

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Year B**

**29 April 2018**

**#22.18**

**“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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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...

Back in the days of my novitiate my novice master put the following question to me and my fellow novices: “Does God live in us or do we live in God?” I had to think about this. Eventually I came to the conclusion that both perspectives are true. This seems to be born out in today's reading from John's gospel: “Abide in me as I abide in you.”

It is a lovely word, “abide”. It conjures up a feeling of comfort, rest and solace. I am reminded of the opening lines of the well-known English hymn sung at Evensong: “Abide with me; fast falls the eventide”. However, while we take comfort in Christ's abiding presence, there is also the demand of Christian discipleship. Christ's abides in us, but the challenge for us is to abide in him. The image of the Christ, the true vine, is a powerful one when we consider that we are grafted onto this vine.

Jesus uses an image from agriculture to express this intimate connection with God through Jesus himself: *I am the vine, you are the branches*. We are also reminded that we are meant to be fruitful: *Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit*. It's another way of saying we are meant to be productive as Christians and that we can't just sit on our faith.

Christ's life becomes our life. I have found the following reflection by Fr Eugene Trainor a helpful one: “When I remain in Christ, I think, feel, and act as Christ. Christ's prayer becomes my prayer, and whatever I want is what Christ wants.” To live in Christ means to bear abundant fruit.

### Easter blessings Gerard

### 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>

# PARISH NEWS

## Response to the Royal Commission

The Parish Pastoral Council is currently organising a forum which will address the findings of the Royal Commission and what the implications may be for the future. The forum will be facilitated by a guest presenter from Catholic Communications Sydney.



## 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.*

## Archdiocesan Clergy Assembly

Frs. Gerard and Kimi will attend the clergy assembly from

Tuesday 15 May to Thursday 17 May.

On Wednesday and Thursday mornings that week the 9:30am mass will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

*The children of the parish are currently preparing for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament will be celebrated by Fr. Richard Thompson on Wednesday 23 May at 5:00pm. Please keep all the children in your prayers during this preparation time.*

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

***“The Night Guest”***

By Fiona McFarlane

Sunday 20 May - 3:00 pm  
Parish Library.



There are three copies of the book that can be collected from the parish office for anyone who may be interested in joining the book club.

## Mother's Day Craft and Present Stall

Where: Main Foyer of Calvary Hospital

When: Thursday 3rd May

Time: 8.00am - 4.00pm.

Please come along and support the work of the Calvary Hospital Auxiliary. All monies raised are used to purchase medical and other items that contribute to patient welfare and comforts.

## 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](mailto: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

## 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

**Web Page:** COMPACT is accessible on

the WEB go to [www.stjohnkipfax.org.au](http://www.stjohnkipfax.org.au)

click on the tab *Parish News* and then

*Weekly Bulletin*.

Past COMPACTS can be obtained from the Archive page follow the steps above then click on *2018 COMPACT archive*.

**The Parish Finance Council will meet on**

**Thursday 3 May 2018**

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# Reflection

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## Remain in My Love

At first glance, it appears that there is a certain ruthlessness about the image of the vinedresser pruning the vine: perform or perish! However, the process of cutting away and pruning branches is an incredibly nurturing action; it is removing the unproductive portions of the plant so that the vine has an even better opportunity to produce fruit in the next season. It is an act of love; not an act of economic rationalism.

We must remain in love, which is why it is a commandment (John 15:4-5), in fact, *the* great commandment of Jesus. Only when we are eager to love can we see love and goodness in the world around us.

Within our own lives we are called to make decisions about which of our thoughts and actions are life-giving (fruit-bearing) and which are unproductive; negative; crippling; life-diminishing. If we are able to 'prune' our life-diminishing thoughts and actions we allow ourselves the freedom and the ability to really flourish. Feelings of jealousy, greed, resentment, self-doubt and lack of confidence can limit our ability to be fully alive just as addictive and harmful behaviours can physically take away our ability to perform at our best.

We must ourselves remain in peace, and then we will see and find peace over there. Remain in beauty, and we will honour beauty everywhere. This concept of remaining or abiding (John 15:4-5) moves religion out of esoteric realms of doctrinal outer space where it has for too long been lost. There is no secret moral behaviour required for knowing or pleasing God, or what some call "salvation," beyond becoming a loving person in mind, heart, body, and soul. Then each of us will see all that we need to see!

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter & *Remain in Love*, by Richard Rohr

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# Heart Spirituality

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## Go into my vineyard to work

*The vine represents souls;  
God created it; it belongs to him.  
It is an honour for us to be called to  
cultivate it, to mingle our sweat with  
that of the Apostles and so many other  
workers for the Gospel.*

*It is also an advantage for us, for we  
are sure that our labours will be  
generously rewarded. Nothing is dearer  
to the Heart of Jesus than the salvation  
of the souls for whom he shed all his  
blood.*

*Let us thank him for the honour given  
us when he chose us to work for him in  
the part of the vineyard that he has  
destined for us.*

*Let us do all we can to fulfil his  
expectations.*

*How should we work in this vineyard?  
The labourers that Jesus Christ deigns  
to employ have to be animated by an  
ardent zeal for the spread of this mystic  
vine.*

*They should cultivate it with care, and  
defend it with courage against those  
who would ravage or destroy it.*

Jules Chevalier  
(Meditations 1, p. 267ff)

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

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## Our Baptismal Call

Through Baptism, we are incorporated into Christ's body and part of the People of God. All that we are, all that we have, and all that we ever will be is a gift from God. Each of us has been given unique gifts and charisms from God.

We have to name and claim the particular talents we have to share, and then put them at the disposal of the parish to serve the mission of the Church.

***The 8:30am, 10:00am & 6:00pm masses  
still need Eucharistic ministers. Please  
give this ministry your prayerful  
consideration.***

Time & Talent forms are on the table in the foyer.

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

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Joseph Kowalski,  
Miroslav Chodora, Patricia Ticehurst,  
Andrea Sannazzaro, Michael Quigley, Cyril Harper,  
Michael Bell, Anna Rodziejewicz, Ashley Johnson,  
Anna Clobus, Neil White, Gertrude Harridence,  
John Schmich, John Braddon, John Costelloe,  
Lillian Boyd, Ruth Boyd, Jack Draper, Clements Cox,  
Robert Griffiths, Matthew Ray, Helen Kelly

## 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
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## LIBRARY NEWS:

Among the newly acquired books on display this week are "What dying people want", "Ten things everyone needs to know about Islam", "Handbook for the soul", and "The Shepherd Trilogy".

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of  
your people.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Live in me and let me live in you,  
says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 6 May 2018

First Reading	Acts 10:25-26. 34-35.44-48
Psalm	Ps 97:1-4
Second Reading	1 Jn 4:7-10
Gospel	John 15:9-17

## 6 May Reading Roster

5:00pm	Michael Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O'Heir, Violet Duve
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Nicole Mikkonen, Judith Deklin

## 6 May Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Joe & Maria Catanzariti, Helen Kennedy, Judy Netting, Vacant
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, VACANT, VACANT
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Jenny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	James & Toni Cox, Margaret Curry, Maria Devine, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan

## 6 May Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Jenny Maher
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain
6:00pm	Agnes Pham

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	30 Apr	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds:	4 May	Vacant
Counting:	6 May	Group 1

Church Cleaning:	30 Apr	Marian England Sharon Greaves
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## On a Lighter note

- Q. How do you sink a submarine full of fools?
- A. Knock on the door.