

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

19 November 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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REFLECTION

Happiness is an inside job

We live in a society that places great importance upon external signs of success. We have to assure ourselves and others that we are valuable and important.

The parable of the talents is sometimes misused to validate an overemphasis on material wealth in many Western societies. There can be an attitude that says ‘more is better’; that possessions are a sign of success. Such advocates point to the favour bestowed on the servants who doubled their money and the punishment dealt to the lazy servant who simply returned to his master what he was given. Proponents of the increasingly popular ‘gospel of prosperity’ hold that God wants Christians to be materially and financially rich and that their wealth is proof of God’s love. This stands in stark contrast to Jesus’ vision of the Kingdom.

We live in an affluent society that’s always expecting more, wanting more, and believes it even deserves more. But the more we own, ironically enough, the less we enjoy. This is the paradox of materialism. The more we project our soul’s longing onto things, the more things disappoint us. Happiness is an inside job. When we expect to find happiness outside of ourselves, we are always disappointed. We then seek a “higher” or more stimulating experience and the spiral of addiction and consumption continues.

Today, most of us try to find personal and individual freedom even as we remain on the inside of structural boxes and a system of consumption that we are then unable or unwilling to critique. Our mortgages, luxuries, and privileged lifestyles control our whole future. Whoever is paying our bills and giving us security and status determines what we can and cannot say or even think.

Self-serving institutions that give us our security, status, or identity are considered “too big to fail” and are invariably beyond judgment from the vast majority of people.

Evil can hide in systems much more readily than in individuals.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter, & *Simplicity*, by Richard Rohr.

Invitation
Ministry Thank You Lunch

Day: Sunday
Date: 26th November 2017
Time: 12 noon
Place: St John the Apostle Parish Centre
RSVP: 20 November 2017
PH: 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au

We thank you for your commitment to ministry and the care and wellbeing of our parish. Join with other parishioners as we take the opportunity to celebrate the past year and give thanks for the gifts

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

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

Next gathering 19th Nov

Contact the Parish Office
for more information

Stewardship of our Parish

There are flyers regarding planned giving and stewardship on the table in the foyer. We ask you to take a flyer and give this your prayerful consideration. You may place the commitment pledge on the plate or return it to the parish office.

Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Kangara Waters (outside Birrigai Café)
Saturday 22 December
8:30am – 3:30pm

Featuring handmade gifts, including bags, patchwork, porcelain art, crochet, knitting, jewellery, homemade cakes and biscuits and other Christmas treats.

Come and join us and pay our newly refurbished café a visit for coffee, breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea.

St John the Apostle Primary School will celebrate the end of the school year with Mass at 11:00am on 8 December.

“CHOSEN”

Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections

\$4.50 per book

Available in the parish bookstore

A spiritually rich resource for praying during Advent. These daily reflections have been written by 14 contributors from the Diocese of Wollongong

Parish Bookstore

Columban Calendars \$9.00

Majellan Christmas Cards \$6.50 Pkt of 10

SECOND RITE DURING ADVENT – 7:30pm

Aranda Thursday 14th December

Charnwood Tuesday 19th December



Calvary Hospital Auxiliary

Christmas Craft and Present Stall

Day & Date: Thursday 30th November

Time: 8.00am to 4.00pm.

Place: Hospital Foyer

Monies raised will be going towards purchasing equipment for the hospital. Please come along and support this worthwhile cause.

Enquiries Mary Cruickshank 6254 4084

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 24 November.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 30th November from 12:00noon onwards. Fr. Gerard, Marian and Sharon will be having planning afternoon for the 2018 calendar.



The RCIA candidates, Tristan Thexton, Jess Kyle and Nicole Kyle will be presented to the parish through the Acceptance and Welcome Rite at the Vigil mass this weekend. They will be presented with bibles as a symbol of accepting the Word of God. Please keep them in your prayers as they make this journey towards Easter.

Sacrament of Confirmation: We welcome Daniel Medic who will be confirmed at the 10:00am mass this weekend. Please keep Daniel in your prayers

Sacrament of Penance

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

Formation evening for Parents.

Date: Monday 20 November

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

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

PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Assembly organising committee met for the first time on Thursday 16 November. The Committee is Dennis Puniard, Di Bruce, Tim Gill, Anthony Ganley, Sabina Van Rooy, Marian England and Fr Gerard.

Sunday 18 February 2018

Sunday 25 February 2018

11:00am – 1:00pm

concluding with a sausage sizzle

In a constant effort to share in the sentiments of the Heart of Christ, we will be attentive to all human needs and aspirations, such as, the need to be respected as persons, the need for love and peace, for freedom, justice and truth, and the search for meaning in life. We will become all things to all people, by respecting different cultures. C#24

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One Fervent person, filled with the spirit of God, was often sufficient to convert whole cities and vast kingdoms. Others take a lot of pains and produce practically nothing. From where comes the difference? The first person merited the blessing of heaven because of his fervour and love; the second group made themselves unworthy of it because of their soft and sensual lives. Look what fruit the apostles gathered from their preaching throughout the whole world. Although they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they devoted themselves to prayer and mortification in the midst of their work (Acts 6:4). Their virtue shone out before the people, and those who witnessed it gave glory to God and accepted his kingdom. The apostles were not afraid of difficulties, fatigue, persecution, death; and more than once "they went away glad because they had been found worthy to suffer insults in the name of him who had sent them"(Acts 5:41). Jules Chevalier 1892

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

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference: Media release

Any change to marriage law must include protections for religious freedom.

You can access the document at the link below:

<https://www.catholic.org.au/acbc-media/media-centre/media-releases-new>

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Marie-Jeanne Shatzman, Veronica Tippet, Gary Williams, Frances Stow, Maria Van Audenaerde, Brenden Keir, Cornelia Onstenk, William Castle, Richard Witrzens, Gloria Hunter, Maria Wegener, Jamie Gruber, Kathleen Randall, Garry Marsh, Nell Clarke, Matthew Biggs, Joey Griffiths, Nelson Canas, Irene Collbourne, Corstianus Slusser, Patricia McGee, Honorio Arranz, Dorothy Lenihan, Mary-Ellen Roots, Krissy Thomas, Herbert Gallagher, John Welfare, John Patterson, Winifred O'Neill, John Burns, John Costelloe, Marie Corr, Susan Sutch, Darren O'Brien, Leslie Lincoln, Conelly Andrae, Vin Stewart, Nancy Selvatino, John Soetens, Cahil Kane.

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: the history of the early days of the Church in the time of the Apostles make fascinating reading and is the subject of the display in the library this week.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Readings – 26 November 2017

First Reading	Ez 34:11-12. 15-17
Psalm	Ps 22:1-3. 5-6.
Second Reading	1 Cor 15:20-26. 28
Gospel	Mt 25:31-46

26 Nov 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

26 Nov 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, John Blackwell, Robin Williams, Libby Costello
6:00pm	Judith Deklin, Agnes Pham, VACANT, VACANT, VACANT

26 Nov Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Barbara Witrzens, Marie McKie
8:30am	Bert Broekhuysse, Fay Stephenson
10:00am	John Blackwell, Louise Bulfin
6:00pm	Judith Deklin

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	20 Nov	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds:	25 Nov	Group 4
Counting:	26 Nov	Group 7
Church Cleaning:	Sabina Van Rooy, Joan Chapman 20 November	

On a Lighter note

- Q. Why did the clock in the cafeteria always run slow?
- A. Every lunch it went back for (four) seconds
- Q. What do you call your father-in-law's only child's mother-in-law?
- A. Mum!