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## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME Year B

4 February 2018

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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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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### From the Pastor's desk.....

In his book *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* Rabbi Harold Kushner tackles the age-old question of suffering in the world. The book was a response to his own son's premature death caused by *progeria* (rapid aging). On its publication in 1981 it became a best seller, no doubt striking a chord with so many others who have suffered misfortunes.

Kushner draws heavily on the Book of Job which forms part of the wisdom literature of the Old Testament. Job cries out to God with heart wrenching anguish. Job is a righteous man who is robbed of family, wealth and health. Why is Job seemingly punished by God? Are not the good rewarded and the evil punished? Is God unjust? Is God indifferent to Job's plight? These are some of the questions the Book of Job probes.

In today's first reading we get a sample of the bleakness of Job's thoughts, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and come to their end without hope." The Book of Job offers no pat answer to the question of suffering, but it does explore this problem with profound depth.

By raising questions, allowing doubts to rise, and questioning the very meaning of existence, we are drawn more intimately into God. This was the experience of Jesus who cried out on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me." It was precisely at this moment of abandonment that God was never more united with humanity.

**Peace & blessings,  
Gerard**

# Parish Assembly

## Crossing the Threshold

Our mission is

*To be on Earth the Heart of God*

Our vision is how we achieve this.

Our mission finds expression in specific commitments carried out by individuals and our community.

As a parish community we will discern our mission and vision at the parish assembly.

Sunday 18 February 11:00am – 1:00pm &

Sunday 25 February 11:00am – 1:00pm

Sausage sizzle lunch will follow

### Come to the Assembly & Bring someone with you

Register by adding your name & details on the form available on the table in the foyer.

## We're Going Back To School



### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION ENROLLING NOW

4th and 11th of February

both before and after the 10am Mass

Enrolments in the Church Foyer

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

*New members are always most welcome.*

We are reading

“Light and Shadow Memoirs of a Spy’s Son”

By Mark Colvin

Sunday 18 February - 3:00 pm

Parish Library.



There are three copies of the book available in the Parish Office

### 2018 Lenten Program “Surrender”

*Produced by the Diocese of Wollongong*

*Available from the Parish Bookstore*

*\$ 9.00 per book    \$10.00 per CD*

### “Seeking the Mind of Christ”

*You are invited to a living encounter and a life transforming experience with the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit.*

**Day & Date:** Friday, 9 February 7pm – 9pm

**Where:** St Monica’s Church Evatt

**Conducted by:** Br. Lalith Perera,  
Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Fr. Ken Barker

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

### DOOR KNOCK

**1 - 28 February 2018**

The members of the society are extremely grateful to all Parishioners who responded to our appeal at all Masses last Weekend

THANK YOU.

### We desperately need more volunteers

We have 60 of the 162 areas covered so far and need another 102 volunteers to have 100% coverage this year. If you are able to help, please see one of our Conference members at the tables in the foyer after Mass who will help you with your enquiry. Each kit Contains detailed instructions and all you need to do the Doorknock.

## CROSSROADS AUSTRALIA

Walking from Brisbane to Melbourne

One of the walkers from the Crossroads Australia Pro-Life group, will speak at the masses this weekend of the 3rd-4th February. They will talk about the Crossroads Walk and their mission of giving witness to the sanctity and dignity of human life at all stages. For more information about the walk and how you can help check out the website:

<http://crossroadsaustralia.org/>

or simply say hi to them after Mass.

## CARITAS KITCHEN

When: Shrove Tuesday 13 Feb - 6pm

Where: St Christopher’s Pastoral Centre

Guest Speaker: Michael Maguire

Register Online: by 9 February

<http://my.caritasfundraising.org.au/LuluMitshabu2018>

*JOIN US to raise awareness and funds for  
Project Compassion*

Further Information [Fiona.Wilkinson@caritas.org.au](mailto:Fiona.Wilkinson@caritas.org.au)

## February Baptisms

*We welcome into our community:*



Lucas Langhorn,  
son of Adam and Cyndi;

Vincent Ringshaug  
son of Shaun and Annaleise;

Vivienne Bond,  
daughter of Mitchell and Genevieve

## REFLECTION

### Heal the Broken Hearted

Today we see three snapshots from the photo album of life.

Suffering comes to everyone. It can take such a hold of us that the happiness of the past is swallowed up, the beauty of better days is forgotten, and the hope of a brighter future is imperilled. Life ceases to be an adventure and takes on the guise of drudgery. At such times suffering appears to be our permanent fate, and life seems too short for suffering to run its course. If we become identified with our distress, we will be tormented.

Jesus knew the harshness of life, because he was one of us. He saw it in the lives of those he loved, and he was touched by their torment. He came to release people from the demons that possess them, from the illness that undermined their lives. He came to bring the reign of God, the reign of peace and fulfilment. He came to heal the broken hearted, to bind up their wounds.

There is not a single instance where Jesus inflicts pain and suffering on others. He regularly tells us we have to carry our cross and bear our burdens, but this is vastly different from personally laying a cross on our shoulders or giving us the burdens in the first place. By contrast, every time that Jesus encounters suffering and pain he works to heal it and restore the person to new life.

As Catholics we believe in the power of miracles and that the source of them is always the grace of God. But we do not have to see them as something done to us from without. Rather, we can see them as unlocking something from within. For some people Jesus' word or touch set free the healing power God had placed in them. For others it came through another person's intercession. The same holds true for us today.

We are the disciples who must bring the good news to the broken hearted, to those who are enslaved, to those who are weak. We are the ones who will then share in the blessings of this good news.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS & *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ

## Heart Spirituality

### The Heart of Jesus

*A means to touch and move people is to make known all the treasures of love, tenderness and mercy in the Heart of Jesus.*

*The Missionary should talk about this often. He should proclaim the love and self-giving to be found there.*

*This adorable Heart  
Is not sufficiently loved,  
because it is not sufficiently known.  
Let us first love him ourselves,  
then we shall be able  
to make others love him.*

Règles 1855 Jules Chevalier

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

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH SACRAMENTAL DATES

12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	- Sacrament of Penance - Second Formation Evening for parents
24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sacrament of Penance Presentation Masses
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Sacrament of Penance - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite for Children
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Sacrament of Confirmation Formation Evening for parents
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> April	Sacrament of Confirmation Presentation Masses
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Sacrament of Confirmation
18 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion Formation Evening for parents
23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion Presentation Masses
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	First Holy Communion Masses Vigil Sat & 10:00am Sun
11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	First Holy Communion Masses Vigil Sat & 10:00am Sun

Contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or  
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*Let us pray for those who are sick.  
We remember them in our Masses.*

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Jehanne Thelland, Alice Tonna, Alexander Powell, Robert Thomas, Doreen Kennedy, Salvatore Nasca, Julian Oakley, Annie McCreath, Clements Cox, Bruce Walker, Carmelita Godfrey, Maria Carrusca, Victoria Wilkinson, Kenneth Vella, Faye Menegazzo, Stella Bell, Margaret Ephgrave, Margaret Davis, Elias Kiki, John Maher, Peter Moore, Roberto Millucci, Robert Galliano, Rene Stubbs, George Griffiths, Trent Foster, Glenn Foster, Nellie Bannon, Henry Moulis, Edward Blake-Smith, Philip Babic, John Thompson

## 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 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> 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:** We have displayed this week some of the many books in our personal spirituality section of the library including "God in all things: the importance of being foolish" and "Wonder; a way to God".

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Praise the Lord  
who heals the broken-hearted.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.  
Alleluia!

## Readings –11 FEBRUARY 2018

First Reading	Lv 13:1-2. 44-46
Psalm	Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11.
Second Reading	1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1
Gospel	Mk 1:40-45

## 11 Feb Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mary French, Tom Halloran
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	CHILDREN'S MASS
6:00pm	Ruth Dunnicliff-Hagan, Brian Mahony

## 11 Feb Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh, Fay Hodgetts
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Frank Colley, Barbara Witzens, Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck, Maria Devine, Anthony Dunnicliff-Hagan

## 11 Feb Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Violet Duve, Jean Tierney
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	5 Feb	Pauline O'Gorman
Grounds:	10 Feb	Group 2
Counting:	11 Feb	Group 4
Church Cleaning:	5 Feb	Group 2

## On a Lighter note

What do you call an ant wearing lots of diamonds?  
Extravag-ant.

What do you call an ant dipped in chocolate?  
Decad-ant.