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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

13 August 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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From the Pastor's Desk.....

I am delighted to announce that Fr. Iokimi (Kimi) Vunivesilevu MSC has been appointed as assistant priest of Kippax subject to faculties been granted by Archbishop Christopher Prowse. Kimi is a newly ordained presbyter of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. He was ordained on Friday evening 4 August this year by Cardinal John Ribat MSC, Archbishop of Port Moresby, in the MSC parish church, Our Lady of the Rosary, Kensington, NSW.

Kimi will complete his current appointment at Kensington parish before taking up his position at Kippax early next year. Kimi will also be involved in ministry at Daramalan College. Some of you may remember Kimi. He was here a few years ago over the Christmas period as part of his pastoral placement as a seminarian.

I have also received notice from the MSC Provincial Council that I have been reappointed parish priest of Kippax for a further three years. Usually appointments are made later in the year. This year is an exception due to the change of the MSC Provincial Administration that will occur in October (rather than in January as is normal). The present MSC provincial, Fr. John Mulrooney MSC will complete his term of office at this time and Fr. Chris McPhee MSC will then take up the post as the new provincial.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

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

Recently Deceased: Therese Bowyer, Janet Seidel

Anniversary: *Manning Hoy, Dominic Pham, Indianna Forth, Norman Pentland, Phillip Doran, Leslie Ferry, Ray Allen, George Brettell, James Marlor, Zenona Skiba, Emily Jacob, William Smith, John Ray, Joseph Zuk, Ronald Ryan, Alfred Niquet, Dorothy Hornick, Marjorie Carew, Edmund Kennedy, Alexander Aikman, Hedwig Von Straaten, Winifred Bridges*

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times:

Mon 14 Aug VIGIL Mass – 6:00pm

Tues 15 Aug Mass – 9:30am

There will be a Liturgy of the Word with
Communion at 9:30am on
Thursday 17 August.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate the children who will make their First Holy Communion this weekend at the Vigil and 10:00am masses.

Please pray for all of the children as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. And for those children who have recently made their First Holy Communion.

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

**First and Third Sundays
after the 6:00pm Mass**

Next gathering 20 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

St Edmund's College Canberra Indigenous Reconciliation Project - Sponsorship.

Seeking your Financial Support:

Gerard Teng is a year 12 Student at St Edmund's College and a parishioner of St John the Apostle Parish. Gerard is a member of St Edmund's Youth Ministry Team and will travel to the Northern Territory from 20–27 August to be involved in an Indigenous Reconciliation project. During this week the team will spend time working with indigenous students in Darwin and the Tiwi Islands. The expenses associated with this project are considerable, while the College provides some funding the students raise additional funds to support the trip. If you would like to support Gerard, donations can be left at the parish office.

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.

Concerned Catholics Meeting

Day & Date: Thursday 31 August

Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Where: Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Blackall Street, Barton.

Presenters: Dr John Falzon *CEO of SVdP NCA;*
Sr Ruth Durick *OSU*
President, Catholic Religious Aus.
Fr Peter Day
founder of 'HOME' in Queanbeyan.

This second meeting of concerned Catholics will focus on how the laity of the Archdiocese might increase their participation in the Church. Some background and content can be found at:

<https://concernedcatholicscanberra.org/>

REFLECTION

Faith is not an Intellectual Pursuit?

We are all participating—with varying degrees of resistance and consent—in the faith journey that Jesus has already walked. Most people think having faith means “to believe in Jesus.” But, “to share in the faith of Jesus” is a much richer concept. It is not so much an invitation as it is *a cosmic declaration about the very shape of reality*. By myself, I don’t know *how* to have faith in God, but once we know that Jesus has already walked this journey, we know we have already been taken on the ride through death and back to life.

It is God in you that loves God. You, on your own, don’t really know how to love God. It’s Christ in you that recognizes Christ. It’s the Holy Spirit, whose temple you are (1 Cor. 3:16), that responds to the Holy Spirit. Like recognizes like.

“Faith” is not an affirmation of a creed, an intellectual acceptance of God, or believing certain doctrines to be true or orthodox (although those things might well be good). Such intellectual assent does not usually change your heart or your lifestyle.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely ‘at sea’. Every human being is tossed about by the pressures of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

God refuses to be known intellectually. God can only be loved and known in the act of love; God can only be experienced in communion. This is why Jesus “commands” us to move toward love and fully abide there.

Resources used: *Faith as Participation*, by Richard Rohr & *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS

[RCIA]

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Finding God: The experience of finding God is very much connected to what we are first looking for. Desire is the mainspring of human nature. The desire, once discovered, and the process, once it has been set in motion, will guide or draw a person toward the mystery of God.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for your harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord. Jer. 29:11-14

In all the baptized, from first to last, the sanctifying power of the Spirit is at work, impelling us to evangelization. In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples. Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium.

Perhaps you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?

Enquiry Night

Come and See John 1:39

Wednesday 11 October 2017

Migrant and Refugee Sunday 27 August - Save the date!

We will celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday with a shared multi-cultural luncheon in the parish centre.



The AGM of the Refugee Resettlement Committee will be held on **Tuesday 29 August in the library at 7pm.** New members are welcome to attend. All positions will be declared vacant so you are invited to nominate for any position you are interested in.

ROSTERS

20 Aug 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	Marie Flint, Colin Fox, Maida Kajkic, Jenny McMahon, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, Matthew Garton, VACANT, VACANT

20 Aug Reading Roster

5:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30am	Violet Duve, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Matthew Toohey

20 Aug 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:	14 Aug	
Grounds:	19 Aug	Group VACANT
Counting:	20 Aug	Group 6
Church Cleaning:	John Maher, Jenny Maher	

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, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Mt 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

The image of Jesus still ashore while the disciples battled against strong winds and rising seas must have been an evocative one for the Matthean community. Like the disciples, they were acutely aware of their separation from Jesus. Unlike the disciples, they were separated by time and the raging storm that beset them was a tide of suspicion and persecution. At times they felt the strength and courage of Peter to step out of the boat and be Jesus in their world, but at other times they doubted their own abilities. It is a message for the Church of the day and the Church of today.

The cry of Peter is one that each of us feels the need to cry out at some stage in our life. Jesus trusted Peter's ability to walk to him on the water; otherwise he would not have called Peter to do so. It is Peter who doubts himself. In this moment of realising that he can't do it alone, he calls out to Jesus. One of the enduring images of Jesus is as the one who saves – the Saviour. When the realisation eventually comes to each of us that we can't do it all alone, we need only call on the one who saves.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at Liturgy Help.

LIBRARY NEWS: Further titles on display this week are:- "Dying of embarrassment", "Radical forgiveness", "Intimacy and solitude" and "Getting on with others: how to teach your children essential social skills".

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.