

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

2 July 2017

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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

Hospitality

“In our world full of strangers, estranged from their own past, culture and country, from their neighbours, friends and family, from their deepest self and their God, we witness a painful search for a hospitable place where life can be lived without fear and where community can be found.

Our society seems to be increasingly full of fearful, defensive, aggressive people anxiously clinging to their property and inclined to look at their surrounding world with suspicion, always expecting an enemy to suddenly appear, intrude and do harm.

Hospitality, therefore, means primarily the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines. It is not to lead our neighbour into a corner where there are no alternatives left, but to open a wide spectrum of options for choice and commitment.

The paradox of hospitality is that it wants to create emptiness, not a fearful emptiness, but a friendly emptiness where strangers can enter and discover themselves as created free; free to sing their own songs, speak their own languages, dance their own dances; free also to leave and follow their own vocations. Hospitality is not a subtle invitation to adopt the life of the host, but the gift of a chance for the guest to find his own.

Empty space tends to create fear. As long as our minds, hearts and hands are occupied we can avoid confronting the painful questions, to which we never gave much attention and which we do not want to surface.

Resources used: Henri Nouwen in the chapter “Creating Space for Strangers” in *Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life*

Let us pray for those who are sick.

We remember them in our Masses.

Anniversary:

Anniversary: Philip Connolly, Daniel Worner, Catherine Farrugia, Gilbert Hall, Patrick Salmon, Jean Irvine, Jack Synnott, Elizabeth Dennison, John O'Brien, Steven Argy, Rosalie Callaghan, Constance Crowe, Gertrude Czarnik, Conner Cooke, Anne Patterson, Mary Ryann, Christopher Davis, Josephine Allester, Mollie Paterson, Marie Richards, Chris Penders, Laurence Swift, Linda Dawson, Victoria Norton, Bede Stinson, Lionel Carberry, Jan Kurznski, Catherine Raadts, Josephine O'Kane, Gayle McGoogan, Veronica Hannah, David Leonard, Paul Kurylowicz.

St Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will be held in the parish on the weekend of 22-23 July. Thank you for your support over the past year. A tough year looms for those on low fixed incomes facing rising costs, especially for energy. Your continuing support is needed and appreciated. Contact Mike Blyth 041981841.



Parish Centre Facilities

Currently the parish centre does not have a cleaning roster and is cleaned on an ad hoc basis. It would help if the centre had a good clean once a month. An idea has been put forward that perhaps some of the different groups in the parish might volunteer to clean the centre. Please contact the parish office.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading
"The Children Act"

By Ian McEwan

Sunday 16 July - 3:00 pm
Parish Library.



July Baptisms

We welcome into our community:



Kayden and Set Whitford
Sons of Renee & Raymond;
Luke Maguire,
Son of Alicia and Mark;
Elijah Ciubal,
Son of Mila and Edmar;
Emily Pinkerton,
Daughter of Lauren and Jamie;
Ruby and Hazel Houghey,
Daughters of Kate and Regan;
June Kanowski,
Daughter of Katie and Ben;
Emmanuel Deklin,
Son of Judith

**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.

**BLESSED PETER TO ROT
Feast day Celebration Mass**

When: Saturday 8 July

Time: 11:00am

Venue: St John the Apostle Kippax

Followed by PNG feast in the parish centre

Contact: Francesca Deklin 0437 405 052



CHOIR PRACTICE

6 July 2017

Thursdays Weekly

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Parish Church

The Children's Choir sings at the 10:00am Mass on the second Sunday of the month. Contact the Parish Office on 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au for more information.

PARISH NEWS

First Holy Communion:

A Formation session for parents was held on Monday 26 June. There are 36 children preparing to receive the sacrament for the first time. Would you please keep these children and their families in your prayers.



Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

will be celebrated on the last Friday of each month after the 9:30am mass.

Next anointing will be 28 July 2017.
The first grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age. This grace is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who renews trust and faith in God.



National Church Life Survey

Of the people who completed the survey.....

The average age of people is 63 years

- 64% Of all people were born in Australia.
- 36% Were born overseas.
- 26% Speak a language other than English at home.
- 19% Of attenders here are new arrivals to this parish in the past five years.
- 95% Attend Mass at least monthly.



PLANNED GIVING

Envelopes for the 2017-2018 planned giving year are available on the table in the church foyer. Planned Giving tax receipts for the 2016-2017 financial year will be emailed to givers the week commencing 3 July 2017



Ted Kell participated in the VINNIES SLEEPOUT 22 June 2017

Donations can be made until the end of July
To donate go to www.ceosleepout.org.au and donate with the reference Ted Kell.

2016 Archbishop's Christmas Appeal Response

Archbishop Christopher extends thanks to all parishioners for the contributions made to the 2016 Christmas Appeal.

The appeal raised \$64,078.50.

- \$10,000 has been given to the NCCA's Christmas Bowl Appeal and to assist the Diocese of Wilcannia Forbes.
- \$20,000 has been given to assist the Diocese of Otukpo, Nigeria.
- \$19,000 to further assist the Diocesan Seminary in the Diocese of Tagbilaran, Philippines.
- \$5,078.50 towards providing safe and accessible water to the communities of Hera and Kasait in Timor Leste

Trivia Night"

Supporting Karinya House

Home for Mothers and Babies Inc.

Where: St Christopher's Parish Hall
Day & Date: Friday 18 August
Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Cost: \$15 single and \$30 a family.
Contact: Cathedral Parish 62345546
or cathedral@cg.org.au

Pope Francis wants to hear from the Youth of Australia



Survey: Closing date: Sun, 2nd July
https://acu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d0BPjwR6ps7KXIN
Email: Synod2018@catholic.org.au
Website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey>

PARISHIONER DATA UPDATE:
If you have changed your contact details would you please advise the parish office.

Web Page: COMPACT is accessible on the WEB go to www.stjohnkipfax.org.au click on the tab *Parish News* and then *Weekly Bulletin*.

ROSTERS

9 July 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, Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Webster, Maria Devine Andrew Luck, Anthony Dunnicliff-Hagan

9 July Reading Roster

5:00pm	Mary French, Tom Halloran
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejer, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	CHILDREN'S MASS
6:00pm	Ruth Dunnicliff-Hagan, Brian Mahony

9 July Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Michael Horan, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Violet Duve, Jean Tierney
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	3 July	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds:	8 July	Group 2
Counting:	9 July	Group 3
Church Cleaning:	Sabina Van Rooy	

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:

Forever I will sing the goodness
of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of
darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Mt 10:37-42

Jesus says, 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water' to a disciple spreading the gospel, then their ultimate reward is assured. To give 'a cup of cold water' or 'a cold drink' to another person was the most basic act of hospitality or service. It is a metaphor for doing the absolute least service to another. Jesus is saying that even the most trivial act of service that recognises the work of the disciple will be welcomed and acknowledged. It suggests that 'practical loving kindness' is both the test and the result of discipleship.

What must it have been like to be one of those disciples of Jesus? Having followed their Rabbi, or teacher, for some time, he sends them out to 'have a go' at doing what he has been doing: preaching; proclaiming the good news; healing; curing lepers and casting out demons. The focus of a disciple is to be like their Rabbi. This is their first real test of being a disciple ... seeking to go out into the world without Jesus and do the things that they've seen their Rabbi do; to be like their Rabbi!

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

LIBRARY NEWS: This week we are displaying some of our books on marriage and family life including, "The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia) by Pope Francis.

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.