

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A

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“To be on earth the Heart of God”

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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

We are in Communion

St Paul states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ.

You're not here to save your soul. That's already been done once and for all—in Christ, through Christ, with Christ, and as Christ (see Ephesians 1:3-14). By God's love, mercy, and grace, we are already the Body of Christ: the one universal body that has existed since the beginning of time. You and I are here for just a few decades, dancing on the stage of life, perhaps taking our autonomous self far too seriously.

An autonomous Christian is as impossible as an independent arm or leg. Arms and legs exist only as parts. No single one of us is the whole Christ, and “the eye cannot say to the hand, I do not need you” (1 Corinthians 12:21). Believers exist as parts of the whole, the Body of Christ. Their very existence is an objective, shared state that Paul calls love or living “in Christ.”

You don't have to worry about your little private, separate, insecure self. Prayer helps you rediscover your inherent union and learn how to abide in Presence, trusting that you are already good and safe in God. I am one with you and you are one with your neighbour and you are one with God. That's the Gospel! That's the whole point of communion or Eucharist; we partake of the bread and the wine until it convinces us that *we are in communion*.

The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.

Resources used: Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS & Already in Union by Richard Rohr

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: *Francis Quinn, John McAppian, Christopher Robinson, Vivienne Thompson, Lucy Wilcott, Robert Cocks, Joan Loughry, June Henshaw, Adrian Uhr, Giovanni Scalora, Jason Murray, Arthur Yea, Kevin Maloney, Suzie Katavic, Nathan Jones, Daniel O'Connor, Eileen Schmich, John Lazaro, Mildred Holland, William Edmunds, Rohan Murphy, Norah Keneally, Rebecca Malone, Jan McDonough, Stanley Howell, Narelle Karling, Lynne Williman.*

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.

WANTED – Room to rent

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

Contact Petrolina 0470 186 840

Apostleship of the Sea Supporting Seafarers

Sea Sunday Appeal 9 July 2017

This year's theme is 'In the midst of the storm', highlighting the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans. There will be a leaving collection the weekend of 8/9 July for this appeal.



**ST JOHN THE APOSTLE
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB**

The next breakfast is:

TUES 27 June - 7:30 am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

Sacrament of the Eucharist

Formation Evening for Parents
Monday 26 June 2017
7:00pm – 8:30pm
St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Refugee Week 18 – 24 June 2017

Refugee Week is Australia's peak annual activity to raise awareness about the issues affecting refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society.

The theme for Refugee Week for 2015 to 2017 is "With courage let us all combine". Taken from the second verse of the national anthem, the theme celebrates the courage of refugees and of people who speak out against persecution and injustice. It serves as a call for unity and for positive action, encouraging Australians to improve our nation's welcome for refugees and to acknowledge the skills and energy refugees bring to their new home.

It takes courage to be a refugee: As people who have faced persecution because of who they are refugees need courage:

- The courage not to deny identity or beliefs in the face of persecution.
- The courage to leave all that is familiar and step into the unknown in search of peace.
- The courage to keep going in the face of devastating loss, difficulty and despair.
- The courage to begin again, to work hard and to maintain hope in an unfamiliar land.

<http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/refugee-week/>

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>



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 want to give attention to:

Building a strong sense of community	38%
Supporting Social Justice and aid	25%
Liturgies that are nurturing to people's faith	25%
Ensuring new people are included	23%

MINISTRY FORMATION SESSIONS

*Ministers of God's Word
&
Ministers of Communion*

Tuesday 20th June 10:15am
Sunday 26th June 11:30am

Thank you to all who attended the recent training sessions for these ministries and to those who raised some issues which will be discussed at the next Liturgy Group Meeting.

It is a requirement that members of these ministries attend the training sessions when they are offered. To that end, another two dates are being offered so that those who were not free then, may attend these next sessions. There will be a joint education session and then groups will divide for specific information pertaining to their ministry.

Mary French & Judy Netting for the Liturgy Committee. [Reading & Communion Ministries]

LIBRARY NEWS: "The importance of being foolish: how to think like Jesus", "Saturday reflections on spirituality and meaning in everyday life", "Servants and leaders: eminent Christians in their own words" are some of the books on display this week.

Feast of the Sacred Heart Friday 23 June



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

Please bring a plate.

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.

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.

Weekend Funnies

Q: A man was outside taking a walk, when it started to rain. The man didn't have an umbrella and he wasn't wearing a hat. His clothes got soaked, yet not a single hair on his head got wet. How could this happen?

A: The man was bald.

ROSTERS

25 June 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	Robin Williams, Libby Costello, John Blackwell, Rachel Blackwell, Marissa Blackwell
6:00pm	Margaret McMahon, Judith Deklin, Agnes Pham, VACANT, VACANT

25 June Reading Roster

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

25 June Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Barbara Witrzens, Marie McKie
8:30am	Margaret Ohlin
10:00am	John Blackwell, Louise Bulfin
6:00pm	Judith Deklin

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	19 June	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds:	24 June	Group 4
Counting:	25 June	Group 8

Church Cleaning:	John & Jenny Maher
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PARISH ACTIVITIES

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer:	Thursday 7:30pm
Maida: 0423 658 326	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:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord; whoever eats this
bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Jn. 6:51-58

The gospel passage comes from the 6th chapter of the gospel of John in which the gospel writer has Jesus deliver an extended discourse on the image of himself as the Bread of Life. This passage comes from the end of that discourse and, in this relatively short passage, Jesus repeatedly demands that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. It is through these actions that his followers will share in eternal life. Jesus says that whoever does this will live in him and he will live in them. That is one of the fundamental beliefs about the Eucharist. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist we become what we receive – we become Christ's body in the world. When Jesus called his disciples, he called them to be like himself. He reissues that call to be like him every time we receive his body and blood in Eucharist.

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.