

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

3 September 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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun during  
10:00am Mass

Reconciliation: Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm or by  
appointment with the priest

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### From the Pastor's Desk.....

Suffering is something we all wish to avoid. When Jesus predicts that he must go to Jerusalem to suffer and to die it is too much for Peter who remonstrates: “God forbid it, Lord!”

However, we all realise that suffering is inevitable. But the question remains: how do we deal with it and how do we make sense of it? For Christians suffering is always before us in the symbol of the cross. But the paradox of the cross is that it is also a symbol of hope.

In his book *Man's Search for Meaning* Viktor Frankl relates his own story of his experience in the concentration camps during the Second World War. As horrific as that experience was he was able to hang on to hope because he was able to find meaning even in suffering, as the following vignette illustrates: “We who lived in concentration camps can remember the men who walked through the huts comforting others, giving away their last piece of bread. They may have been few in number, but they offer sufficient proof that everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms -- to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way.”

Like those compassionate and caring inmates of the concentration camp who refused to be cowed by evil, we as Christians we are called to alleviate the sufferings of others. There is so much suffering in our world that it is tempting to close our eyes and block our ears. We hear talk of ‘compassion fatigue’. We feel helpless in the face of unrelenting war, violence, poverty, natural disasters and endless stories of misery and heartache. All this threatens to overwhelm us. But as Jesus set his sights on Jerusalem and trod the path that led to his death, we as disciples are called to take up our cross and follow him.

Suffering is an evil and without the cross suffering would be meaningless and devoid of hope. Salvation, not suffering, is God's plan. By our participation in God's plan of salvation we can play our part in relieving the suffering of others and give meaning to our own suffering and purpose to our lives.

***Peace & blessings,***

***Gerard***

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

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversary:** Kathleen MacKay, Collin McEvoy, Anton Mrsnik, Sonia Mewburn, Andrew Jeffers, Patrick Whittle, Joseph Boyd, John Grannall, Michelle Brewer, Alvaro del Busto, Elizabeth Murray, Des Kiley, Sheila Whigham, John O'Neill, Leslie Collins, Joan Larkham, Jennifer Kenny, Alice Gibb, Taya Quade, Marie Happ, Susan Ferguson, Honoria Kelly, Kathleen Wiltshire, Cedric Pratt, Denis Busch, Mary Propser, Raymond Free, Graham Ottewill, Pauline Jones, Therese Le, Don Nicol

**September Baptisms**

*We welcome into our community:*



Rita Tran  
Daughter of Rod and Jacinta;  
Lachlan Cannon,  
Son of Glenn and Emily;  
Jennifer Nguyen,  
Daughter of Toan and Lan;  
Ava Priestly,  
Daughter of Zachary and Jayde.

**First Holy Communion**

*We congratulate Bailey McLarty who will make his First Holy Communion at the 10:00am mass this weekend. Please hold Bailey in your prayers.*

**The Refugee Resettlement Committee** would like to thank parishioners for their generosity. The Migrant & Refugee Sunday appeal collected \$1086.00.



**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

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

**Wednesday 11 October 2017**  
*Come and See* John 1:39

**Bless Every Father**

*Loving God, bless every father and everyone who has a fathering role with the best of your spiritual blessings today.*



*Let him know he is not alone in the tasks you have given him to provide for and support those under his care.*

*Today, on special days, and for all the days of his life, fill him with the best of your blessings. Amen*

**Agape - Youth Group**

High school students in years 7 to 12

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

**Next gathering 3 September**

*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



**CHOIR PRACTICE**

7 September 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](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au) for more information.

**Child Protection Sunday  
10 September 2017**

**Child protection week commences  
on Father's day 3 September**

*May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and patience build stronger communities safe for children.*

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB**

We are reading  
**"Emma"** By Jane Austin  
Sunday 17 September - 3:00 pm  
Parish Library.



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## REFLECTION

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### Discipleship

For some people, to be a Christian is a 'soft option' – they see being Christian as being a bit 'fluffy'. This week's gospel is a reminder of the real challenge of being a Christian. Jesus reminds us that to be one of his followers we must be prepared to pick up our cross – whatever our particular cross might be – and still follow his example.

The Second Vatican Council (1962–1965) placed all the historical ideals of discipleship in perspective:

*The classes and duties of life are many, but holiness is one—that sanctity which is cultivated by all who are moved by the Spirit of God, and who obey the voice of the Father and worship God the Father in spirit and in truth. These people follow the poor Christ, the humble and cross-bearing Christ in order to be worthy of being sharers in His glory. Every person must walk unhesitatingly according to his own personal gifts and duties in the path of living faith, which arouses hope and works through charity.*

(Dogmatic Constitution on the Church #41)

As Jesus did with the first disciples, the Council teaches that we are called to holiness in our daily lives and tasks. The sure way to holiness and honest discipleship is in discerning how we may witness to the risen Christ in the course of our day, with the people we encounter, with the tasks that we do.

To be a Christian means that we don't fall in a heap when difficulty comes our way; we take up the burden – our cross – and continue to look forward with hope. To live like Jesus is no easy option.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp and *The Way of Discipleship* by James P. Campbell, D.Min.

## Saturday Vigil Mass Time

On the 22 April this year the Saturday vigil mass time moved from 6:00pm to 5:00pm during the winter months. Daylight Savings Time is due to commence on Sunday 1 October, on this basis the vigil mass is expected to revert to 6:00pm on Saturday 7 October. However, back in April it was stated that this initiative would be a trial and would be evaluated at the end of winter. We welcome your feedback and thoughts on the trial.

If you would like to make a comment please contact the parish office.

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### FAITH

#### *The transmission of faith and action in the modern world*

Sunday 17 September 7:00pm  
National Jewish Memorial Centre  
31 National Circuit FORREST

Introduction: Archbishop Prowse

Presenter: Rabbi Alon Meltzer

'Suffering of the Innocents',  
a symphony by Kiko Argüello

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### Marian Movement of Priests

*Father Andrew Grace Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart Parish in Griffith NSW and National Responsible for Australia will visit Canberra on*

**Sunday 10 & Monday 11 September**

✚ Fr. Grace will celebrate 5.30pm Mass on Sunday at St Michael's Kaleen

✚ There will be a Cenacle at 10:00am on Monday at St Joseph's Church O'Connor. Morning tea will follow in the Parish Centre. For further enquiries phone Judy & Joe Mewburn on 6254 6202

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## On a Lighter Note .....

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

Q. Where are Average Things Manufactured?  
A. The satis-factory.



# ROSTERS

## 10 Sept Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Judy Netting, 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	Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck, Maria Devine, Marian Crowley, Anthony Dunicliff-Hagan

## 10 Sept Reading Roster

5:00pm	Mary French, Tom Halloran
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	CHILDRENS MASS
6:00pm	Ruth Dunicliff Hagan, Brian Mahony

## 10 Sept Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	4 Sept	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds:	9 Sept	Group 2
Counting:	10 Sept	Group 3
Church Cleaning:	4 Sept – Group 1	

# 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 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Little Chef Café Belconnen

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart,  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.

Alleluia!



## GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Mt 16:21-27

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.*

At the time of the writing of Matthew's gospel (around 75-80 CE), Christians were being persecuted and put to death for their beliefs. Jesus' words in the gospel – 'whoever loses his life for my sake will find it' – would give hope to those under persecution that ultimately they too would triumph and that the deaths of their friends were not in vain. This passage immediately follows the passage of last week's gospel which featured Peter's confession of faith – his inspired revelation that 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.' The reader might think, 'Aha, the disciples have finally got it!' The full revelation of Jesus' mission and ministry is not easy to grasp and even the disciples were not quite there until they had seen the 'full story' played out before and within them. [Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp](#)

**LIBRARY NEWS:** This week we are continuing to display a batch of books on spirituality including "Fully human, full alive: new life through a new vision", "Near occasions of grace", "The restless heart: understanding loneliness" and "Seeking spirituality: guidelines for a Christian spirituality for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century".

**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.