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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

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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.....

“Postmodernism” (a title that describes the period in which we live) has given us the term “hermeneutic of suspicion.” Put simply, it means that this era is characterized by increasing cynicism toward institutions and time-held value systems. Truth has become relativised – which means that any claim to absolute truth or authority is no longer relevant. People make up their own minds about what is right or wrong.

This is the reality in which the church finds itself today. While postmodernism does offer some healthy critique of institutions – the church included – it equally leaves us bereft of any foundational story that can guide and give meaning to life.

But for all its faults the church has continued to pass on the foundational story which for us as Christians is the story of Jesus. By entering into the story of Jesus we find meaning, hope and liberation.

It is especially in the liturgy that the story of Jesus is told over and over again through the various seasons of the church (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter). To enter into these mysteries is to unite our stories with the foundational story of Jesus. In this we find our true identity is in Christ and our purpose in life in sharing in Christ's mission for the world.

Holy Week begins today with Passion Sunday. This marks the beginning of Holy Week, the last days of Lent in which we prepare with greater intensity to celebrate the highpoint of the liturgical year: the *Easter Triduum*. The *Triduum* is one great liturgy comprising of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. To journey over these days is to enter in a most profound way Jesus' dying and rising to new life.

I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter!

Peace & blessings,

Gerard

PARISH NEWS

Changing Mass Time

End of Daylight Savings time

The Vigil mass time will move forward to 5:00pm commencing
7 April 2018 to 6 October 2018.

Confessions will also move forward one hour 4:00pm – 4:30pm

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

"The Silkword"

By Robert Galbraith

Sunday 15 April 2018 - 3:00 pm

Parish Library.

Two copies of the book are available from the parish office



Over 45's will meet on **Wednesday 28 March** for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre. We will be joined by a **guest speaker** from **Red Cross**. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048.

New Parishioners - Meet and Greet

Friday 6 April - 5:30pm

All parishioners are invited to a meet and greet BBQ to welcome new members of our community. We will contact new parishioners who have registered with the parish – but all new parishioners are encouraged to attend. For catering purposes please RSVP by Tuesday 3 April.

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast is:

Tuesday 27 March 7:30 am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

VINNIES SUPPORTING TATHRA VICTIMS

Canberrans and others who want to help, but may live too far from Bega or Merimbula can make financial donations in support of everyone affected by the Tathra bushfire via the Vinnies website. Please visit www.vinnies.org.au/donate and select ACT from the drop down menu.

During this time of devastation all donations received in any Vinnies store in the Canberra/Goulburn Archdiocese will go towards the Tathra bushfire victims.


Books.....Books.....Books.....

The Calvary Hospital Auxiliary needs books for their **Book Sale** later in the year. If you are cleaning out your bookshelves over Easter we would be very grateful for any donations of books. We are happy to collect your donations. Contact Mary Cruickshank on 62544084 and thank you in advance for your support.

EASTER LITURGIES the Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday: 29 March 2018

Mass of the Last Supper **7:00pm**

Please bring  **bells to ring during the Gloria**

Prayers at the Altar of Repose:

Concluding with night prayer 9:30pm

Good Friday: 30 March 2018

Stations of the Cross – **10:00am**

The Lord's Passion – **3:00pm**

Holy Saturday: 31 March 2018

No confession on Saturday

Easter Vigil – **7:30pm**

Please bring  **bells to ring during the Gloria**

Easter Sunday: 1 April 2018

8:30am, 10:00am

Mass of the Resurrection

No 6:00pm Mass Sunday night

Bring your Project Compassion boxes to the Holy Thursday Mass for inclusion in the offertory.



REFLECTION

BETRAYAL

In Mark's gospel, all the men betray Jesus, without a single exception. Indeed, in his gospel, the final words that Peter, the head of the church, speaks are words of betrayal: "I do not know the man!"

Here's how the gospels describe that betrayal: "Then Peter said, 'I swear that I am telling the truth! May God punish me if I am not! I do not know the man.' ... At once, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. Jesus turned around and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered what the Lord had said to him, 'before the rooster crows tonight, you will deny me three times.' And Peter went out and wept bitterly."

Peter is brash and over confident. Just prior to this betrayal, he had sworn that he would never betray Jesus, even if everyone else did. He made this promise in utter sincerity, with deep love in his heart, fully intending on keeping his word. However, he broke his promise quickly in the face of adversity. But when Jesus looked at him with love he wept at his sin. Sincerity and good will aren't enough to keep us from sinning. Sin isn't always the product of malice or hypocrisy. More often, we sin out of simple weakness.

Because we sin out of weakness, we have a tendency to rationalize: "It wasn't so bad! There was nothing I could have done!" But sin is still sin, betrayal is still betrayal, and the damage we do is still real, even when we act out of weakness. Peter didn't want to betray Jesus, he just wasn't strong enough not to. And that's generally too our problem when we don't hold out against temptation, whether it be to bitterness, sex, gossip, slander, jealousy, hatred, or anything else we sell out to or run away from in order to get through an ordeal, a loneliness, an insecurity, a fear, a season, or a night. Even when we give in out of weakness we're still betraying, still (in essence) saying: "I do not know the man!"

As long as we remain sincere, we will soon enough admit our sin and we will know too that God still looks on us with love, even in betrayal.

Resource used: *Betraying Jesus as Peter Did*,
by Ronald Rolheiser OMI

Heart Spirituality

The Heart of the Mystical Body

Though composed of different members, humanity forms one body and blood, *Unum corpus multi sumus*. The heart that gives life to all the members of this great body is the Heart of Jesus.

He alone unites us together and he alone unites us also to God. As soon as we separate ourselves from him, we separate ourselves from one another and we lose the true feeling of human fraternity by losing the life of God, which is its source.

This divine Heart is the centre around which all hearts gravitate. It is the sacred bridge thrown across the bottomless chasm that separates divinity from humanity.

*Article in the Messenger du S.C. de Jésus,
Tome VII June 1865, p. 529
Jules Chevalier*

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

Palm Sunday Rally Sunday March 25

Be part of the Palm Sunday Rally
1:00pm Garema Place.

This Sunday, thousands of people across Australia will rally for Justice for Refugees and for the immediate safe settlement of the many hundreds of those still trapped on Manus Island and Nauru, many for five years.

You can add your voice for a better refugee policy and for an Australian society that treats people with compassion and dignity.

Daramalan College Opening Evening

Tuesday 27 March

Tours from 5.00-6.30pm

Optional information sessions for Year 7, 2019 at 4.45pm and 7.00pm.

Year 11, 2019 Information Session at 6.00pm.

Contact 62456348 for further information.

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: *Generoso D'Ambrosio, Brian Weston, Jack Ransom, Michael Lowe, Ludvik Koren, James Broderick, Ella Greig, Alexander Van Audenaerde, Clement King, Andrew McEvoy, Stanislaw Bitner, Victoria Huntley, Mark Markham, Moira Leader, Jennifer Adamik, Jack Lenihan, Catherine Wheelagahn, Sybil Lazaro, Bill Corby, Francesca Fernando, Kay Haworth, Katherine Jones, John Henshaw, Helena McGee, Harold Allester, Vivienne Montgomery, Norah Glover, Clara Williamson.*

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: In the final week before Easter we continue our display of books relating to Jesus and his Passion, Death and Resurrection including "Gifts of love", "Mind and heart renewed", "Christ the One sent" and "The Last Supper".

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us
even to death dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name
above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

Readings –1 April 2018

First Reading	Acts 10:34, 37-43
Psalm	Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23
Second Reading	Col 3:1-4
Gospel	John 20:1-9

1 April Reading Roster

7:30pm	EASTER VIGIL
8:30am	Therese Kercher, Libby Kain
10:00am	Frank Colley, Mary French
6:00pm	NO MASS

1 April Ministers of Communion

7:30pm	EASTER VIGIL
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Brian Green, Margaret Stanford, Janet Almond
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Jenny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	NO MASS

1 April Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	EASTER VIGIL
8:30am	EASTER SUNDAY
10:00am	EASTER SUNDAY
6:00pm	NO MASS

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	26 Mar	Violet Duve
Grounds:	31 Mar	All groups
Counting:	1 Apr.	Group 2
Church Cleaning:	26 Mar	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman

On a Lighter note

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Carrie
Carrie who?
Carrie me, I'm too tired to walk