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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

22 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

Principal: Matthew Garton

Pawsey Circuit Florey

Phone: 6258 3592

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REFLECTION

Give to God what belongs to God

There are people inside and outside the Church who think that Christ did not give the Church a mandate to speak about political matters. They regularly quote the Gospel we have just heard to support their case. But if one knows and understands the context and meaning within which this text was written it provides no ammunition for those who want the Church to stay indoors, reflect on things ‘spiritual’, preach the eternal verities, and sing hymns more ancient than modern.

In Jesus’ day, we know that some people thought he was a Zealot. Zealots were a well-organised group who agitated for the end of the Roman occupation of Israel. One of the things Zealots did was withhold paying the Roman taxes. We can see why some people thought Jesus may have been a Zealot. He took the part of the poor, the sick, women and those who lived on the fringes of society. He attacked the religious authorities of his day and certainly stirred up trouble in many places he went. On the other hand he rejected violence, taught his followers to pray for their enemies and to return good for evil. Jesus showed us that the justice and equality God longs to see in the world comes from a community which is converted by love, not by weapons, fear or revenge. Jesus was no Zealot.

Rather than undermine civil authority, Jesus, in this passage, supports it. But he does more. ‘Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s’ is followed by ‘And give to God, what is God’s’, which encompasses all the Caesars of this world, all civil authorities and states. The sense that we as the People of God can split off our obligations to the Gospel from the State is as false as it’s dangerous.

At times we may not agree with our religious leaders; we may think them ill informed; we may even think they have overstepped the mark. If this is the case we should tell them, enable them to consider other perspectives and to broaden the basis upon which they make their judgments.

Resources used: Homily by Richard Leonard SJ

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.

**ST JOHN THE APOSTLE
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB**

The next breakfast is:



Tuesday 24 October 7:30 am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

Over 45's will meet on **Wednesday 25 October** for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre. We will be joined by a **guest speaker** from **CarersACT**. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursdays Weekly – Parish Church

Next Practice: 26 October

4:00pm – 5:00pm

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



Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

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

Next gathering 5th Nov

Contact the Parish Office
for more information

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

"The Cuckoo's Calling"

by Robert Galbraith

Sunday 19 November - 3:00 pm

Parish Library.

There is one book available to borrow in the parish office.



**THE PSYCHOLOGY AND
SPIRITUALITY OF RELATIONSHIP**

Date & Time: Mon. 13th Nov. 6.50pm

Where: Holy Trinity, Curtin

Presenter: Dr. Patricia Moroney,
Jungian Analyst

Psychotherapist and Spiritual Director

Cost: Free

Registration: Phone 6286 6939

Depth Psychology has much to teach us about relationship and works hand in glove with Spirituality to build a love that is rich, solid and inspired for a less-conflicted road.

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

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.

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PARISH NEWS

The Parish Pastoral Council is looking to form a team to organise and facilitate the 2018 Parish Assembly. The assembly will look at our mission and vision in light of our baptismal call. Prayer & Worship, Pastoral Care & Service, Building Community, and Education & Evangelisation; these four cornerstones of our current pastoral plan, will be developed to find a focus and direction for our parish in 2018. Mark this date in your diary

Sunday 18 February 2018

11:00am – 1:00pm

concluding with a sausage sizzle.

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

The Ills of our time

The ills of our time (le mal modern) could not be more serious; they are worsening day by day; we cannot probe deeply into them without being shocked. The situation can be linked to three causes.

- 1. Contempt of all authority, especially the church.*
- 2. Abandonment of prayer, of public worship, of the sacraments, in short of all religious practices that are part of God's plan.*
- 3. Ignorance of revealed truth that alone can enlighten humanity, keep it aware of its duties and put a halt to the moral depravity that is threatening the very survival of human society.*

Jules Chevalier, Bourges, 1872

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

Sacrament of Penance

Preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance in lent 2018 is commencing now.

If you have a child in year 2 or above and they have not made this sacrament please contact the parish office.

The preparation commences with a formation evening for Parents.

Date: Monday 20 November

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Golden Jubilee 2017

Archbishop Christopher Prowse invites you to gather with the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for a day of teaching.

Date: Saturday 11 Nov 2017

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Where: Haydon Hall St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Manuka

Registration: Contact@ccrct.org.au

Phone: Neda 0415 266 019

Susanna 0419 902 293

Sandra 0405 692 999

Cost: Free BYO lunch

Web: www.ccrct.org.au

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. It is 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

Web: <http://towersretreat.abundance.org.au/index.html>

November:

17th – 19th

Prayer Weekend:

Prayer of the Body and Heart

Michelle Vass & Lou Nulley

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

Recently Deceased: Catherine O'Sullivan

Anniversary: Sebastian Licciarrello, Patricia Hall, Cheryl Tramantini, Ursula Gormley, Richard Koch, Constance Goodall, Carmel Johnston, Robert Imber, Johannes Blengst, Michael McKenzie-McHarg, Marion Boland, Barry Parsons, Patricia Harman, Dorothy Sutton, William Lilley, Patrick Menzies, Anne Jones, Helen Gorrell, Martin Moloney, Malcolm Lovelock, Francis Fulton, Peter Geraghty, Alejandra Bai, Jack McMahon, Kerry Hogden, Elsie Screen, Silva Santos, Gregory Robinson, Ann Raads, Paul Newton, Peter Fox, May Skelly, Maurice Scheerlinck, Gavin Smith, Emily Flynn, John Joyce, Narim Dawalibi, Anne Jones, John Kildea, Veronica Kildea.

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: We are continuing our display of some of our many books about Mary, the Mother of God and of the Church. She has so many titles, many of which are discussed in these books.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Give the Lord glory and honour.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Readings – 29 October 2017

First Reading	Ex. 22:20-26
Responsorial Psalm	Ps. 17:2-4. 47. 51.
Second Reading	1 Thes. 1:5-10
Gospel	Mt. 22:34-40

29 Oct Reading Roster

6:00pm	Rob Caskie, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Kerry Yard
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Andrew Luck

29 Oct Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Daryl Smeaton, Joy McInerney, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Carmel Screen, Jean Tierney, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Colin Fox, Anthony Noakes, Robin Williams, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Brian Mahony, VACANT, VACANT, VACANT

29 Oct Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	Joe Pisciotta
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	23 Oct	Gabrielle Culhane
Grounds:	28 Oct	Group 4
Counting:	29 Oct	Group 9

Church Cleaning: 23 October	Agnes Le and Family
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On a Lighter note

Mother: "How was school today, Patrick?"
Patrick: "It was really great mum! Today we made explosives!" Mother: "Ooh, they do very fancy stuff with you these days. And what will you do at school tomorrow?"
Patrick: "What school?"