

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

22 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 image of the Good Shepherd is one of the most endearing images of Christ. It is an image that captures the qualities we associate with Jesus as the compassionate one who is willing to lay down his life for his flock. Fr Jules Chevalier, the founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, was especially attracted to this image of the Good Shepherd. In the MSC Constitutions we find written:

In Jesus we see the Good Shepherd who goes in search of those who are lost, who knows his own and gives his life to save them. He shows us the Father's deep concern for those who are considered unimportant and whose rights are disregarded. We learn from him who is gentle and humble of heart, who eases our burdens and gives us rest. He also makes demands and speaks with authority. To those who come to him, he gives his own strength and courage to help them live and work for justice and peace.

The image of the Good Shepherd also resonates with Anzac Day commemorations. On Anzac Day Australian and New Zealander's have always reflected on the nature of sacrifice, of laying down one's life for others. And yet we need to be careful in speaking about sacrifice. There is a growing tendency, especially fuelled by politicians, to glorify the past and to use the past to construct a jingoistic mythology of nationhood.

The reality of past wars and conflicts to which Australia has been involved certainly speaks of heroism, mateship and sacrifice, but it also speaks of the futility and wastefulness of young lives as a consequence of war.

Anzac Day is a commemoration not a celebration. It commemorates both the sacrifice and the futility of war. *Lest we forget.*

**Easter blessings,
Gerard**

PARISH NEWS

Accommodation Needed Asylum Seekers

Five, single, newly arrived asylum seekers are desperately seeking accommodation.

Enquiries to Kathy Ragless at
Companion House 6251 4550 or
Sigrid Kropp from the
Refugee Resettlement Committee on
6254 7281

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast is:



Tuesday 24 April 7:30am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

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

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

Parish Office Closed
ANZAC DAY Public Holiday
Wednesday 25 April

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

If you are newly arrived in the parish or even if you have been here for some time and have not completed a registration form, you are invited to enter your name and contact details in the new parishioner book. The book is on a table in the foyer. Thank you.

**Anointing of the Sick after 9:30am
mass 27 April 2018**

Good Shepherd Sunday 2018 World Day of Vocations

"It will not fill our hearts if we keep standing by the window with the excuse of waiting for the right time, without accepting this very day the risk of making a decision. Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now! Each one of us is called to become a witness of the Lord, here and now."

Pope Francis

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart currently have one person in pre-novitiate formation Kenji Konda. Kenji is from the MSC parish in Randwick NSW. Please keep Kenji in your prayers and all young people. Pray that they listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd amidst the daily events of their lives and that they discern where God may be calling them.

St John the Apostle Primary School 2019 enrolment period

4 May to 25 May 2018

Open Days & School Tours

Wednesday: 9 May 9.00am to 1.00pm &
5.00pm to 6.30pm

Friday: 11 May 9.00am to 1.00pm

Wednesday: 16 May 9.00am to 1.00pm

Enrolment Packs can be collected from the Front Office. An *Enrolment Pack* can be mailed or emailed to you.

<https://sjaps.act.edu.au/enrolments>

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

MERICI COLLEGE OPEN DAY 2018

OPEN DAY Wednesday 9 May 2018

2.00pm-4.00pm and 5.30pm-7.30pm

(includes Year 7 2019 Information Session)

Year 11 Information Night - 17 May 2018

5.00pm-6.30pm Careers Expo from 2.30pm

Be a Merici Girl for a Day

Experience a typical day at Merici College

Wednesday 2 May or Friday 4 May

Additional School Tour and Principal's Address

5 May 9.30am

Visit www.merici.college for all enrolment enquiries and online registrations

Reflection

Compassion

Sometimes a piece of theatre can be so powerful it stays with you for your whole life. Many years ago I saw Jesuit dramatist Michael Moynahan perform his mime entitled 'Come-Passion'. It starts with a clown happily doing tricks and juggling for the audience. Soon, Jesus is led in by the soldiers and is crucified. The clown watches on in horror. When Jesus dies and the soldiers go home the clown remains at the foot of the cross. He removes the nails from the hands and feet of Jesus and cradles the corpse in his lap, as in Michelangelo's Pieta. He weeps for the evil that saw a just man crucified. Just then, the soldiers return and find the clown grieving over the body of Jesus. They crucify the clown. The clown suffers and dies on the cross. As they leave Jesus is raised to life, he sees the suffering clown, removes the nails, cradles him in his arms and holds him for what feels like an eternity.

When I saw this mime you could have heard a pin drop, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

The word compassion comes from the Latin word *compati* meaning to bear or suffer with. It's not pity, sympathy or commiseration. Those words imply that we stand outside an experience and feelingly look in on it.

Compassion is about 'fellow-feeling'. It's what the Good Shepherd embodies, and what Easter is all about. If we are worthy followers of Jesus we will all have our fair share of Good Fridays, but Easter Sunday tells us that just as the Father remained faithful to Jesus, so Jesus will remain faithful to us, as one with us.

Today's Gospel reminds us what Christian leadership should look like. Jesus didn't liken it to princes in palaces or governors of provinces. His metaphor was of a compassionate shepherd who sleeps in the field with his flock, one who knows them so well and loves them so dearly that he lays down his own life for them.

Resource used: Homily, by Richard Leonard SJ

Heart Spirituality

Compassionate Love

We too are inspired by the same gift Jules Chevalier received.

In our communion with each other, we live our faith in the compassionate love of the Lord; at the same time, we are sent into the world to proclaim the Good News of the love and kindness of God our Saviour and to bear witness to it in the whole of our lives.

MSC Constitutions & Statutes #4

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

Time & Talent

"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve" Matthew 20:28

Each person contributes to making the parish a place of hospitality, prayer, formation and service.

Some people have more time, talent and treasure to share; others are more in need of receiving. All will have to give to God an accounting of their stewardship of what God has given to them.



There are vacancies in the following Ministries

GENERAL PARISH MAINTENANCE

Bookstore

Church Cleaning

Grounds Maintenance

Money Counting

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Acolytes, Senior Servers

Ministers of Communion

Junior Altar Servers

Hospitality Ministry

If you would like to engage in parish life through ministry please complete a Time & Talent form. Forms are on the table in the foyer – there is a container there for completed forms.

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

Recently Deceased: Br. Thomas Moore

Anniversaries: Brenda Hudson, Basil Adkins, Ricaredo Jabagat, Monique Adamik, Hannah Kennett, Joachim Tittlebach, Frederick Hayes, Michael Lowe, Vladislav Malnar, Joseph Kowalski, Miroslav Chodora, Patricia Ticehurst, Cyril Harper, Andrea Sannazzaro, Michael Quigley, Michael Bell, Anna Rodziewicz, Ashley Johnson, Anna Clobus, Neil White, Gertrude Harridge, John Schmich

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:

"Dance of the Spirit: the seven steps of women's spirituality", "Dear Heart come home: the path of midlife spirituality", "The Courage the heart desires: spiritual strength in difficult times" and, "Where the hell is God?" are some of the books at present on display.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Readings –29 April 2018

First Reading	Acts 9:26-31
Psalm	Ps 21: 26-28. 30-32
Second Reading	1 Jn 3:18-24
Gospel	John 15:1-8

29 April Reading Roster

5:00pm	Rob Caskie, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Kerry Yard
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Andrew Luck

29 April Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Daryl Smeaton, Joy McInerney
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Carmel Screen, Jean Tierney, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Colin Fox, Anthony Noakes, Robin Williams, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Margaret McMahon, Brian Mahony, VACANT, VACANT

29 April Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	Joe Pisciotta
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	23 Apr	Gabrielle Culhane
Grounds:	28 Apr	Group 4
Counting:	29 Apr	Group 9
Church Cleaning:	23 Apr	Agnes Le & Family

On a Lighter note

What did the tree do when the bank closed?
It started its own branch.

What did the trees wear to Mother Nature's pool party?
Swimming trunks!