

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B

6 May 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...

St Augustine of Hippo was once asked the question: 'What does love look like?' And he gave a simple answer: 'Love has hands to help others. It has feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others. That's what love looks like.'

This simple but beautiful description reminds us that love, which has its origins in God, is mediated through our minds, bodies and senses. Christians recognise this love of God in human form most clearly in Jesus. In Jesus God has reached out to embrace us. We in turn are called to embrace our world in love. "This is my commandment: that you love one another" (John 15.17).

As an MSC parish we are conscious of the emphasis that we place on God's love which is manifested in the heart of Jesus. Our parish mission is to "Be on Earth the Heart of God". To show one another kindness, to be thoughtful of one another's needs, to reach out in warmth and friendliness, to use words that build up; these are some of the ways we carry out that central commandment of Jesus, "that you love one another". Let us pray and hope that this commandment of Jesus will truly be the hallmark of our parish life and mission.

Peace and blessings Gerard

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.

PARISH NEWS

It is not easy being a Catholic today



Day: Thursday
Date: 7 June 2018
Time: 7pm – 8:30pm
Place: St John the Apostle Church
Speaker: Monica Doumit
Forum: Answering your questions

The Parish Pastoral Council invites all parishioners to attend a forum to address any issues they may have resulting from the Royal Commission into sexual abuse. The forum will have a particular focus on personal experiences of what it is like to be a Catholic today.

Guest Speaker Monica Doumit - is a Manager at Communications and News Media in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. She is a professional whose education and experience has seen her traverse law, bioethics, communications and politics. Monica is a confident communications advisor, with a focus on challenging issues, a sought-after opinion columnist and public speaker, corporate lawyer and bioethicist.

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.

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.

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

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.

St Thomas More Forum

“Changing the National Agenda for First Nations and the Role People of Faith Can Play”

9 May 7.30pm - 9pm

Holy Faith Hall, 30 White Crescent Campbell

keynote speaker Senator Patrick Dodson

Shadow Assistant Minister Indigenous Affairs and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders and Senator for Western Australia. Bookings preferred, please contact campbell@cq.org.au for details.

Web Page: COMPACT is accessible on the WEB go to www.stjohnkipax.org.au click on the tab *Parish News* and then *Weekly Bulletin*.

Reflection

How did Jesus Love?

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

Have you ever thought what it really means when Jesus commands us to love one another? At first, it seems like a simple commandment: I can love my family; my friends; I can even feel love for some people I've never met. But there was a condition that Jesus placed on the command: love one another as I have loved you. How did Jesus love? Without restriction and without seeking something in return. He loved those that no one loved and he even loved those who hated him and sought his downfall. Can I love those who hate me? Can I love without counting the cost?

Resources used: *Reflection*, By Dianne Bergant CSS & *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter

Heart Spirituality

Mutual Respect

Let everyone always keep in mind that in the Heart of Jesus all are members of the same family and the same body, so that the blessings and trials of each are common to the whole body, and all the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart form but one heart and one soul. Let them carefully avoid every sort of dissension or discord, quarrelling or detraction, hatred or jealousy.

Imitators of the Heart of Jesus, let them feel affection and genuine charity for one another, anticipating one another with kindness, not taking into account differences of character, language or country.

We will delight in helping one another by giving good example in everything, by prayer, advice, admonition and by every means possible.

Jules Chevalier

(Constitutiones MSC 1877, Chap. IX, n. 1)

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

VINNIES SLEEPOUT 21 June 2018

"One night isn't a lot, but it can make a whole lot of difference"



**Archbishop Christopher Prowse
&**

our parishioner Ted Kell

are both participating in the
SLEEPOUT this year.

To donate go to
www.ceosleepout.org.au and donate
using their particular reference.

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: John Braddon, John Costelloe, Lillian Boyd, Ruth Boyd, Jack Draper, Clements Cox, Robert Griffiths, Matthew Ray, Helen Kelly, Lawrence Southwick, Andrew Harker, Jeremy Hope, Kenneth Brennan, Krysta Lindstrom, Harrison Wroe, Antonia Gladwish, Kevin Crossley, Sarah Sealey, Betty Cowman, Pat McLindin, Edna Hamilton, Robert Donovan, Elena D'Ambrosio, Hemult Wanda, Bryan McGurgan

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
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LIBRARY NEWS: "Go preach the Gospel: some remarkable MSC's", "Reflections on mission", "Heart space: a compilation of prayers and reflections by Catholic women of Australia", and "Jesus and the Dreaming" are some of the new books on display.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Readings – 13 May 2018

First Reading	Acts 1:1-11
Psalm	46:2-3. 6-9
Second Reading	Eph 1:17-23
Gospel	Mark 16:15-20

13 May Reading Roster

5:00pm	Mary French, Tom Halloran
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Children's Mass
6:00pm	Ruth Dunncliff-Hagan, Brian Mahony

13 May Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, VACANT, VACANT
8:30am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Fay Hodgetts, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Frank Colley, Barbara Witrzens, Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck, Maria Devine, Andrew Webster, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan

13 May Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Michael Horan, Jenny Maher
8:30am	Violet Duve, Jean Tierney
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	7 May	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds:	11 May	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Denis Puniard, John Machin
Counting:	13 May	Group 3

Church Cleaning:	7 May	Ted & Carol Quade, Joseph Lê Văn Hải
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On a Lighter note

Sister: Mum wants you to come in and help fix dinner.
Brother: Why? Is it broken?