

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

8 April 2018

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“To be on earth the Heart of God”

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

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 4:00pm – 4:30pm or by
appointment with the priest

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From the Pastor's desk...

The journey from unbelief to belief is the great driving force behind the Gospel of John. The evangelist makes this clear in the conclusion to his gospel: “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name” (John 20: 30-31).

This movement from unbelief to belief is dramatically illustrated in the scene from today's gospel. Thomas is absent when Jesus appears to the other apostles on the first day of the week, the day of the resurrection. Where was Thomas? We are not told but it is easy to speculate that the death of Jesus was a catastrophe that forced him to detach himself from the other apostles in order to grieve in solitude. When Jesus does reappear a week later Thomas has rejoined the others but cannot accept their testimony that Jesus is alive. Hence the term “Doubting Thomas” that has entered the common parlance.

At this point – a time of crisis in Thomas' life – Jesus engages him in conversation and challenges his unbelief. Through this encounter with the risen Lord Thomas is once again restored to the community. Furthermore, it is Thomas alone who is recorded in giving the most explicit acknowledgement of Jesus' divinity when he utters “My Lord and my God”.

For me, the story illustrates that our belief in Jesus goes hand in hand with our place in the Christian community. While the Christian community is never perfect, it is the place where we encounter the Risen Lord, especially, and above all else, in the communal celebration of the Eucharist. Second, this episode in John's gospel shows us that doubt may be a stage along the journey to faith and that is often in the midst of crisis that the Risen Lord reveals himself to us.

Easter 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

Sacrament of Confirmation: *The children of the parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be presented to the parish at the masses this weekend 7/8 April. The children will hand their prayer cards to parishioners asking them to pray for them.*

The Sacrament will be celebrated by Fr. Richard Thompson on Wednesday 23 May at 5:00pm

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

“The Silkworm” 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 25 April** 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

Good Friday Holy Places collection:

Thank you for your generosity to this appeal. We collected \$1,879.85.

St Francis Xavier College 2019

enrolment period Mon 7 May – Fri 25 May

2019 Enrolment Information Evening

14 May 2018 6.30pm - 7.15pm.

Open Day, Friday 18 May, 9.00am – 2.30pm

jennifer.madgwick@sfx.act.edu.au or telephone the College on 02 6258 1055

The Liturgy Team would like to thank



everyone who was involved in the celebration of the Easter Liturgies. Their Time and Talents have enhanced our celebrations. Thank you.

TIME AND TALENT 2018/2019 ROSTERS

Forms are available this weekend on the church seats and in the foyer. Please complete and return by 16 April. You can return your completed form to the box in the foyer, on the plate or in the letterbox. We asking everyone to fill the form in even if you are continuing.

NATIONAL ANZAC DAY MASS

St Christopher's Cathedral

8:00am Wednesday 25 April

Celebrated by Archbishop Prowse

Please be seated by 7:45am. The Ensign Party from the Australian Defence Force Academy will enter the Cathedral before 8:00am

ANZAC DAY Public Holiday

The office is closed for Anzac Day

DEEPENING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

A DVD presentation featuring an interview with the Trappist monk, Thomas Keating

When: Wed, 18 April 10.30am – 12.30pm

Where: Marian Hall, St. Matthew's Page

Donation: \$10

Registration: Sr. Lorraine Cupitt rsm

email: lorraine.cupitt@gmail.com

Phone: 0437 114 153

Please bring a personal lunch if you would like to stay after the formal presentation.

Reflection

The Risen Christ

Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognised something marvellously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another.

The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative.

The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence.

The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS

Heart Spirituality

Jesus' emotions touched his heart

At times Our Saviour showed that as a person he was troubled, suddenly disturbed; as no doubt happened when his gaze fell upon some greater distress, some more pitiable misfortune: the widow of Nain behind the coffin of her only son, Mary weeping over the death of Lazarus, the Jewish people's failure to believe. On such occasions Jesus was deeply moved; waves of tenderness and love invaded his soul. His Heart reacted to these impressions, his blood flowed more rapidly; his face, his gestures and his tears betrayed the emotion he felt inside him, an emotion he would not restrain. *Turbavit seipsum*.

Especially in the moving scene when he instituted the Eucharist, Jesus was deeply troubled, moved to the depths of his being. Only Saint John, whose head in that solemn hour rested on the breast of the divine Master, could tell us how violently his heart was beating, stirred by emotion. His brain was aware of this emotion, but it was his Heart that experienced it.

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p.129 Jules Chevalier

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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many, many people involved in the preparations and the celebrations over Easter. To the members of staff and the liturgy committee who did so much in ground work in preparation and coordination; to the choir and musicians for the hours of rehearsing; to the flower arrangers who also put in many hours in assembling such a dazzling floral display; to the many ministers: readers, acolytes, communion and hospitality ministers; to the youth who lead us in a beautiful, moving and reflective stations of the cross.

Gerard



Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: , Jordan Matthews, John Napier, Caitlin Brice, Alyssa Brice, Betty Kerekes, Janelle Brice, Leonard Smith, Trevor Agnew, Elena Guidas, Kenneth Marlors, Jim Curran, Noel Smith, Leon Fernando Kees Van Rooy, Daniel Cassar, Leslie Thomson, Edward Yewdall, Ian Stephenson, John Margetts, Adrian Krook, Keith Aikins, Sharon Hannah, Mihaly Baruta, Augusta Colguhoun, Sharron Diamond, Jim Fallon msc, Alan Hodge, Les Savage, Joan Sculthorpe, Julio Vinales, Otta Trenka, Leonard Franks, Drago Polak, Barbara Normann, Delilah Wilson, Leslie Barry, Daniel Dewar, Claudio Orifice, Sheldon Doyle, Yolanda Melikian, Jose de Smet.

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 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: Following the spiritually uplifting joy of Easter it seems appropriate to display books that guide us in our attempts to continue that experience including "Earth crammed with heaven: a spirituality of everyday life" and "Between the microwave and the mall: finding God in everyday places."

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Readings –15 April 2018

First Reading	Acts 3:13-15. 17-19
Psalm	Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7
Second Reading	1 Jn 2:1-5
Gospel	Lk. 24: 35-48

15 April Reading Roster

5:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30am	Violet Duve, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Matthew Toohey

15 April Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Patrick Corr, Laurine & Daryl Smeaton
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

15 April Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Mary Barrett, Lesley Givens
8:30am	Norma & Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Marie Flint
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	9 Apr	Margaret Stanford
Grounds:	14 Apr	Group 2
Counting:	15 Apr	Group 6

Church Cleaning:	9 Apr	Ted & Carol Quade
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On a Lighter note

When a car skidded on a wet road and struck a light pole, several bystanders ran over to help the driver. A woman was the first to reach the victim, but a man rushed in and pushed her aside. "Step aside, lady", he said. "I've taken a course in first aid!" The woman watched for a few minutes, then tapped him on the shoulder. "Pardon me," she said "But when you get to the part about calling a doctor, I'm right here."