

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME Year B

11 February 2018

#11.18

**“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.....

Next Sunday and the following Sunday we will hold our parish assembly. I have already written about the importance of this assembly and I continue to urge you to be part of this gathering. We won't solve all the problems. That is not the object of the exercise. Rather, it is to help us, as a parish, move confidently into the future. Having a well-developed pastoral plan helps us to navigate that future and to implement various pastoral initiatives. That is why we want as many of you to attend this assembly – especially those who are relatively new to our parish.

It is important to keep in mind this is not a strategic plan that is familiar to the corporate world. A *pastoral* plan is ultimately open to God's desire for us. In this sense, the pastoral plan is our response to God's initiative. Our role is to discern God's will. Discernment, therefore, is the key word in the process of developing a pastoral plan.

In today's gospel we see in Jesus his way of responding to the needs of others. In the case of the man with leprosy Jesus hears his cry for help. Not only is he aware of that man's needs, but feels with compassion for his plight. It is out of this awareness and compassion that Jesus responds with his healing ministry.

It is this dynamic that we see in the ministry of Jesus that we are called to follow. Having a pastoral plan gives us a framework which can help us respond to those needs in a manner that is truly shaped by the compassionate love of Jesus.



We welcome Fr Chris McPhee msc to our parish during his pastoral visitation. Chris is no stranger to Kippax as he was parish priest here between 2002 and 2004. Chris was elected last year as provincial superior of the Australian MSC Province. I am delighted that Chris can spend some time with us.

**Peace & blessings,**

**Gerard**

**W**e welcome the Provincial of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Fr Chris McPhee msc. Fr. Chris will be visiting our parish from 10 February to 16 February. During the week Fr. Chris will meet with various parish groups and will visit our primary school and St Francis Xavier College. We pray that Chris' visit with us is a blessed one.

The Parish Finance Council is please to present the **2017 Finance Report**. The report is available on the small table in the church foyer.

## Parish Assembly

Sunday 18 February 11:00am - 1:00pm &  
 Sunday 25 February 11:00am - 1:00pm  
 Sausage sizzle lunch will follow

*Crossing the Threshold*  
**Come to the Assembly &  
 Bring someone with you**

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

## THANK YOU

*I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Fr. Gerard and everyone in the parish family who have prayed for me and my family over the past few weeks. Your cards, visits and kindness, shown in many ways have given me much comfort. To all those who organised, participated, and attended the beautiful Prayer Vigil for Elizabeth last Friday evening – my every grateful thanks. Margaret Ohlin.*

## We're Going Back To School



**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION  
 ENROLLING NOW**

11th of February

both before and after the 10am Mass  
 Enrolments in the Church Foyer

2018 Lenten Program - "Surrender"  
 \$ 9.00 per book \$10.00 per CD  
 Available from the Parish Bookstore  
 Lent commences - Ash Wednesday 14  
 February

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DOOR KNOCK 1 - 28 February 2018



**Thank you** to those parishioners who have already volunteered, we still need 105 volunteers. The more doors we knock on will increase the resources we need to enable us to help the needy in our community, such as emergency accommodation, clothing and food. Some of our previous volunteers can no longer do the Door Knock so we desperately need new volunteers to take their place. If you are not able to Door knock you may be able to help with our Collection Stall in Kippax Fair.

## VOLUNTEER

Pick up your collection kit in the church foyer



### Belconnen Region Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Parish	Morning	Evening
Kippax	9:30am	6:00pm
Charnwood	9:30am	7:00pm
Page	7:00am & 9:30am	
Aranda	9.30am	
Kaleen	11:45am	6:00pm
Evatt	9:30am	

### 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



**Crossroads Walk Australia** would like to thank the parish for welcoming Ciara last weekend. The funds raised by the Crossroads walkers totalled \$1768.15. We will continue to pray for the parish and all the parishioners.

## REFLECTION

### Suffering

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.

Jesus takes on our suffering, bears it, and moves through it to resurrection. This is "the paschal mystery." We too can follow this path, actively joining God's loving solidarity with all suffering since the foundation of the world. Jesus does not ask us to worship him. He asks us to follow him by trusting and allowing this risky but revealing journey.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS & *The Mystery of Suffering*, by Richard Rohr

## Heart Spirituality

### Sadness has to be overcome by prayer

There are days in life when the soul is invaded by sadness.

Often we cannot explain why, but we suffer from it nevertheless.

We experience it as a moral sagging that takes away the soul's strength and energy, making it incapable of any generous resolve. Other times it is brought on by suffering, by fear of some danger, serious trouble, deception, dread of some great misfortune, a separation, the death of a parent, of a friend. Ordinarily these are the causes of our sadness.

Even the apostles were not exempt from this burden when Jesus Christ told them he was going to leave them (John 16:6). What is the remedy for this evil that presents grave dangers for us? The Holy Spirit points it out for us: it is prayer.

Is anyone among you saddened?

Let them pray (James 5:13). Indeed prayer will disperse the clouds that encircle our soul and obtain from the Heart of the Saviour the grace to get our courage back again.

*Meditations, Jules Chevalier. 1891*

### 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 [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

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

**Recently Deceased:** Christopher O'Brien,  
Br. Venard Smith, Br. Benet Burke, Sheila Cousins

**Anniversaries:** 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, Raychelle Nolan,  
Charlotte Lansdown, Carmel Page, Paulina Jabagat,  
David Lowe, Ian Bransby, Ondina Finzi,  
Giuseppe Mammoliti, Vincas Puzas, Judith Hickey,  
Rodney Chapman

## 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:** "A hidden wholeness: the journey towards an undivided life", "A life-giving vision: how to be a Christian in today's world", and "Nourishing the soul: discovering the sacred in everyday life" are three of the books currently on display.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!!

## Readings –18 FEBRUARY 2018

First Reading	Gen 9:8-15
Psalm	Ps 24:4-9
Second Reading	1 Pt 3:18-22
Gospel	Mk 1:12-15

## 18 Feb Reading Roster

6:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30am	Violet Duve, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Matthew Toohey

## 18 Feb Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Laurine & Daryl Smeaton, Patrick Corr
8:30am	Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Marie Flint, Colin Fox, Maida Kajkic, Ann Reynolds, VACANT
6:00pm	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, Matthew Garton, VACANT, VACANT

## 18 Feb Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Mary Barrett, Lesley Givens
8:30am	Norma & Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Marie Flint
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	12 Feb	Margaret Stanford
Grounds:	17 Feb	VACANT
Counting:	18 Feb	Group 6

Church Cleaning:	12 Feb	Group 4
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## On a Lighter note

Q: Where do people learn to make ice cream?

A: In sundae school.

Q: What was Camelot?

A: A place where people parked their camels