

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

10 September 2017 #42.17

**“To be on earth the Heart of God”**

### Parish Administration:

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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.....

During the week it was announced that from 1 January 2018 the parishes Evatt and Kaleen will be amalgamated and known as Our Lady of Perpetual Help and that the parishes of Page and Aranda will likewise be amalgamated and known as the parish of St Matthew and St Vincent de Paul. Charnwood and Kippax will remain as they are for the present.

Last year the Parish Pastoral Council wrote to the Archdiocese presenting a case for Kippax to remain as a stand-alone parish given its MSC history and identity. However, this discussion will need to be continued between the new MSC Provincial, Fr. Chris McPhee, and Archbishop Christopher Prowse. As you know I have been reappointed parish priest for the next three years and in 2018 Fr. Kimi Vunivesilevu MSC will take up his position as assistant priest at Kippax. For the short term, at least, our continuation as an MSC (Missionaries of the Sacred Heart) parish is assured.

This may be an opportune moment to re-evaluate our MSC spirituality and to explore more deeply what it means to be an MSC parish along with our parish school. It is a spirituality that emphasizes the compassionate heart of Christ and the transformative power of God's love – surely an antidote for the many ills that afflict humanity in these turbulent times.

***Peace & blessings,  
Gerard***

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: John O'Neill, Leslie Collins,  
Joan Larkham, Jennifer Kenny, Alice Gibb,  
Taya Quade, Marie Happ, Susan Ferguson,  
Honorita Kelly, Kathleen Wiltshire, Cedric Pratt,  
Denis Busch, Mary Propser, Raymond Free,  
Graham Ottewill, Pauline Jones, Therese Le,  
Don Nicol, Peter Hill, Allan Biggs, John Haley,  
Frances Critchlow, Antonio Ahn, Magdalena Ripszam,  
Marijona Grybaitis, Jana Nassir, Jo Mulligan,  
Luke White, Beryl Mannix, Aileen Antcliffe,  
Christopher Halloran.

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

"Emma" By Jane Austin

Sunday 17 September - 3:00 pm  
Parish Library.



### Pins & Needles Craft Group



Third Thursday Monthly  
Next Meeting: 21 September  
7:15pm Parish Library

### Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

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

Next gathering 17 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  
14 September 2017  
Thursdays Weekly  
4:00pm – 5:00pm  
Parish Church

The Children sing at the 0:00am 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**



### 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

### Young Music Society's Voices out loud Primary Choir

*Invites primary-aged singers to join  
them for a fun afternoon in the  
"Singing Circle"*

Date: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Time: 2:30pm – 3:30pm FREE

Where: Belconnen Arts Centre



### HOME Movie Fundraiser

Our annual HOME movie fundraiser screening,  
The Belier Family, a heart-warming comedy  
and the most successful French film of all  
time.

**Friday 6 October 2017 @ 6pm**

The Q Theatre, 253 Crawford St, Queanbeyan  
Movie tickets: \$75 Inc. Drinks Hot snacks + entry

Tickets: [www.theq.net.au](http://www.theq.net.au) or

The Q Box Office Phone: (02) 6285 6290

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## REFLECTION

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### Community & Peacemaking

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

For Jesus, such teachings as forgiveness, healing, and justice are the clear evidence of a shared life. When we do not see this happening, religion is "all in the head." Peacemaking, forgiveness, and reconciliation are not some kind of ticket to heaven later. They are the price of peoplehood--the signature of heaven--now.

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

**Fr. Gerard will be on retreat next week - changes to the week day masses are:**

Monday	9:30am Mass
Tuesday	9:30am Communion service
Wednesday	9:30am <b>Communion Service</b>
Thursday	9:30am <b>Communion Service</b>
Friday	9:30am Mass

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### 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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### St Vincent de Paul meeting

The next meeting of the St Vinnies Conference is on **Monday 11 September at 7:30pm** in our room behind the Parish Centre. For more information contact Mike Blyth on 0419818410.

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**The Rite of  
Christian  
Initiation of Adults**

**Enquiry Night**

**Wed 11 October 2017 – 7:00pm**

***Come and See*** John 1:39

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### On a Lighter Note .....

I'm good at multitasking and procrastinating, which means right now there are at least 28 things that I'm putting off until later.

Person of the year award has been won by a scarecrow the judges said he was outstanding in his field.

# ROSTERS

## 17 Sept Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Patrick Corr, Laurine & Daryl Smeaton
8:30am	Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Marie Flint, Colin Fox, Maida Kajkic, Ann Reynolds, VACANT
6:00pm	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, Matthew Garton, VACANT, VACANT

## 17 Sept Reading Roster

5:00pm	Jim Jones, Mindalesia Jones
8:30am	Violet Duve, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Meg Millband Matthew Toohey

## 17 Sept 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:	11 Sept	Maresa Laird
Grounds:	16 Sept	VACANT
Counting:	17 Sept	Group 3
Church Cleaning:	11 Sept – Group 3	

# 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:

If today you hear his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God was in Christ,  
to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation  
he has entrusted to us.  
Alleluia!



## GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Mt 18:15-20

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*

This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two 'brothers' – community members; fellow disciples.

The idea of bringing a 'sinner' or offender before the church community to be confronted is one that the early Christians borrowed from the Jewish culture out of which they were formed. In Jewish society, the local synagogue was effectively a community centre. It was a gathering place, not only for worship and education, but also for meeting, debating and seeking solutions to problems. The synagogue community took on the role of mediator, witness, jury, judge and, if needed, punisher. The role of the scribes in Jewish society was to interpret the Law – the Torah – in resolving everyday situations.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

**LIBRARY NEWS:** "God of a hundred names: prayers and meditations from many faiths and cultures", "50 ways to pray: practises from many traditions and times" and "The Lion book of famous prayers" are three of the books currently on display.

**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.