

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

15 January 2017

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“To be on earth the Heart of God”
Biex ikun fuq l-art il-Qalb ta 'Alla

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

LITURGIES

Liturgy of the Word with Communion: Tues 9:30am

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sun 11:30 am

Reconciliation: Sat 11:00 – 11:30 am or by
appointment with the priests

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REFLECTION

Called by God



God is continually calling us into relationship with God. Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. How do we respond to God's call?

There are some beautiful examples in the bible of how the prophets were called by God and how they responded. Abraham is called by name and responds to God's call by leaving the place where he feels at home to travel to a land he does not know. God calls Moses by name from the middle of a burning bush. Moses responds by seeking to know more about God by asking God's name. God answers "I AM WHO I AM". Three times Samuel hears a voice calling his name in his sleep. He asks his friend Eli, the priest, if it was he who had been calling. Eli tells Samuel he thinks that the voice is from God. Samuel responds to God's call saying, *Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.* [1 Samuel 3:9]

The conversion of Paul on the road to Damascus is perhaps the most dramatic account of a call from God in the whole bible. The saying "Road to Damascus" is used in the vernacular as referring to an important moment of insight, typically one that leads to a dramatic transformation of attitude or belief. The fact that the saying is used in everyday language is testament to how well Paul's experience of God is known. Paul was an influential Jewish leader and teacher. At the time of his call, he was persecuting the Christians. Paul responded to God by establishing churches and preaching the Good News of Jesus to the people of the Roman world beyond the borders of Palestine.

At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of Jesus' life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their own lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.

Resources used: *Call & Response*, J F Collins, & *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: *Terry Martin, Ann Grannall, Caterina Fallace, Phyllis Morrison, Frederick Felsing, Alexander Beggs, Shaun MacKey, Bradley Keenan, Josephine Fox, Josephine McLaren, Eugenia Kurzynski, Horace Staunton, Leonard Crowe, Tara Ottewill, Albert Bingham, Ernest Hackett, Danielle Sykes, Christopher Hemmingway, Claudine MacDowell, Chris Thamer, Brendan Gibson, Emanuel Grech, Nicholas McInerney, Bernadette Davis, Joan Casey, Maxwell Lewis, Kyall Green, Michael Sweeney, Jane Packard, Geoffrey Fisher, Armando Arugay.*

Mass Intentions: Mass requests are often booked out a week in advance. There are times when a request is made to the priest just before the commencement of mass to have that particular mass offered for a specific intention. This can cause a problem because the mass may already be booked. When a mass has been requested for the repose of a soul or for a special intention and a monetary offering has been made, then that mass cannot be offered for a second intention.

Canon Law 948 states:

Separate masses are to be applied for the intentions of those for whom a single offering has been given and accepted.

To avoid any confusion or the possibility of your request being rejected we would please ask that you make your requests for masses through the parish office.

Thank you for your understanding.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 15 January

The theme of Pope Francis' message for the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees is ***Child migrants, the vulnerable and the voiceless.***

More information available in the foyer.

CHANGE OF TIMES

Commencing Saturday 4th February

Confession/Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00pm - 5:30pm

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays during 10:00am Mass

CALENDAR DATES

22 January – Farewell Fr. Paul

10:00am Mass followed by morning tea
[Please bring a plate]

24 January – Women's Breakfast

7:30am Little Chef Café Belconnen

25 January – Over 45's

9:30am Mass followed by morning tea

26 January – Australia Day

Parish Office Closed

30 January – School Resumes

2 February - Presentation of the Lord

Blessing of Candles at 9:30am Mass

12 February – Parish Assembly

11:00am – 1:00pm Parish Centre
followed by sausage sizzle lunch

16 February - Mass 11:00am

Opening School Mass for St John the
Apostle Primary School

17 February – Multicultural Carnivale Twilight Fete

St John the Apostle Primary school
4:00pm – 8:00pm

20 February –Sacrament of Penance

7:00pm Second Parent formation
evening

25/26 February - Presentation Masses

Candidates for the Sacrament of
Penance

1 March – Ash Wednesday

Farewell Fr. Paul

Fr. Paul's last weekend in the parish will be the 21/22 January. There will be an opportunity to farewell Fr. Paul at the 10:00am mass followed by a morning tea in the foyer. (Please bring a plate)

Contact details for Fr. Paul are:

Evermore
Unit 8, 18-30 Bruce St
Forster NSW 2428

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PARISH ASSEMBLY 12 FEBRUARY

11:00AM – 1:00PM

The Heart of Our Parish

The purpose of this assembly is to address two important challenges that face our parish. The first is the amalgamation of parishes in the Belconnen region and what this will mean for our parish. The second is the transitioning from a two priest parish to a one priest parish.

To help us address these challenges the assembly will focus on our Spirituality, Community and Mission.

This assembly will help us to address these important areas as a means of re-energizing our parish life and mission

- MSC Spirituality
- Lay leadership
- A renewed sense of mission

All parishioners are encouraged to attend. Sausage sizzle will follow.

Position Vacant:

Executive Assistant to the General Secretary of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Applications close: 4pm Friday January 20.

A copy of the position description is available at www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au Letters of application are to be addressed to the Employment Relations Advisor and emailed to oadvisor@catholic.org.au

St John the Apostle Primary School Multicultural Carnivale FETE



**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**

**Friday 17th February
4pm - 8pm.**

If you would like to volunteer at a stall, even just for an hour, please sign up at the following web address

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054dabaf2aa6f94-volunteers> or call Anna Cirocco on 0449 804 718. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU: The Liturgy Team would like thank all those involved in the various ministries for the Christmas liturgies. A special thank you to the choirs who invested so much time and effort into making the celebrations a joyful experience.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DOOR KNOCK - 2017

The St Vincent de Paul 2017 Door Knock Appeal will be held from 1st to 28th February. The door knock is the main source of funds to support the work of the Society in our local area. During the coming week members of the society will contact those parishioners who volunteered last year to seek their help again in 2017. As the years go by some of our previous volunteers collectors can no longer help so we are looking for several new volunteers to take their place. If you can give one and a half to two hours of your time to this worthy cause it would be greatly appreciated. It is a very practical way to help those in need in our area. We are also seeking expressions of interest from parishioners who would be able to help collect donations at a stall to be held at a local shopping centre during February.

If you need more information please contact Colin Fox on 0421758550

On A Lighter Note:

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?" To which I replied, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?" He smiled knowingly and nodded, "That's why we ask."

ROSTERS

22 January Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Judy Netting, Marie McKie, John Drury, Barbara Witzens, Judy Mewburn
8:30am	Violet Duvé, Janet Almond, Ted & Clare Kell, VACANT
10:00am	Robin Williams, Libby Costello, Rachel Blackwell, Marissa Blackwell, John Blackwell
6:00pm	Margaret McMahon, Judith Deklin, Matthew Toohey, VACANT, VACANT

22 January Reading Roster

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

22 January Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Barbara Witzens, Marie McKie
8:30am	Bert Broekhuysen, Fay Stephenson
10:00am	Lucia Moran, Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Judith Deklin

Other Rosters

16 Jan	Altar Society: Pat Gilchrist
16 Jan	Church Cleaning: Carol Blyth, Therese Edwards
21 Jan	Grounds: David Pigram, Rob Caskie, Matthew Garton, Mike Lavis
21 Jan	Presbytery Cleaning: Maresa Laird, Meg Millband, Pat Cowburn, Sabina Van Rooy, Lynnie Traynor

PARISH ACTIVITIES

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer:	Thursday 7:30pm
Maida: 0423 658 326	Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation [Library]	Friday 7.30-8.15 pm
Morning Prayer:	Mon, Tues, Fri 9:10am
Stations of the Cross	First Fri Monthly 5:30pm
Children's Mass	Second Sunday monthly 10am

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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and
dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Jn 1:29-34

Each of the three synoptic gospels (Mark, Luke and Matthew) presents an account of the baptism of Jesus. All three versions record the Spirit descending in the form of a dove. In the fourth gospel, it is interesting that the gospel writer does not actually give an account of the baptism as by the time of this gospel's writing the story is well entrenched in the Christian culture. Instead of a baptism account, John the Baptist appears to recall the event. In Jewish tradition, the prophets and patriarchs who came earlier in their history ranked higher than those who came later. They believed that the history of salvation was at its pinnacle with God's self-revelation to Abraham. Successive episodes and characters were regarded as lesser. But John affirms that Jesus ranks before himself because Jesus existed before John. He is saying that Jesus is more than simply the latest in a long line of prophets.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

LIBRARY NEWS: Further books for the holiday reading are: "The Joyful Beggar", "Children of the sun", "Two women of Galilee", "The perfect joy of St Francis" and "The Cardinal".

School of Religion: – 9.15am-10.00am
Sundays Parish Centre (School Term Only)
For children not attending a Catholic School



Hearing Loop: - We have a hearing loop in the body of the church. Adjust your hearing aids according to audiologist's advice.