

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year B

22 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

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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From the Pastor's desk...

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” Thus God condemns a corrupt monarchy through the voice of the prophet Jeremiah. The Jewish kingdom, established under David, was meant to stand in sharp contrast to the tyrannical kingdoms and empires that surrounded the people of Israel. David was the shepherd-king: one who served both God and his people. But David's heirs soon became corrupted and as a result the people suffered, especially the poor.

The American scripture scholar Walter Brueggemann published a book back in 1978 titled *The Prophetic Imagination*. He contrasts what he calls the “royal consciousness” with the “prophetic imagination”. We see these polarities played out in today's first reading between a corrupt kingship and the prophet Jeremiah. This situation is played out again and again over time and in various cultures. Those in power with vested interests often show an appalling lack of concern for the poor and marginalized.

The role of the prophetic imagination is to challenge the status quo in its complacency and lack of concern. Brueggemann points out three characteristics of the prophetic imagination. First, it names that something is amiss, that things are not according to what God has ordained. Second, the prophetic imagination energizes and engenders hope: things can and should be better. Lastly, the prophet imagination is doxological rather than ideological. That is, it centres on praise of God and not human inspired agenda.

I find these insights helpful in maintaining a spirit of purposefulness in a time when so much in our world appears to be unravelling. More than ever we need the prophetic voice to awaken us to the amazement of God's loving concern and justice.

Peace and blessings
Gerard

St Vinnies Winter Appeal

There will be a leaving collection for the Vinnies Winter Appeal next weekend, 28-29 July.



If you would like to make a credit card donation, envelopes are available on the seats today. All donations are used to help struggling families and individuals to pay bills, put food on the table or to supply furniture or white goods. We help people who are facing eviction or who have significant health expenses. In the first six months of this year Conference members made 215 home visitations to 189 different families or individuals and we provided the equivalent of \$14,374 of assistance. This was in the form of supermarket and Foodbank vouchers, bill payments, second hand fridges and washing machines, chemist bills and car rego and repair payments. This is how your donations help these needy families. On their behalf we thank you for your continued support. Contact Mike Blyth for more information 0419 818 410.

Liturgical Ministers..... combined formation session for **ALL** Acolytes, Readers, Communion and Music ministers. **A journey through the mass based on the liturgical catechesis of Pope Francis.**

When: Sunday 5 August 2:00pm – 4:00pm
OR: Thursday 9 August 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Formation is integral to your ministry so it is important that you attend one of these sessions. If you can't attend either of these dates please inform the parish office.

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB
The next breakfast is:

Tuesday 24 July 7:30am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

Bernard Collaery & Witness K

Have been charged with offences related to the Timor spying scandal. They will appear before the Chief Magistrate's Court on 25 July. There will be a **DEMONSTRATION:** at Magistrate's Court 4 Knowles Pl, Canberra

Wed – 25 July 2018 – 4:00pm

Bernard Collaery has asked for prayers for himself and Witness K. Copies of the prayer are on the table in the church foyer. A variety of sources on the internet can provide you with the details of this case.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading
"Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind"
by Yuval Noah Harari
Sunday 19 August - 3:00 pm
Parish Library.



New members are always most welcome

First Holy Communion Please pray for the 34 children from the parish and the primary school who are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist. Communion masses are:

4 August - Vigil	11 August - Vigil
5 August 10:00am	12 August 10:00am
	26 August 10:00am

Australian Catholic University Short Course *Listening to the Spirit: Towards the 2020 Plenary Council*

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?

A series of 4 talks – for 4 consecutive weeks.

The first talk is titled.....

Becoming the Church of Vatican II

Presenter: Rev Associate Professor Ormond Rush

When: Monday 30 July 6:00pm – 8:00pm

For information on the 3 other sessions, costs of the course and to register – go to the link below.

http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/faculties_institutes_and_centres/theology_and_philosophy/theology/short_courses/canberra

Reflection

Searching for direction

There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them.

There are reliable shepherds within our communities who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.

This ministry is not without its demands and it can take its toll. Jesus knew all about the demands of ministry with other people. When the disciples returned from their first efforts away from Jesus he knew that they needed some time out to debrief, to pray and to re-energise themselves.

Jesus demonstrated how important it is to engage in times of quiet prayer and reflection. When you expend a lot of time and energy in the service of others it is essential to reflect on those experiences, to learn from them and consider what you'd do differently next time. It is also important that any ministry that seeks to be based in the message of Jesus can only remain so if it is fuelled by prayer. Only through prayerful dialogue with God can we learn what God desires for us.

Resources used: *Reflections*, by Dianne Bergant CSS & Greg Sunter.

Heart Spirituality

The Sacred Heart, God's gift of himself

The Word proceeds from the unfathomable depths of the Heart of God who generates him equal to himself.

God is love itself.

This infinite love that constitutes the very depths of God, and forms his nature, has enclosed itself in a human heart, the Heart of Jesus. That is why God takes delight in this divine Heart, the heart with which he loves us, his living sacrament.

It is through the Heart of Christ, that the love of God, God himself, pours himself out on the world and on the human race. How?

God communicates and gives himself by grace. This communication, this gift, is not just a figure of speech; it is a fact.

We really share in his nature; we possess him personally and really.

Jules Chevalier
[Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus
Quatrième ed. Paris 1900 p. 277f]

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



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you know someone who is
interested in becoming a Catholic?

**Invite them to the enquiry night
Monday 15 October 2018 - 7:00pm
Come and See** John 1:39

To Register: Parish Office on 6254 3236 or
Email Marian England: marian@stjohnkipfax.org.au

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

Recently Deceased: Debra Niquet

Anniversaries: Mary Mules, Maria Pedic, Thomas Pinner, Czeslaw Kowalski, Wallace Johnson, Dianne Fraser, Darryl Bremer, Frank Sculthorpe, Donald Briggs, Valentini Vratovic, Carol Thompson, Therese Van Der Vliet, Betty Coughlin, Daniel Keneally, Jillian McInerney, Adrina Dudok, June Traynor, Mathilde Clemence, Diane Eccles, Nola Faulkner, Andrew Kenna, John Connelly, Merle Maloney, Benito Berces, Caleb Heddle, Marie Uhr

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 4:30 – 5:15pm

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:

"Please understand me", "The Universal Heart", "Basic skills for Christian counsellors", "Growing through rejection" and "Being together" are among the selection of books on display this week.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Readings – 29 July 2018

First Reading	2Kings 4:42-44
Psalm	Ps 144:10-11, 15-18
Second Reading	Eph 4:1-6
Gospel	John 6:1-15

29 July

Reading Roster

5:00pm	Dennis Puniard, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Andrew Luck

29 July

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Joy McInerney, Chitra Jayawardena, Janet Almond, Marie McKie, Patrick Corr
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Jean Tierney, Clyde Sloan, VACANT, VACANT.
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos, Robin Williams, VACANT
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Brian Mahony, Margaret McMahan, VACANT, VACANT

29 July

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	David Mather, Therese Mather
10:00am	Joe Pisciotta
6:00pm	VACANT

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	23 July	Margaret Stanford
Grounds:	28 July	ALL GROUPS
Counting:	29 July	Group 9

Church Cleaning:	23 July	Joseph Lé Ván Hái, Sam Van Nguyen
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On a Lighter note

"What a school day!
The computers
broke down
and we had to LISTEN!"

