

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



Hearing Loop: - in the body of the church.

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.....

The abbot asked the monks, "When do we know day has begun?" A monk said it begins at sunrise. The abbot shook his head. Another said it begins when you saw people rushing to work. The abbot said no. "Tell us," they cried. He said, "It begins when you look into the face of people and see them as your brothers and sisters."

Every person born on the face of the earth is a child of God. We are all sisters and brothers to one another regardless of our differences. The church is not meant to be in opposition to other religions or the secular state, but rather a shining example of the way God's children show their love for one another.

Pope Francis is signalling to the world that he wants the church to be a church with open doors, a place where people enter and feel at home. But we can also see in Pope Francis' pastoral outreach an accompanying teaching that underlines the church's core values. In the fluid society in which we live there are many moral and ethical challenges to the church's position on a wide range of issues. It is worth referring to Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on the family, *Amoris Laetitia*, in which he states: "The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the Church" (Art. 31). This document can be accessed on the following link:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations.index.html

This document has relevance for the current debate on same sex marriage. It also has relevance to the Social Justice Statement for 2017 by the Australian Catholic Bishops titled "Everyone's Business: Developing an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy". Many families are stretched to the limit in trying to meet basic needs. The statement is not limited to families but to all who are struggling in the present economic climate that stresses profit above people.

There are many pressing issues that as Christians we need to address. The same sex marriage debate has drawn considerable attention to itself, but the present euthanasia debates in various states and territories should be of equal concern as well as the plight of homelessness and other major concerns. In all of these moral and ethical issues it is the gospel of love that must always shape our vision.

**Peace & blessings,
Gerard**

Ozanam Sunday

Our St Vincent de Paul Conference supports twin conferences in Lembata in Eastern Indonesia and Tamil Nadu in Southern India. In memory of our founder Frederic Ozanam, this weekend and next we are seeking donations for our twin conferences. If you can help please place your donation in the **Poor Box** at the back of the church near the Sacristy. Thank you. For more information contact Mike on 0419 818 410.

St Vinnies meeting – Monday 25 September at 7:30 pm in our room behind the Parish Centre.

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast is:



Tuesday 26 September 7:30 am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

Over 45's will meet on
Wednesday 27 September for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

Anointing of the Sick: The sacrament will be celebrated on the last Friday of each month after the 9:30am mass. Next anointing will be 29 September.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Fatima 100th Anniversary

Pauline Fathers Monastery
"Penrose Park" near Berrima
Friday 13th October for Fatima Day
For Bookings: Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn on 6254 6202

Agape - Youth Group

1st Oct

After 6:00pm Mass – Parish Centre

Social Justice Sunday 24 September 2017

Copies of the *Social Justice Statement*, *Ten Steps* brochure and *Prayer for Economic Justice*, are available in the church foyer.

The statement is inspired by the teachings of Jesus and by the unswerving vision of Pope Francis: that the most vulnerable and excluded are the ones who need to take first place in our hearts and in our actions as individuals and as a society.

Most Rev. Vincent Long – Bishop of Parramatta

The Statement can be accessed online
<http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements#SJS2017>




The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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

Monday 9 October 2017 - 7:00pm
Come and See John 1:39

To Register: Parish Office on 6254 3236 or
Email Marian England: marian@stjohnkippax.org.au

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading
"Killers of the Flower Moon" 
by David Grann
Sunday 15 October - 3:00 pm
Parish Library.



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 Street, Queanbeyan
Movie tickets: \$75 Inc. Drinks Hot snacks + entry
Tickets: www.theq.net.au or
The Q Box Office Phone: (02) 6285 6290

REFLECTION

God's Mercy & Justice

Are we jealous because God is generous? Does it bother us when others are given unmerited gifts and forgiveness?

You bet! And ultimately that sense of injustice, of envy that someone else caught a break is a huge stumbling block to our happiness. Why? Because something in us reacts negatively when it seems that life is not making others pay the same dues as we're paying.

The justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others.

In heaven we will be given what we're owed and more (unmerited gift, forgiveness we don't deserve, joy beyond imagining) but, it seems, we will not be given that catharsis we so much want here on earth, the joy of seeing the wicked punished. The desire for strict justice blocks our capacity for forgiveness. Divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

We know we need God's mercy, but if grace is true for us, it has to be true for everyone; if forgiveness is given us, it must be given everybody; and if God does not avenge our misdeeds, God must not avenge the misdeeds of others either. Such is the logic of grace and such is the love of the God to whom we must attune ourselves.

Happiness is not about vengeance, but about forgiveness; not about vindication, but about unmerited embrace; and not about capital punishment, but about living beyond even murder.

Resources used: *On Being Jealous of God's Generosity*, by Ronald Rolheiser & *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS.

PARISH NEWS

Public Holiday Notice *Family & Community Day*

The parish office will be closed on

Monday 25 September 2017
And will reopen Tuesday 26th

MSC Parish Leaders Gathering:

Helen Kennedy and Marian England attended this gathering on 15-17 September. Ten of the sixteen MSC parishes in the Australian province were represented. It was an opportunity to listen to, and engage with members of these parishes. The gathering was looking to the future on how we can live the charism of Heart Spirituality in our lives and in the lives of our parishes. We will keep you posted as our ideas and plans develop. One of the initiatives is that a section of COMPACT will be devoted to *Heart Spirituality*.

Saturday Vigil Mass Time

will revert to 6:00pm on

Saturday 7 October 2017

Heart Spirituality

The MSC General Chapter has been meeting in Rome since 4 September and will conclude this week. On Tuesday 12 September Fr. Abzalón Tovar MSC was elected the Superior General. Abzalón is from Guatemala. On Monday 18 September the MSC Chapter had an audience with Pope Francis. Following is an excerpt from Pope Francis' message to the MSC's:-

"return to your first and only love". Keep your gaze fixed on Jesus Christ and learn from him how to love with a truly human heart.....Show by your lives and by your works the passionate and tender love of God for the little ones, the underprivileged, the vulnerable and those whom our world has discarded.

[A Full transcript of the Pope's address is available in the foyer]

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Vic Puzas, Patricia Tyers,
Antonia Prieto, Antonella D'Ambrosio,
Victor Bittermann, Robert Smith,
Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy,
Anne Bynum, Fred Aschenberger,
Patricia Richardson, Gaeto Vella, Renee Tozer,
Wendy McCarthy, Frederick Jackson,
Norma Hall, Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren,
Norma Flood, Henryk Jalocha, Verdi Guy.

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
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm
Children's Choir	Thursday 4:00 – 5:00pm

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
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

LIBRARY NEWS: This week we will continue our display of books from last week. Included in the display are books on prayers and praying.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!*

Readings – 1 October 2017

First Reading	Ez 18:25-28
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 24:4-9.
Second Reading	Phil 2:1-11
Gospel	Mt 21:28-32

1 Oct Reading Roster

5:00pm	Therese Kercher, Dennis Puniard.
8:30am	John O'Heir, Violet Duve
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Nicole Mikkonen, Judith Deklin

1 Oct Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Maria Catanzariti, Helen Kennedy, Debbie Milne, Judy Netting.
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Vacant, Vacant.
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Jenny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie Benedictos, Rose Benedictos.
6:00pm	James Cox, Toni Cox, Margaret Curry, Maria Devine, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan.

1 Oct Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	25 Sept	Violet Duve
Grounds:	30 Sept	All Groups
Counting:	1 Oct	Group 7

Church Cleaning: 25 Sept	VACANT
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On a Lighter note

- Q. What type of phone can't be used to call a friend?
A. A xylophone!
- Q. What has teeth but does not bite?
A. A zipper!