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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B

1 July 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...

“Death was not God’s doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.” The author of the Book of Wisdom could not be more direct in communicating the nature of our God. This message is communicated time and time again throughout the pages of the Bible: our God is a God of the living, not of the dead.

However, this can easily remain just an abstract idea – a comforting idea, but an idea nonetheless. It is only when we turn to the story of Jesus that we see this idea fleshed out in the concrete terms. In today’s gospel we see in Jesus the One who has conquered death in the story of Jarius’ daughter as told by the evangelist Mark.

Mark is a master story teller. He employs ingenious literary devices to sharpen the dramatic intensity and to highlight the theological themes of his gospel. One such device he uses is called “sandwiching”, placing one story within another. We see this device in the story of Jarius’ daughter.

The synagogue official, Jarius, rushes to Jesus and pleads with him to heal his daughter who is at the point of death. On the way to the home of Jarius Jesus is interrupted. Someone has reached out and touched his cloak and he has felt his healing power course from his being. He turns and invites the woman who has been healed to step forward so that he may commend her faith.

This delay has only increased the dramatic tension of the story. Death has been hovering over the little girl, but now it appears too late. A group arrive with the news, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” We can easily imagine these words delivered in a dead-pan monotone. The very words are lifeless, void of animation and bereft of hope. However, Jesus is not perturbed. He presses on only to find a throng surrounding the home of Jarius, the air thick with grief. It is at this point that the authority of Jesus is most evident. The forces of death cannot compete with the One who is the author of life. He takes the little girl by the hand. She is restored to life.

Peace and blessings
Gerard

PARISH NEWS

SJAYouth — Meeting

When: Sunday 1 July - 7:00pm

Where: Parish Library


All parishioners who are interested in supporting the Youth Ministry team are invited to attend.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving envelopes for 2018-2019 are available on the table in the foyer.

Planned Giving tax receipts for the 2017-2018 financial year will be emailed to givers in the coming week.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading
"The New York Trilogy" 
by Paul Auster
Sunday 15 July - 3:00 pm
Parish Library.

New members are always most welcome

Thank You: Ted Kell would like to thank you for your support with the CEO Vinnies Sleepout. Ted raised \$3500. Donations can still be made until the end of August.

Calvary Public Hospital Auxiliary Trivia Night Fundraising event CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Date: Friday 27th July

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Canberra Labor Club Belconnen

Tickets: \$20per person (EFTPOS available)

All money raised goes to the hospital.

Prizes for Best Dressed and Best Dressed Table
Front Door Raffle.

Tickets: Daphne 0407 835 846.

Combat Human Trafficking

Presentation 29 July - 7.00pm.

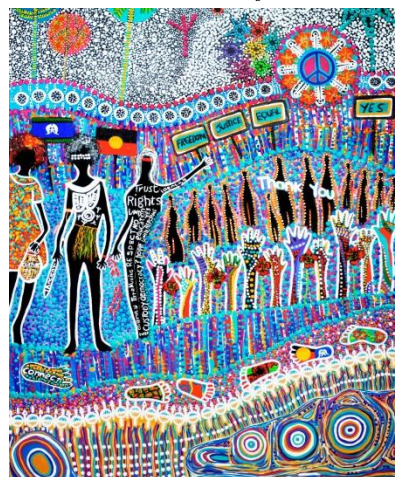
St Christopher's Pastoral Centre

Presenter: Heather Moore

Come and join the discussion about what the Australian Government is doing to combat human trafficking through the introduction of an Australian Modern Day Slavery Act.

NAIDOC WEEK 8 - 15 July 2018

Because of Her, We Can!



NAIDOC Week 2018

BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN!



As pillars of our society, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played – and continue to play - active and significant roles at the community, local, state and national levels. They have marched, protested and spoken at demonstrations and national gatherings for the proper recognition of our rights and calling for national reform and justice.

Their achievements, their voice, their unwavering passion give us strength and have empowered past generations and paved the way for generations to come.

LOCAL EVENTS

Virtual excursion: **Because of her, we can!**

National Portrait Gallery

9:00am – 5:00pm Finishes Wed, 4 July

Entry: Free

alana.sivell@npg.gov.au

Corroboree Beats Exhibition

Belconnen Community Gallery

9:00am – 3:00pm Finishes 13 July

Entry FREE

ben.drysdale@bcsact.com.au

For more events go to the website.

<http://www.aidoc.org.au/get-involved/2018-theme>

Blessed Peter To Rot Feast Day

PNG Catechist and Martyr

1912 – 1945

Ecumenical Eucharistic Mass

Where: St. John the Apostle Church

When: Saturday 7th July 2018

Time: 11:00am

Followed by PNG/Islands Luncheon. Please bring a dish to share. For more information contact Francesca Deklin Ph. 0437 405 052

Reflection

A Generous Heart

God's graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others.

St. Augustine teaches that we can never be morally neutral. We are either growing in virtue or sliding into virtue's opposite. That's true for all of life. A thing is either growing or it's regressing.

So too with our attitude towards justice and the poor: Either we are actively reaching out to the poor and being more drawn into concern for them or we are unconsciously hardening our hearts against them and unknowingly sliding into attitudes that trivialize their issues and distance ourselves from them. If we are not actively advocating for justice and the poor, it is inevitable that at a point we will, with completely sincere hearts, downplay the issues of poverty, racism, inequality, and injustice.

We need to be alert not just to our conscious attitudes but to what we are actually doing. We can, in all sincerity, in all good conscience, in all good heart, be blind towards justice and the poor. The absence of compassion in one area of our lives leaves us limping morally. Lack of compassion for justice and the poor will inevitably work at turning a generous heart into a defensive one.

The love of Christ impels us to be openhanded as we approach those in need. Following Jesus' lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.

Jesus holds up a mirror for us when he tells us that our goodness will be judged by how we treat the poor and that the litmus test of goodness consists in how well we love our enemies?

Resources used: *Reflection*, Dianne Bergant CSS & *A Threat to our Decency*, by Ronald Rolheiser OMI.

Heart Spirituality

The Heart is the whole Person

People have always believed that if we think with our head, we love with our heart.

Love is the life of the heart, says St. Thomas. If a heart wants to be alive, it is impossible for it to be without love.

Well, our love is ourself.

Our soul is less in the body it animates, than with the object of its affections (Augustine). And thus one attributes to the heart, all that belongs to the soul for the heart is an expression of the soul.

And so our heart is ourself.

God wants us only because of our soul; and he wants the soul because of its love, because of its heart.

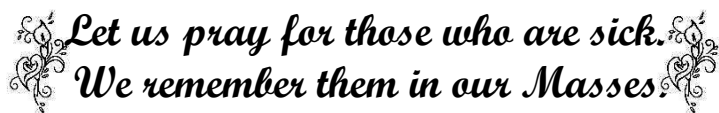
"My child, give me your heart" (Proverbs 23:26). What value have words that the lips alone speak, or lavish gifts in which only the hand plays a part? It is by the heart that we are something.

It is the heart that gives value, good or bad, to our thoughts, actions, intentions. Good comes from the good treasure of our heart. (Lk. 6:45)

Jules Chevalier
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p. 105f.
Quatrième ed. Paris 1900)

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

Reconciliation Action Plan [RAP] – In conjunction with St John the Apostle Primary school our parish is embarking on developing a Reconciliation Action Plan. A RAP program provides a framework for organisations to support the national reconciliation movement. If you would like to be part of this team please contact the parish office by 6 July 2018.



Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: *Norah Keneally, Rebecca Malone, Jan McDonough, Stanley Howell, Narelle Karling, Lynne Williman, Philip Connolly, Daniel Worner, Catherina Farrugia, Gilbert Hall, Patrick Salmon, Jean Irvine, Jack Synnott, Elizabeth Dennison, John O'Brien, Steven Argy, Rosalie Callaghan, Constance Crowe, Gertrude Czarnik, Conner Cooke, Anne Patterson, Christopher Davis, Mary Ryan, Josephine Allester, Mollie Paterson, Marie Richards, Chris Penders, John McEnaney, Laurence Swift, Linda Dawson, Victoria Norton, Bede Stinson, Lionel Carberry, Jan Kurzynski, Catherine Raadts, Josephine O'Kane, Joan Ferguson*

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: Try some of these books – “The Art of loving”, “Home coming: reclaiming and championing your inner child”, “Finding your voice: reclaiming personal power through communication”. All are on display this week.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done
away with death
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Readings – 8 July 2018

First Reading	Ez 2:2-5
Psalm	Ps 122
Second Reading	2 Cor 12:7-10
Gospel	Mark 6:1-6

8 July Reading Roster

5:00pm	Mary French, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Children's Mass
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, VACANT

8 July Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, VACANT, VACANT
8:30am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Shane Murtagh, Margaret Stanford, Lorraine Smith
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Frank Colley, Francesca Deklin, Sugi Mohanadas
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck John McGee, Rod Gardiner

8 July 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:	2 July	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds:	7 July	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Denis Puniard, John Machin
Counting:	8 July	Group 3

Church Cleaning:	2 July	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman
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On a Lighter note

Q: What did the farmer say when he was driving down a steep hill and his right front wheel fell off?

A: "You picked a poor time to leave me loose wheel."