahl writes: “A change in the conception of God is a cultural event of some magnitude, especially because the character of a culture is heavily influenced by the notion of God that predominates within it.”

The belief in God as a Trinity is saying God is more an active verb than a stable noun. You know it in the flow of life itself.

Resources used: *Trinity*, by Richard Rohr

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

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversary:** 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, Francis Quinn,  
John McAppian, Christopher Robinson,  
Vivienne Thompson, Lucy Wilcott, Robert Cocks,  
Joan Loughry, June Henshaw, Adrian Uhr,  
Giovanni Scalora

**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](mailto:Synod2018@catholic.org.au)

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

**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](mailto:OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au)  
or (02) 6209 1129.

**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](mailto:kropp@netspace.net.au)



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

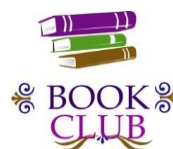
**SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB**

We are reading  
**"The Shipping News"**

By E. Annie Proulx

Sunday 18 June - 3:00 pm

Parish Library.



**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

# PARISH NEWS

## **National Reconciliation Week**

**[NRW]** is held annually from 27 May – 3 June. These dates mark two milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey: The 1967 referendum was held on 27 May 1967 and the historic Mabo decision was made on 3 June 1992.

This year our parish held a meeting on Tuesday 30 May with a view to developing a Reconciliation Action Plan [RAP]. The meeting talked about the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart long history and connection with the Aboriginal people particularly in the Northern Territory. One of the initiatives put forward at the meeting as part of the SJARAP is to give the parish a sacred Aboriginal name in addition to our patron saint name of St John the Apostle..

The Pastoral Council at its meeting of 8 June endorsed this initiative to develop a RAP for the parish. The RAP is now in its development stage and we will keep you informed of its progress.



## **The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:**

Friday 30 June after 9:30am Mass.  
The sacrament reminds us that God wants to give comfort to the suffering and wants us to relieve suffering where we can.



## **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

## **National Church Life Survey**

In November 2016 our parish participated in the NCLS. We have now received the summary profile of our parish and over the next few weeks we will bring you some of the results.

### **Church life Profile**

*The people of this parish most value:*

Celebrating the Eucharist	64%
Sermons and homilies	38%
Wider community care or social justice issues	33%
Openness to social or cultural diversity	27%

**Thank you** to everyone, especially Fr. Gerard and Violet Duvé for their prayers and support during my recent surgery.  
With grateful thanks Norma Sloan



## **WANTED – Room to rent**

A young female parishioner is looking for a room to rent.

Contact Petrolina 0470 186 840

## **VINNIES SLEEPOUT 22 June 2017**



## **Support Ted Kell**

To donate go to [www.ceosleepout.org.au](http://www.ceosleepout.org.au) and donate with the reference Ted Kell.

## **Weekend Funnies**



Q: I'm full of keys but I can't open any door.  
What am I?  
A piano.

Q: What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive?  
A glove.



# ROSTERS

## 18 June 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, Maida Kajkic, Jenny McMahon, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, Matthew Garton, VACANT, VACANT

## 18 June Reading Roster

5:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30am	Bert Broekhuysen, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Matthew Toohey

## 18 June 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:	12 June	Margaret Stanford
Grounds:	17 June	Group 2
Counting:	18 June	Group 4

Church Cleaning:	Group 4
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# 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:

Glory and praise for ever!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory to the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and  
who is to come.

Alleluia!



## GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Jn. 3:16-18

*God sent his Son to save the world through him.*

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost – both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. At no point in the New Testament is the term 'Trinity' used. That understanding of the nature of God came much later.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

**LIBRARY NEWS:** Among the books on spirituality on display at the moment are "Wonder – a way to God" and "Care on the soul – a guide to cultivating depth and sacredness in everyday life"

**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.