

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH Year B

31 December 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

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REFLECTION

Family

Look at any newspaper, magazine, television current affairs program or social commentary and you will be bombarded with the notion that the institution of family is under attack.

Rather, what appears to be under attack is a particular view of what it means to be ‘family’: Society in general and governments in particular are recognising the reality that ‘family’ is a much more fluid term than it used to be. Rather than an attack on family, it might be argued that there is in fact an embracing of the concept of family by making its definition much broader.

Today’s feast of the Holy Family is about faithful love that looks after the most important people in our lives. We all know that fights and bitterness can wreck families for generations. If today’s feast means anything it is not about romanticising how difficult family life can be these days. It is about naming that forgiveness, compassion and kindness are the blocks upon which Christian family life is built. Without these virtues family life crumbles.

The best way to honour today’s feast is to do something about the faithful love it celebrates.

People on their deathbed often speak about things they have left undone and would have liked to have achieved in their life. No one ever says that they wish they had spent more time at work. No one says they wish they had made more money. But many people say that they wish they had told those that they love, that they loved them. We shouldn’t assume that our families know about our love for them if we haven’t said it. If we show it, we should be able to say it. So write a letter, make a call or go and see them, but let’s pluck up our courage and tell our families that we love them. It’s too late once we’re dead.

And the best news is that when we profess our love to our families we’ll see that today’s celebration is in fact a moveable feast.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ, &
Reflection, by Greg Sunter

2018 Calendar

January	
2	Parish Office Reopens
7	The Epiphany of the Lord
8	The Baptism of the Lord
18	Planning Day – the Parish Office will be closed Pins & Needles Parish Library
21	Bookclub 3pm Parish Library
23	Women's Breakfast
26	Australia Day – Parish Office Closed Anointing of the Sick during 9:30am Mass
31	Over 45's
February	SVdP Doorknock Appeal
2	Presentation of the Lord Blessing of Candles at 9:30am Mass
4	Welcome to Fr. Kimi Pot Luck Lunch
5	School Starts
12	Sacrament of Reconciliation Second Formation Evening for Parents
14	Ash Wednesday
15	Pins & Needles Parish Library
18	Parish Assembly 11am Bookclub 3pm Parish Library
23	Anointing of the sick during 9:30am Mass
25	Parish Assembly 11am
24/25	Sacrament of Reconciliation Presentation Masses
28	Over 45's

Stamps For MSC Missions

there is a box on the table in the foyer to deposit used and unused stamps for the MSC Missions. These will be sent to the MSC office in Sydney where they will be sorted and sold with the proceeds helping the overseas work of the MSC Order.

Heart Spirituality

Mother of God

God's power knows no limits.
He can draw from nothingness
worlds more beautiful and vast than ours.

But he cannot, according to
Saint Bonaventure, raise a creature to a
greater dignity than that of being the
mother of God.

Her title Mother of God
is beyond compare.

It enables her to say to Jesus,
Like God the Father: "You are my Son."
The divine Motherhood is the cause
and purpose of all her
extraordinary privileges.

O Mary,
you are the glory of human nature.
Everything that exists comes under you,
God alone excepted.

When we call Mary Mother of God,
no further praise is possible,
and we exalt at the same time the
greatness and power of the Most High.

Meditations - Jules Chevalier 1891

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

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE

FRANCIS

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE

51st WORLD DAY OF PEACE

1 JANUARY 2018

Migrants and refugees:

men and women in search of peace

In a spirit of compassion, let us embrace all those
fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by
discrimination, persecution, poverty and
environmental degradation to leave their homelands.
Pope Francis' message may be accessed at the link below.
https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20171113_messaggio-51giornatamondiale-pace2018.html

Thank you The Liturgy Team would
like to express their thanks to all the
parishioners who participated in ministry for
the Christmas masses. Your participation
enhanced our celebrations.

My changing outlook

I was brought up in a really strict Catholic family. It was just expected that we would go to church every Sunday and that we would "uphold the Catholic faith" as my parents put it. I never bothered to rebel against religion like many of my friends did. For some reason I couldn't quite subject myself to my parent's disappointment.

Never saw eye to eye

My parents and I never really saw eye to eye about anything. When I was younger it was just the simple stuff - the length of my skirt, how I chose to wear my hair or the movies I wanted to watch. But as I got older I found that there was a lot more that we didn't agree on - my choice of friends, what I wanted to study at uni, political issues or how I chose to spend my weekends.

I left home at 17 to study at a university in another city. Moving away from home has totally broadened my outlook on the world and has changed my opinion on lots of issues. Over the past two years I've met the most amazing people with the most extraordinarily diverse experiences. My circle of friends includes people with different religions, beliefs, values, cultures and different ways of approaching life. But the great thing is we respect each other's opinions. I've learnt to question what I've been taught and not always agree just because that is what "everybody else" thinks.

My mum didn't agree

The first couple of times I went home to visit my parents I found it really hard to cope. I found it hard to deal with not being able to express my opinions as freely as I did when I was away from home. My mum didn't necessarily agree with my upfront attitude to life. While I was always out there trying to get people to take me and my beliefs and opinions seriously, her attitude was "why fight it... why not just go with the flow." It was really frustrating. I used to get really upset that my parents didn't agree with what I was doing.

I kept at it though. I used to ring home and tell mum about a new project or committee I'd become involved with and even though I could just see her cringing on the other end of the phone line, I tried to remember why I was doing what I was doing or why I held the beliefs that I did. I found that I really had to remind myself that it was okay to have the opinions that I did, but also that it was okay for my mum to have her viewpoint too.

Respect

The thing I loved about my friends was that we all respected each other's opinions. I had a chat to a friend about it and I eventually realised that if I wanted my parents to respect what I had to say I had to try and respect their viewpoint too. As tough as it was, once I made an effort to respect their values and opinions, getting along with my parents has been a lot easier. <http://au.reachout.com/my-changing-outlook>

A Cherokee Legend

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of Passage?

His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone.

He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it.

He cannot cry out for help to anyone.

Once he survives the night, he is a MAN.

He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm.

The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man! Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.

Moral of the story:

Just because you can't see God, doesn't mean He is not there.

'For we walk by faith, not by sight.'

-- Author unknown

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Robert Wise, Margaret McCallion, Hannah Mecham, Joseph Davis, Clarice O'Callaghan, Kevin McMahon, Nita Smith, Geoffrey Bogg, Bill Glover, Willy Raadts, Florence Anthony, Charles Taylor, Kathryn Jones, Therese Markham, Ken Lorraway, Pauline Burt, Cooper McDonald, Jamie Bourke, Mary Gorey, John Burt, Mary Costelloe, Edna Lydon

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	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:

During this Christmas season we will continue to display the selection of books relating to Christmas - including books on Jesus, meditations and prayers.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
In the past God spoke to our fathers
through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

Readings –7 JANUARY 2018

First Reading	Is. 60:1-6
Psalm	Ps. 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13
Second Reading	Eph. 3:2-3. 5-6
Gospel	Mt. 2:1-12

7 Jan Reading Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O'Heir, Violet Duve
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Nicole Mikkonen, Judith Deklin

7 Jan Ministers of Communion

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

7 Jan Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	1 Jan	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds:	6 Jan	Group 1
Counting:	7 Jan	Group 1

Church Cleaning	1 Jan	Vacant
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On a Lighter note

*Knock, Knock
Who's there?
Figs.
Figs who?
Fix your doorbell, it's broken!*

Q: What do you call cheese that's not yours?

A: Nacho cheese!