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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Year B

18 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: 1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass
Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm or by appointment with the priest

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From the Pastor's desk.....

*I have set my bow in the clouds,
and it shall be a sign of the covenant
between me and the earth. (Genesis 9:13)*

This Old Testament text is surely one of the most beautiful images evoking God's everlasting love. For the ancient Hebrews the rainbow that appears in the sky after the storm is more than a phenomenon of nature, it is a powerful and enduring symbol of the covenant. The covenant is a two-way relationship – God's pledge of love and our response in love.

The story of the flood depicted in Genesis is extremely old and shares with other ancient Near Eastern mythologies a depiction of a primordial flood. The cosmology of these ancient civilizations saw the flood as symbolic of chaos.

Chaos looms large in our own day: the destructive powers of nature unleashed in the recent fires and cyclones; the ever present chaos of war and terrorism, pestilence and disease, debilitating sickness and depression, domestic violence and family breakdown.

But the message of the Bible, told over and over again, is that God is mightier than this chaos. Moreover, the love of God cradles the universe – nurturing, sustaining and holding it in being.

As we enter these 40 days of Lent I suggest that the struggle is not so much about us trying to overcome our human weaknesses as it is a struggle to believe in the overwhelming love that God has for us.

This faith in God's covenantal love is expressed in the following prayer:

*The breakers of death surged round about me,
the sorrows of the nether world enmeshed me.
In my distress I called upon the Lord, and from
God's holy temple my voice was heard (from
the Monastic liturgy).*

**Peace & blessings,
Gerard**

PARISH NEWS

We thank the Provincial

Fr. Chris McPhee msc for the gift of his time and presence over the past week. During his pastoral visit Chris met with different groups and people. On Thursday night Chris met with the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Liturgy Team members. Chris spoke about how we are all on mission, living our baptismal call. Quoting the MSC Constitutions Chris said "As Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, we live our faith in the Father's love revealed in the Heart of Christ." We wish Chris every blessing in his role as Provincial please keep him in your prayers.

PARISH ASSEMBLY

Sunday 18 February 2018

Sunday 25 February 2018

11:00am – 1:00pm

concluding with a light lunch

FUNERAL NOTICE

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of
Colin Waterford

Will be celebrated at 11:00am

Monday 19 February 2018

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

Sacrament of Penance - Presentation

Masses: The children preparing for the Sacrament of Penance will be presented to the parish next weekend 24/25 February. They will give their prayer card to a parishioner who is asked to pray for them during this preparation time. Would you please hold all the children and their families in your prayers. Thank you.

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 23 February.

DOORKNOCK 2018



The poor and marginalised are our companions on a journey out of poverty. Matilda (not her real name) is a mother of three school age children, one with special needs. Matilda's Centrelink payment barely covers her living costs. As a result she is unable to save any money to cover those unexpected expenses that crop up from time to time. Matilda and her children aren't living they are just surviving.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE CHANGES LIVES

By helping with the Doorknock you are providing vital resources which are used to assist people like Matilda.

If you can help please come and talk to us at the table in the foyer after Mass. The SVDP members would like to thank everyone for their prayers, donations and any assistance or support they have given to the doorknock.

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

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

Next gathering 18 February

We gather for a meal, play games and share our stories. A group where young people can explore their faith in a safe environment, share experiences, and encourage each other in their faith journey.

Contact the Parish Office
for more information

REFLECTION

Temptations

Have you ever noticed that Jesus begins and ends his public ministry in the wilderness? In today's Gospel we have Jesus in the desert for forty days. Much later, when condemned to death, Jesus is led out of the city and crucified at Golgotha, another dry and desolate location. In both places Jesus is tempted.

Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us.

Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation.

In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant.

Temptations can come when we are feeling most deserted and vulnerable and they normally strike us at the most susceptible points in our character. It helps if we are aware of the danger signs in our lives that can weaken our defences. Tiredness, boredom, anger, alcohol and drug use, lack of good communication and poor self-esteem are common realities that can leave us more exposed than usual.

This Lent, as we venture with Christ into our figurative deserts, let's do anything that helps our self-esteem, deal with our anger, attend to why we might work or drink too much, and ensure that we are less stressed.

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

Heart Spirituality

The Enemy within

Our most formidable enemies those that should inspire the greatest fear, are not those outside ourselves but those within.

Our nature is a centre of concupiscence that ceaselessly bears us towards evil. The passions, the bad habits that fill our hearts are the greatest obstacle to salvation. How many Christians, how many priests and religious, after having lived in fervour, slackened and abandoned the way of virtue because of the fickleness that is natural to us. "Those who think they stand should take heed lest they fall" 1Cor. 10:12.

Meditations 1, p.218. 1891

Jules Chevalier

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

9:30am MASS Wednesday 21 Feb

This mass will be a **Liturgy of the Word with Communion** as Frs. Gerard and Kimi will be attending the Archdiocesan Governance Day.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during lent after the 9:30am Mass.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursdays Weekly – Parish Church

Next Practice: 22 February

4:00pm – 5:00pm

The Children sing at the 10:00am Mass on the second Sunday of the month.



Celebrate Lent with Shane Dwyer as he presents:

'A light in the Darkness: walking the spiritual journey in faith and hope'

Venue: Library St Thomas Aquinas Primary School Charnwood

Date: Wednesday, 28 February

Time: 7.30pm

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

Recently Deceased: Colin Waterford,
Thelma Curry (mother of Margaret Curry)

Anniversaries: John Thompson, Raychelle Nolan,
Charlotte Lansdown, Carmel Page, Paulina Jabagat,
David Lowe, Ian Bransby, Ondina Finzi,
Giuseppe Mammoliti, Vincas Puzas, Judith Hickey,
Rodney Chapman, Rudi Meyer, James Wiley,
Johanna Garratt, Reg Lazaro, John Marane,
Ivan Mikulic, Angeles Arranz, Lillian Luke,
Elena Zamora, Adrian Newton, Adrienne Stewart,
Ashley Kent, Eun Cho Shin.

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 Dangerous act of loving your neighbour: seeing others through the eyes of Jesus", "Care of the soul: a guide for cultivating depth and sacredness in everyday life: and, "Seek my face: prayer as personal relationship in scripture" are three of the books on display.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.

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endless glory!

Readings –25 FEBRUARY 2018

First Reading	Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18
Psalm	Ps 115:10. 15-19
Second Reading	Rom 8:31-34
Gospel	Mark 9:2-10

25 Feb

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

25 Feb

Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Margaret McMahon, Marie McKie, John Drury, Barbara Witrzens, Terry O'Brien
8:30am	Ted Kell, Clare Kell, Violet Duve, Janet Almond, VACANT
10:00am	Rachel Blackwell, Marissa Blackwell, John Blackwell, Robin Williams, Libby Costello
6:00pm	Judith Deklin, Agnes Pham, VACANT, VACANT, VACANT

25 Feb

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Barbara Witrzens, Marie McKie
8:30am	Margaret Ohlin
10:00am	John Blackwell, Louise Bulfin
6:00pm	Judith Deklin

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	19 Feb	
Grounds:	24 Feb	Group 4
Counting:	25 Feb	Group 8
Church Cleaning:	19 Feb	Group 6

On a Lighter note

Q: What do you get when you take the sun and
divide its circumference by its diameter?

A: Pi in the sky.

Q: What's kind of dessert is Egyptian pie?

A: The kind mummy used to make.