

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

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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

Receptivity can lead to Transformation

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas.

By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive?: To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community.

Scripture and Tradition can be seen as sources of outer authority, while your personal experience is your inner authority. You need and can have both. Both Scripture and Tradition help name and validate your inner experience. Only when inner and outer authority come together do we have true spiritual wisdom. Christianity in most of its history has largely relied upon outer authority.

Information from outer authority is not necessarily transformation, and we need genuinely transformed people today, not just people with answers.

Prayer is an invitation to inner experience. When spiritual teachers invite you to “pray,” they are in effect saying, “Go inside and know for yourself!”

My dear friend, Father Thomas Keating writes: *The chief thing that separates us from God is the thought that we are separated from Him. If we get rid of that thought, our troubles will be greatly reduced. We fail to believe that we are always with God and that He is part of every reality. The present moment, every object we see, our inmost nature are all rooted in Him. But we hesitate to believe this until our personal experience gives us confidence to believe in it.*

God’s word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS & *Inner Authority*, by Richard Rohr

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

Recently Deceased: Joan Ferguson (*mother of Betty, Maryanne and Margaret*)

Anniversary: 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, Czeslaw Kowalski, Wallace Johnson, Dianne Fraser, Darryl Bremer, Frank Sculthorpe, Donald Briggs, Valentini Vratovic, Therese Van Der Vliet, Carol Thompson, Betty Coughlin, Daniel Keneally, Jillian McInerney, Adrina Dudok, June Traynor.

LIBRARY NEWS: Picking up the pieces: helping young people cope with divorce and stepfamilies”, “By love refined: letters to a young bride”, and “The truth and meaning of human sexuality” are some of the books displayed this week.

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

**The Getting of Wisdom:
A Private Faith, A Public Christian**

Presenter: Kristina Keneally
Day & Date: Thursday 17 August
Time: 6 for 6.30pm
Cost: \$50 per person for a three course meal
Where: Bella Vista Restaurant Belconnen
Chair: Bishop George Browning.
Payments can be made by depositing funds with “Christians for an Ethical Society”, BSB 805-022, Account 03310199. Reference with “your surname Dinner”. Contact: admin@ces.org.au.

We Who are Church

*We pray for ourselves, we who are church:
That we humbly acknowledge the wound of abuse;
That we resurrect a community of radical love,
inclusiveness and solidarity;
That we become an oasis for the weary and
downtrodden;
That we explore truth from various sources and
live with a creative ‘Kingdom’ tension;
That we speak a language of affirmation and
compassion;
That we serve humbly as Jesus did
All of us. Amen. Written by Andrea Dean*

Tanikio Tumas...[thank you very much]
The To Rot family group and PNG Christian community wish to thank the parishioners of St John the Apostle Catholic Community and the MSC priests for your prayers and support for the Ecumenical celebration on 8 July. Your prayerful support made the celebration a huge success. In particular we would like to say a special thank you to the people who served in the various ministries.

Over 45’s will meet on **Wednesday 26 July** for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre. We will be joined by a **guest speaker** from **CarersACT**. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share.
Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE
WOMEN’S BREAKFAST CLUB
The next breakfast is:



Tuesday 25 July - 7:30 am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

Freaky Facts

Mark Twain one of America’s best loved authors, dropped out of school when he was 12 years old after his father died.

Tom Sawyer was the first novel written on a typewriter.

PARISH NEWS

First Holy Communion Presentation Masses: *The children preparing for their First Holy Communion will be presented to the parish next weekend 22/23 July. They will give their prayer card to a parishioner who is asked to pray for them during this preparation time. Would you please hold all the children and their families in your prayers. Thank you.*



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.*



CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

20 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.

The leaving collection last Sunday for **Seafarer Sunday** totalled **\$809.10**. We thank you for your generosity.



Pins & Needles

Craft Group

Third Thursday Monthly
Next Meeting: 20 July
7:15pm Parish Library

Explanation of the Planned Giving Tax Receipt:

A tax receipt is issued for the 2nd Collection only. This is because the component of giving which is eligible for a tax benefit is the amount of your giving which is paid to the Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund [CCSBF]. The Archdiocese holds a tax deductible donation benefit with the Australian Taxation Office for this fund. The tax deductibility percentage is calculated on the amount paid to CCSBF in relation to the total income received. Your pledge relates only to planned giving it does not include the 1st Collection. The 1st Collection money goes to the support of the priests and Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and is not included in the planned giving.

Funeral Ministry: The first formation session for the funeral ministry was held on 21 June. Currently there are four members of the ministry team, Judy Netting, Moira Sutch, Marian England & Fr. Gerard. The ministry team will meet again on Wednesday 19 July. The team will spend some months in study and formation in the funeral rite before embarking on the practical component of the ministry. It is envisaged that from the funeral ministry a grief and bereavement team will be formed. Your prayerful support for this ministry is appreciated.

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.



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

ROSTERS

23 July Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Judy Netting, Marie McKie, John Drury, Barbara Witzens, Terry O'Brien
8:30am	Ted Kell, Clare Kell, Violet Duve, Janet Almond, VACANT
10:00am	Rachel, Marissa & John Blackwell, Robin Williams, Libby Costello
6:00pm	Margaret McMahon, Judith Deklin, Agnes Pham, VACANT, VACANT

23 July Reading Roster

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

23 July Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Barbara Witzens, Marie McKie
8:30am	Bert Broekhuysse, Fay Stephenson
10:00am	John Blackwell, Louise Bulfin
6:00pm	Judith Deklin

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	17 July	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds:	22 July	Group 4
Counting:	23 July	Group 7
Church Cleaning:	Carol Blyth, Therese Edwards	

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:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Mt 13:1-9

The gospel of Matthew is nothing if not a well-crafted and highly structured piece of writing. Throughout the gospel there are five major 'discourses' or teachings. Chapter 13, which consists entirely of a collection of parables, is the central discourse of the five. It is the pivotal point of the entire gospel. The nature of the parables indicates that the message of Jesus has not been universally accepted and the parables present metaphors about the consequences for those who do and do not accept the message of Jesus about the reign of God.

The gospel of Matthew is written at a time and particular context in which the community audience were feeling the effects of having been ostracised from the Jewish community. They were confounded by the fact that other Jews could not accept the reality of the Jesus message as they had. This parable, and the accompanying conversation with the disciples in which they are blessed for their understanding, would have been a comfort for the Matthew community. Although they were frustrated, they were being told through this story that not everyone is ready to hear the message that they had heard and accepted.

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.