

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

22 January 2017

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**“To be on earth the Heart of God”
‘Être sur terre le Coeur de Dieu’**

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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 to Discipleship

What must it have been like for those first four disciples Jesus called? The fact that they were fishing means that they had not been chosen to continue studying the Torah beyond childhood and had not been chosen by a rabbi to be his followers. Even as young men, these four were has-beens and had no hope of a rabbi asking them to be his disciples. Suddenly, Jesus appears and calls them to follow him. A life that had passed them by suddenly opened up before them! Of course they dropped everything and followed.

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dis-satisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of ‘leaving behind’ was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one’s prejudices.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS &
Reflection, by Greg Sunter

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

Recently Deceased: *Patricia (Trish) Halliday*

Anniversary: *Danielle Sykes, Chris Thamer, Claudine MacDowell, Brendan Gibson, Nicholas McInerney, Emanuel Grech, Joan Casey, Bernadette Davis, Maxwell Lewis, Kyall Green, Michael Sweeney, Geoffrey Fisher, Jane Packard, Armando Arugay, Fank Ripszam, Michael Ryan, Janelle Sykes, Des Jones, Rupert Waterford, Declan Morris, Margaret Hill, Alice Tonna, Alexander Powell, Robert Thomas, Doreen Kennedy, Salvatore Nasca*

**THE FEAST OF THE
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**
Thursday 2nd February - 9:30am Mass
Blessing of Candles

You are invited to bring your prayer candle to this mass. The "blessing of candles ceremony" will take place during the mass. Your candle can be placed on the table provided in front of the altar before mass. You will then collect your blessed candle at the conclusion of mass.

Over 45's will meet for the first time this year on Wednesday 25 January for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share.
Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

There is a box on the table in the foyer where you can leave stamps (both used and unused) for the Missions. These stamps will be sent to the MSC Mission Office in Sydney and will be sold. The money raised will be used to help the MSC Missions.

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.

CHANGE OF TIMES

Commencing Saturday 4th February

Confession/Reconciliation
Saturday 5:00pm - 5:30pm

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

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading



"The Dry"



By Jane Harper

Sunday 19 February - 3:00 pm
Parish Library.



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

The next breakfast is:

TUES 24 January - 7:30 am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DOOR KNOCK - 2017

The annual Doorknock for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul will be held from the 1st February to 28th February 2017.

Members of the Society have already contacted a number of parishioners to seeking their help. If you have not been contacted and would like to help please write your particulars on one of the leaflets you will find on your seats.

We also need volunteers for a SVdP stall in Kippax Fair. A member of the Society will collect your completed leaflet at the door as you leave mass. You will be contacted in due course.

Please help if you can; it is a very effective way of helping those in need within our local community

Fr Paul: This weekend we bless Fr. Paul as we say farewell to him.

*May flowers always line your path and
sunshine light your day.*

*May songbirds serenade you every
step along the way.*

*May a rainbow run beside you in a sky
that's always blue.*

*And may happiness fill your heart each
day your whole life through. ~Irish Blessing*

Contact details for Fr. Paul are:

Evermore

Unit 8, 18-30 Bruce St

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St John the Apostle Primary School Multicultural Carnivale FETE



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.

Details: shortcourses.ftp@acu.edu.au

9:30am MASS - MONDAY 23 JAN

This mass will be a **Liturgy of the Word with Communion** as

Fr. Gerard is giving a presentation to the staff of St John the Apostle Primary School at their Spirituality Day.

COMPACT: We encourage you to take your copy of COMPACT home. Have you thought....this could be a form of Evangelisation.....sharing the Word of God with a loved one or a neighbour!

On A Lighter Note:

Q: What's a spider's favourite thing to do on a computer?

A: Make websites.

ROSTERS

29 January Ministers of Communion

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

29 January 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 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

23 Jan	Altar Society: Violet Duve
23 Jan	Church Cleaning: Marilyn Calliess, Ann Clementine
28 Jan	Grounds: VACANT
4 Feb	Presbytery Cleaning: Maryanne Ferguson, Lynette Weaver, Ann Clementine, Margaret Sheehan.

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:

The Lord is my light and
my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News
of the kingdom,
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Mt 4:12-23

Having established the credentials of Jesus, the gospel writer then provides a summary of the teaching that will be played out in the gospel, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Much more than simply being sorry, repent carried with it a sense of turning one's life around; making amends for past failures; and choosing a whole new direction for one's life. Literally, it meant a 'change of mind'. The passage from Isaiah that is quoted in the gospel, speaks of the people who dwell in darkness. The passage is addressed to the Jewish tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali – two of the twelve tribes. These two tribes lived in the northernmost part of Palestine and their lands were surrounded by Gentiles. Any non-Jew was regarded as living in darkness because they did not have the light of 'truth', but these two tribes also dwelt in darkness because they were surrounded by it. Regardless, the passage asserts that all who dwell in darkness (Gentile and Jew alike) will receive a great light.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

LIBRARY NEWS: New books for the new year are on display this week including "Loving your neighbour, seeing others through the eyes of Jesus."

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