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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

15 October 2017

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“To be on earth the Heart of God”

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

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 5:00pm – 5:30pm or by
appointment with the priest

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Pawsey Circuit Florey

Phone: 6258 3592

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REFLECTION

Invitation to the Banquet

Jesus foreshadows the days when those whom one would expect to be Christian would reject the invitation to faith, and those thought least likely to respond to God's call would flock into the Church.

Since the earliest days of Christianity, the Wedding Banquet was seen as a metaphor for two things: the Eucharist and Eternal Life. Curiously, this parable, while using the imagery of the Banquet, is less concerned about the meal and more about who's in and who's out, and why!

We can see this through the tenants who turn down the opportunity to go to a Royal Wedding – still an almost unimaginable thing to do. It's seen in the poor who recognise the gift and the giver get dressed up and have somewhere to go. And it's seen in the impostor who is not correctly dressed for the occasion and is speechless when called to account.

So what does all this have to say to our own time? It's not about how one dresses for Mass or for Eternal life! It's not about the fear of being found wanting in being able to mouth the right words when called to account. It is about being poor enough to recognise the gift of God in the invitation to faith and about being generous enough to respond completely. For taking care about what we say and do, the values by which we live our lives at home, at work, at play and in the way we relate to each other is how we show that we mean what we profess.

“Salvation” has little to do with belief systems, belonging to the right group, or correct ritual practice. It has everything to do with living right here, right now, and knowing and fully accepting what God is, this very moment, *giving to you*. All you can do is sit down at the banquet and eat. *If you can enjoy heaven now, you are totally prepared and ready for heaven later.*

Resources used: *Homily*, Richard Leonard SJ, & *Contemplation as Letting Go*, by Richard Rohr

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 27 October.

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

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

Next gathering 15th Oct

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 JOHN THE APOSTLE
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast is:



Tuesday 24 October 7:30 am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

Pins & Needles Craft Group



Third Thursday Monthly

Next Meeting: 19 Oct 2017

7:15pm Parish Library

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursdays Weekly – Parish Church

Next Practice: 19 October

4:00pm – 5:00pm

The Children sing at the 10:00am Mass
on the second Sunday of the month.



Anti-Poverty Week

15th to the 21st of October.

International Anti-Poverty Day is the 17 Oct.
All Australians are encouraged to organise or take part in an activity aiming to highlight or overcome issues of poverty and hardship here in Australia or overseas.

Vinnies Store at Kippax

The St Vincent de Paul Society are opening a new store at Kippax later this month, down near Aldi. It will be open seven days per week.

Volunteers are needed. If you would like to be involved please contact Helen on 0447 860 918.

Christians for an Ethical Society in association with the Catholic Social Justice Commission presents a Lecture on the Social Justice Statement

Topic: Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy.

Keynote speaker: Fr Frank Brennan AO SJ.

Chair: Dr Helen Watchirs OAM.

When: 18 Oct - 7.30 to 9.00pm

Where: Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture - Barton

Cost: \$5.00 donation appreciated

Enquiries: Ph. 6254 0487 or

Email: Social.Justice@cg.org.au

DID YOU KNOW

Volunteering and Contact ACT

Provides information on organisations that can provide

Free Meal, Laundry & Shower services

For those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Canberra's Community Info Hub,
Griffin Centre, 20 Genge Street
CANBERRA. Website:

www.actcommunitydirectory.com.au

Kangara Waters Fete

When: Saturday 28 Oct

Time: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Address: 2 Joy Cummings Pl, Belconnen

*Treasures *Toys *Jewellery *Bags *White Elephant * Jams & Preserves *Books *CDs & DVDs *Plants *Paper Craft & Cards
*Cakes *Face painting *Sausage sizzle
*Dutch pancakes, and much more

PARISH NEWS



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIA commenced on Monday 9 October with an enquiry night. Four people are interested in journeying to Easter 2018. Would you please hold Jess, Nicole, Teminere and Tristan in your prayers as they enter the RCIA program.

Parish Pastoral Council membership

We are looking for new members for the Pastoral Council. If you are interested please contact Marian at the parish office.

Heart Spirituality

With Jules Chevalier, we contemplate Jesus Christ, united to his Father with bonds of love and trust. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus gave thanks to his Father for having revealed himself to little ones; for he was his Servant, deeply involved with the poor and with sinners. #6

The Sacred Heart of Jesus, the only source of light, truth and life, is not sufficiently known, is not sufficiently loved. Yet his love has saved the world, his blood has purified it, his grace has transformed it, and his loving kindness keeps it in being.

To proclaim his greatness, to make known the treasures of mercy his heart contains, to spread everywhere the sacred fire of his love, to save souls which are so precious to him, to combat *Egoism* and *Indifference* that are an outrage against him, such is the aim of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

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

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 - » Family Support Services
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 - » Housing, Homelessness
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ST MARY'S TOWERS RETREAT CENTRE Douglas Park NSW

St Mary's Towers, set on 500 hectares of natural bush land, is home to a way of life. In keeping with the charism of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, it is steeped in a spirituality of the heart. This creates a beautiful and peaceful environment with a supportive and praying community for anyone seeking to relax and enjoy communion with God.

Enquiries: Phone: 02 4630 0233 Fax: 02 4630 9364
Email: towersretreat@bigpond.com
Webpage: <http://towersretreat.abundance.org.au/index.html>

November:

1 st – 9 th	Healing Beauty: A Way Of Love - Michelle Vass
17 th – 19 th	Prayer Weekend: Prayer of the Body and Heart Michelle Vass & Lou Nulley
24 th – 30 th	'Let it be with me.' Yielding to Love with Mary Michelle Vass & Pauline Compton fdsnc
24 th – 26 th	Prayer Weekend – as above

December

1 st – 7 th	Advent Guided Retreat
1 st – 3 rd	Prayer Weekend – as above

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

Recently Deceased: Marie Williams-McHugh

Anniversary: Raymond Dummett, Iosif Szakal,
John Whigham, Eugenia Wlodarczyk, Connie Thomas,
Bradley Wattam, Luke White, Audrey Walker,
Michael O'Neill, Margaret Van Halderen,
Lauri Brennan, Edwardus Van Audenaerde,
Jeffrey Ashauer, Hernando Paz, Justin Fisher,
George Heath, Matthew Nelson, Ferdor Sonnenberg,
Sebastian Licciarrello, Patricia Hall, Ursula Gormley,
Cheryl Tramantini, Constance Goodall,
Richard Koch, Carmel Johnston, Johannes Blengst,
Robert Imber, Michael McKenzie-McHarg,
Marion Boland, Barry Parsons, Patricia Harman,
Dorothy Sutton, William Lilley, Patrick Menzies,
Anne Jones, Helen Gorrell.

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
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LIBRARY NEWS: This week in our display we have a collection of books about many, the matters of God.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

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!

Readings – 22 October 2017

First Reading	Is. 45:1.4-6
Responsorial Psalm	Ps. 95:1. 3-5. 7-10.
Second Reading	1 Thes. 1:1-5
Gospel	Mt 22:15-21

22 Oct Reading Roster

6:00pm	Rob Caskie, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Louise Honan, Joe Ots
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

22 Oct Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Marie McKie, John Drury, Barbara Witrzens, Terry O'Brien, Margaret McMahon
8:30am	Violet Duve, Janet Almond, Ted Kell, Clare Kell, VACANT
10:00am	Rachel, Marissa and John Blackwell, Robin Williams, Libby Costello
6:00pm	Judith Deklin, Agnes Pham, VACANT, VACANT, VACANT

22 Oct Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Barbara Witrzens, Marie McKie
8:30am	Margaret Ohlin
10:00am	John Blackwell, Louise Bulfin
6:00pm	VACANT

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	16 Oct	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds:	21 Oct	VACANT
Counting:	22 Oct	Group 8

Church Cleaning: 16 October	John & Jenny Maher
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On a Lighter note

I was visiting my son this week and asked him where his newspaper was. He laughed and said, "Dad, it's the 21st century. We stopped buying newspapers years ago. It saves trees. But you can borrow my iPad." Okay, fine, whatever. But that pesky housefly never knew what hit it.