

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Third Sunday of Advent Year B

17 December 2017

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“To be on earth the Heart of God”

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am



Hearing Loop: - in the body of the church.

LITURGIES

Liturgy of the Word with Communion: Tues 9:30am

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sun during
10:00am Mass

Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm or by
appointment with the priest

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REFLECTION

Living in Joy – Transforming Pain

Paul urges the Thessalonians to be unceasing in rejoicing, prayer, and thanksgiving. He does not overlook the realities of suffering in life, nor does he advocate a false sense of happiness that simply refuses to let in anything that is painful.

Spirituality is always eventually about what you do with your pain. It seems our culture has lost its own spiritual foundation and centre, and as a result we no longer know what to do with universal pain. If we do not transform our pain, we will always transmit it--to our partner, our spouse, our children, our friends, our co-workers, our "enemies." Usually we project it outward and blame someone else for causing our pain. Playing the victim is a way to deal with pain indirectly. You blame someone else, and your pain becomes your personal ticket to power because it gives you a false sense of moral superiority and having been offended.

The message of the crucified Jesus is a statement about what to do with your pain. It's primarily a message of transformation, and not a transaction to "open the gates of heaven". For some unfortunate reason Christians have usually "used" Jesus as a mere problem solver, one who would keep us personally from pain later. The crucified and resurrected Jesus shows us how to transform pain without denying, blaming, or projecting it elsewhere.

The joy that St Paul urges is the joy that comes from knowing that in Christ's resurrection, even death itself has been overcome. He encourages the Thessalonians to give full rein to the gifts of the spirit, while discerning what is genuinely of God and what is not. He prays for their holiness and then assures them of God's faithfulness to the promises of salvation made to them.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS &
Transforming Our Pain, by Richard Rohr OFM

Advent Meditations

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my saviour.</i>	<i>Come, O Lord, do not delay; forgive the sins of your people.</i>	<i>I am the LORD, there is no other. Turn to me and be safe.</i>	Our God is in a relationship with us that is faithful, forgiving, healing. Let us accept it, surrender to its power.	Jesus is the Light that shines in the midst of any darkness and witnesses to us that he is being sent to us by his heavenly Father.

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you for the generous response to the Appeal and hamper donations to date.

Reminder: please return unwrapped toys and food to the Parish office during the week or at mass services this weekend 17 December 2017.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

The Bookclub is taking a break in December and resuming on 21st January. New members are always most welcome.

We are reading

“The Tea Gardens” By Fiona McIntosh
Sunday 21 January - 3:00 pm
Parish Library.



Pins & Needles Craft Group



Third Thursday Monthly
Next Meeting: 21 December
7:15pm Parish Library

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast is:



Tuesday 19 December 7:30 am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

invites you and your friends to

*THE 11th ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE
PRAYER VIGIL*

Where: St Michael's Church
Address: 2 Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen ACT
Date: Sunday 31st December 2017
Time: 8.30pm

Exposition from 8.30pm until 11.45pm
followed by Midnight Mass.

For further inquiries:-

Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn 6254 6202

NEW PARISHIONER BOOK

If you are newly arrived in the parish you are invited to enter your name and contact details in the new parishioner book. The book is on a table in the foyer. Thank you.

Book for Sale: “Dare to Dream” is a book written by parishioner Paul Maggs.

Proceeds of sales will

RAISE FUNDS FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS:

The price of the book is \$15.00. The profits from the sale of this book will be donated to Monivae College, Hamilton for the education of indigenous students from the Northern Territory. The book is available in the parish bookstore.

ADVENT SECOND RITE RECONCILIATION

7:30pm Tuesday 19th Dec Charnwood

PARISH NEWS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS PRACTICE FOR THE NATIVITY

Tuesday 19 December -

3:00pm Parish Church

If your child would like to be involved in the nativity reflection, please come to this practice.



The Fourth Sunday of Advent SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER

Mass will be celebrated
Saturday 23rd Dec 6:00pm
Sunday 24th Dec 8:30am
10:00am

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24 December

6:00pm Children's Mass

9:00pm (Carols start at 8.30pm)

Midnight (Carols start at 11:30pm)

Christmas Day

Monday 25 December

(one mass only)

9:00am

No evening mass

CHRISTMAS MASSES - HOSPITALITY

Thank you to those parishioners who have offered to be part of the Hospitality Ministry.

The Liturgy Team are seeking more parishioners to be part of the Hospitality Ministry and act as ushers during the Christmas Masses. Please contact the parish office if you would like to be involved in this ministry.

The Parish Office will be closed from noon on Friday 22nd December and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January.

Heart Spirituality

Jesus' plan in coming among us

What does our divine Saviour want in coming among us?

To be born anew in our hearts!

In other words,

He wanted to make us live with his life,
To communicate his Spirit;

He wanted to give us his Heart,
with all the treasures it contains,
and to transmit into us

all the sentiments that animate it.

Let us prepare ourselves therefore
to receive such great gifts.

Let us turn to our Saviour and say:
Come, Lord Jesus!

Come and be born in our souls:
establish there the kingdom of
your love.

We want only your Sacred Heart to
rule over us.

You will be our light, our strength,
our guide and our support.

We shall follow the law of your Heart,
and submit to your reign for ever.

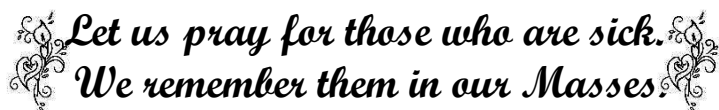
Meditations Jules Chevalier 1892

**May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
everywhere loved.....forever!**

Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church. The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact the Tribunal on 6239 9813 or email tribunal@cg.org.au.

All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal.



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Amy Carney, Edward Clifford,
John MacKay, Marie Cody, Robert Carew,
William Roots, Christopher Fitzsimon,
Kathleen Edmunds, Anne Hudson, Michael Devlin,
Patrick Laverty, Paul MacKenzie, Louise Ball,
Geoffrey Walsh, Elana Powell, Jarrod Smith,
Dora Roberts, Luis Soria, Cora Newman,
Ellen Ottewill, Yvonne Williamson, Ted Murphy,
Michael Costelloe, Walter Hawkins

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
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm
Children's Choir	Thursday 4:00 – 5:00pm

SOCIAL LIFE

Coffee Club	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
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre

School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term
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LIBRARY NEWS: "A way to the heart of Christmas", "The First Christmas; what really happened?" and, "Biblical meditations for Advent and the Christmas season" are three of the books currently on display.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

My soul rejoices in my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring
Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Readings –24 December 2017

First Reading	2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16
Psalm	Ps. 88:2-5. 27. 29
Second Reading	Rom. 16:25-27
Gospel	Luke 1:26-38

24 Dec Reading Roster

6:00pm	Rob Caskie, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Louise Honan, Joe Ots
6:00pm	CHRISTMAS EVE – Childrens mass

24 Dec Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Marie McKie, John Drury, Barbara Witzens, Terry O'Brien, Margaret McMahon
8:30am	Violet Duve, Janet Almond, Ted & Clare Kell, VACANT
10:00am	Robin Williams, Libby Costello, Rachel, Marissa & John Blackwell
6:00pm	CHRISTMAS EVE – Childrens mass

24 Dec Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Barbara Witzens, Marie McKie
8:30am	Margaret Ohlin
10:00am	John Blackwell, Louise Bulfin
6:00pm	CHRISTMAS EVE – Childrens mass

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	18 Dec	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds:	23 Dec	Group 4
Counting:	24 Dec	Group 9

Church Cleaning: 18 Dec	John & Jenny Maher
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On a Lighter note

What is the difference between a school boy studying and a farmer watching his cattle?

Answer: One is stocking his mind, while the other is minding his stock.