

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

9 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

Make a place for God in Your Life

Jesus invites us to shoulder his yoke and learn from him for he is gentle and humble in heart. The yoke he invites us to shoulder is the deceptively simple teaching: love God and love your neighbour. To love God is to consciously make a place in our lives for God. The busy spin that tends to be characteristic of so many people's lives today does not allow room for God; does not allow room for prayer and quiet; does not allow room for compassionate response to others.

The wisdom Jesus offers contradicts the wisdom of the world which is why the learned and clever cannot accept it but those with childlike simplicity of heart can. Jesus has a vision of what is essential that cuts through the many false complexities that life suggests as ways to find meaning – busyness, wealth, power, having more of everything. The soul finds no rest in such things.

Intelligence and learning are good things. So why is being “intelligent and clever” something that can work against our understanding of the deeper secrets within life and faith?

The fault is not with intelligence and learning, but in what they can inadvertently do to us. Intelligence and learning often have the unintended effect of undermining what's childlike in us, that is, the very strength that they bring into our lives can allow us to unconsciously claim a superiority and have us believe that, given our intelligence, we have both the need and the right to isolate ourselves from others in ways that the natural neediness of children does not permit them to do. Children are not self-sufficient even though they fiercely want to be. They need others and they know it. Consequently they more naturally reach out and take someone's hand. They don't have the luxury of self-sufficiency.

To love God and love our neighbour we must first make room for them.

Resources used: Reflection, Greg Sunter, Commentary, Mary Coloe, & Things Hidden from the Learned and the Clever by Ronald Rolheiser OMI

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

Recently Deceased:

John McEnaney (husband of Joan)

Anniversary: *Mary Ryan, 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, Mona Castle, Paul Kurylowicz, Stephen Carson, Stephen Gorst, Leo Williams, Naomi Slater, Rudi Weiss, Joseph Myatt, Rita Riddle, Isabella Backhaus, Gwendoline White, Sheila Marshall, James Patterson, Queenie Solomonsz, Mary Mules, Maria Pedic Thomas Pinner.*

Things to do in the School Holidays

Dinosaurs in the Gardens: Step back in time at the Australian National Botanic Gardens and become an intrepid explorer when the dinosaurs visit the Gardens. Dinosaur herds, ancient petrified wood, living fossil plants and flying winged creatures will be on display throughout the Gardens.

Discover some dinosaur-some activities at the Visitor Centre then set off on your adventure by following the dinosaur footprints around the Gardens during the school holidays.

Date & time: 1 July 16 July, 9:30am - 4:30pm

Where: Australian National Botanic Gardens

Costs: Free entry

For added excitement take your adventure after dark with one of our dino stampede public open nights when the Gardens will be illuminated and the dinosaurs more menacing!
For these dates..... **Contact: Ph 6250 9505 or events@anbg.gov.au**

LIBRARY NEWS: "Man and woman, He made them", "Christian marriage", "Educational guidelines in human love" and "Commitment to partnership – explorations of the theology of marriage" are some of the titles on display this week.

St Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul 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.



FUNERAL NOTICE

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of

John McEnaney

Will be celebrated at 11am

Thursday 13 July 2017

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

MASS - Thursday 13 July 9:30AM will be
a Liturgy of the Word with Communion.

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.



CHOIR PRACTICE

13 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.

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

PARISH NEWS



PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving tax receipts for the 2016-2017 financial year have been emailed to givers during week. If you did not receive your receipt or do not have email please contact the parish office.



First Holy Communion:

Please hold the children who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion in August 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.



PARISHIONER DATA UPDATE:

An easy and cost effective way for the parish office to communicate with parishioners is through email and SMS. If you are unsure if we have your details or you have changed any of your details would you please advise the parish office. *Thank you.*

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.

Apostleship of the Sea Seafarers Sunday 9 July 2017 Leaving Collection this weekend

This year's theme is '*In the midst of the storm*', highlighting the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans.

The purpose of the Apostleship of the Sea is to care for the Spiritual, Social, and Material welfare of all Seafarers without distinction of colour, race or creed:

SPIRITUAL – Inspired by our Catholic faith and respecting the beliefs and practices of all seafarers, we nourish their spiritual lives by being Christ for them and finding Christ in them.

SOCIAL – Concerned for the social well-being of seafarers, we provide internet and telecommunications facilities, to allow them to keep in contact with their families, and recreational activities promoting their mental and physical health.

MATERIAL – Committed to social justice for all and believing in the dignity of the human person, we support seafarers in their right to fair remuneration, appropriate on board accommodation, safe working conditions and non-discriminatory treatment by advocacy and working with other organisations. As a missionary work, it serves ALL seafarers:

Remember always to welcome a Stranger, for by doing this, some people have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13.2)

Ignite Youth Conference

COME and see the wonders of God ps.66:5

21-24 September 2017

Is a national Catholic youth conference held in Brisbane, for adults, students, kids, ministry leaders, teachers, priests and religious.

www.igniteconference.com.au/come

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

ROSTERS

16 July 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	Mare Flint, Colin Fox, Maida Kajkic, Jenny McMahon, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, Matthew Garton, VACANT, VACANT

16 July Reading Roster

5:00pm	Jim Jones, Mindalesia Jones
8:30am	Bert Broekhuysen, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Matthew Toohey

16 July 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:	10 July 2017	
Church Cleaning:	10 July 2017	Group
Grounds:	15 July 2017	Group
Counting:	16 July 2017	Group

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:

I will praise your name forever,
my king and my God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia.



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Mt 11:25-30

In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder *my* yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus was easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 *mitzvot* (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke. Education in Galilee at the time of Jesus was highly valued. From the age of five, all boys and girls studied to memorise in totality the five books of the Torah (the first five books of the Bible). This period of study was called *Beth Sefer*. From about 10-14 they continued studying and memorising the remaining books of scripture (*Beth Talmud*). From about 14 or 15, only the very best students would enter *Beth Midrash* and apply to a rabbi to become his *talmid* – disciple – and seek to take on that rabbi's yoke.

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.