

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

23 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

Weeds & Wheat

Jesus uses a number of images that illustrate the tension between good and evil. They seem to say this world is a mixture of different things, and unless you learn how to see deeply, you don't know which is which, and you don't notice that God allows both good and bad to grow in the same field (Matthew 13:24-30).

We are all a mixture of weeds and wheat and we always will be. As Martin Luther put it, we are *simul justus et peccator*. We are simultaneously saint and sinner. That's the mystery of holding weeds and wheat together in our one field of life. It takes a lot more patience, compassion, forgiveness, and love than aiming for some illusory perfection that is usually blind to its own faults. Acknowledging both the wheat and weeds in us keeps us from thinking too highly of ourselves and also from dismissing ourselves as terrible.

To avoid cynicism and negativity, you have to learn to accept and forgive this mixed bag of reality that you are—and everyone else is, too. To accept the weeds doesn't mean that you say, "It's okay to be ignorant and evil." You can see your weeds and acknowledge when you are not compassionate or caring. You have to name the weed as a weed. I'm not perfect; you're not perfect; the church is not perfect.

If we must have perfection to be happy with ourselves, we have only two choices: We can blind ourselves to our own evil (and deny the weeds), or we can give up in discouragement (and deny the wheat). It takes uncommon humility to carry both the dark and the light side of things. The only true perfection available to humans is the honest acceptance of our imperfection. This is precisely what Divine Perfection can help us do; only God in us can love imperfect and broken things. If you love anyone, then you have learned to accept them despite their faults.

Taken from: The Weeds and the Wheat, by Richard Rohr

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Czeslaw Kowalski,
Wallace Johnson, Dianne Fraser, Darryl Bremer,
Frank Sculthorpe, Donald Briggs, Betty Coughlin,
Valentini Vratovic, Therese Van Der Vliet,
Carol Thompson, Daniel Keneally, June Traynor,
Jillian McInerney, Adrina Dudok, Nola Faulkner,
Mathilde Clemence, Diane Eccles, Andrew Kenna,
John Connelly, Merle Maloney, Benito Berces,
Marie Uhr, Evelyn Guy, Lorraine Rickard,
Edward Carr, Christine Robinson.

"Marriage & Family Sunday"

Sunday 13 August – 11:00am Mass

Archbishop Christopher Prowse invites all to celebrate Marriage and Family Sunday with him at St Christopher's Cathedral Manuka.

During the Mass the Archbishop will confer a blessing on all engaged and newly married couples and on those involved in marriage education and support.

A light luncheon in the new St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Manuka will follow.
Please RSVP phone 6239 9800 or at
<http://bit.ly/marriagesunday>

***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.

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

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



CHOIR PRACTICE
27 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.

**Meeting of Hospitality Ministers
Sunday 30 July 11:15am
in the Church Foyer**

Hospitality Ministers are invited to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend please contact the parish office.
Parishioners interested in joining this ministry are encouraged to attend the meeting.

*"When you welcome the stranger you
welcome Jesus"*

*Judy Netting for the Liturgy Committee.
[Hospitality Ministry]*

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

"The Grass Castle"
By Karen Viggers

Sunday 20 August- 3:00 pm
Parish Library.

There are 3 books available at the parish office

PARISH NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRESENTATION MASSES

We welcome the children of the parish this weekend who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion. The children will hand their prayer card to a parishioner who is asked to pray for them during this preparation time.

Please hold all of the children in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time.



The **Parish Finance Council** met on Thursday 20 July. Some of the items discussed were.

- ▶ Planned Giving campaign.
- ▶ A policy regarding the use of the parish buildings.
- ▶ A roof over the open space on the Western side of the church.
- ▶ Renovation of the Presbytery Kitchen.
- ▶ The Baptismal Font which will complete the Sanctuary project.

We will keep you informed as these projects take shape.



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.



We welcome Archbishop Christopher Prowse who will celebrate the 5:00pm Vigil mass on 29 July 2017.



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.



Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12
**First and Third Sundays
after the 6:00pm Mass**

Next gathering 6 August

We gather for a meal, play games and share our stories. A group where young people can explore their faith in a safe environment, share experiences, and encourage each other in their faith journey.

Contact the Parish Office
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*.

Thank you for your support in helping raise approximately \$4,000.00 for the Vinnies CEO Sleepout. Ted Kell



Freaky Facts - Phobias

Chronophobia is the fear of time.
Coulrophobia is the fear of clowns.
Genophobia is the fear of knees
Geumaphobia is the fear of taste
Gnosiophobia is the fear of knowledge

ROSTERS

30 July Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Daryl Smeaton, Joy McInerney, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Carmel Screen, Jean Tierney, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Colin Fox, Anthony Noakes, Robin Williams, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Margaret McMahon, Brian Mahony, VACANT, VACANT

30 July Reading Roster

5:00pm	Rob Caskie, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Kerry Yard
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Andrew Luck

30 July Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Jenny Maher
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Rob Breen
10:00am	Joe Pisciotta
6:00pm	Agnes Pham

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	24 July	Violet Duve
Grounds:	29 July	All Groups
Counting:	30 July	Group 9

Church Cleaning:	Sharon Greaves Marian England
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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:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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 13:24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest

Today's reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like.

In the gospel passage, following the presentation of the three parables, Jesus explains the parable of the wheat and dandel to his disciples. It is explained in terms of a final judgment. (Compare it with Matthew 25: 31-46.) The parable of the weeds, or dandel, and its explanation only appear in the gospel of Matthew – although the parable does occur in the non-canonical gospel of Thomas. The interpretation belongs to Matthew more than it belongs to Jesus. It is an unapologetic direction to his community that living a righteous life in the midst of wickedness will be rewarded.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

LIBRARY NEWS: A variety of books relating to the Old Testament are on display at the moment including "A Way into the Old Testament", and "The Lord is my shepherd" and "The Song of songs".

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.