

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B

5 August 2018 #35.18

“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: 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...

Last week we had the story of multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's gospel this event becomes the launching pad for the great discourse on the Bread of Life. Bread is one of the staple foods that sustains us physically.

The word 'bread' is also slang for 'money'. Likewise the word 'dough', the mixture of flour, yeast and water, is also a slang word for 'money'. We are familiar, for example, with the expression: "How much bread do you earn?" But in this gospel passage we hear Jesus say, "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life". Jesus is not insensitive to the need to provide for our physical needs, but he is alerting his listeners that their spiritual wellbeing must take priority. Just as work puts bread on the table, so our prayer life provides nourishment for the soul. The Eucharist, of course, is our great source of spiritual nourishment. All we are asked to do is be present. God is the one who provides this bread that endures for eternal life.



As we continue our reflections on the Mass in the light of John 6, Pope Francis offers a valuable insight on the Eucharist as Memorial:

For this reason, to understand the value of the Mass, we must first understand the biblical significance of "memorial". It is "not merely the recollection of past events but makes them in a certain way present and real. This is how Israel understands its liberation from Egypt: every time Passover is celebrated, the Exodus events are made present to the memory of believers so that they may conform their lives to them." Jesus Christ, with his passion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven brought the Passover to fulfilment. And the Mass is the memorial of his Passover, of his "exodus", which he carried out for us, so as to lead us out of slavery and introduce us to the promised land of eternal life. It is not merely a remembrance, no. It is more: it is making present what happened 20 centuries ago (from his General Audience, 22 November 2017).

Peace and blessings
Gerard

PARISH NEWS

First Holy Communion Vigil & 10:00am masses

We welcome: Zachriel Buenaventura, Nicholas Baird, Michaela Hallaj, Jackson Kell, Jasmine Kelly, Finn Pitt, Matilda Parker, Dominic Sanchez, Samson Scarano, Hayden Schorsch, Imogene Stanford, Antonino de la Torre, Samuel Vuckovic.

Who will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this weekend.

We pray that Jesus will be their light and guide all the days of their lives.

VISIT BY MSC SUPERIOR GENERAL

Fr. Absalón Tovar msc who is the Superior General of the world wide MSC provinces will visit our parish the weekend of 18/19 August. He will be accompanied by the Australian Provincial Fr. Chris McPhee msc.

On Sunday 19 August we will host

Fr. Absalón and Fr. Chris at a pot luck lunch and the whole parish is invited to attend.

Date & Time: Sunday 19 Aug - 12noon

Where: Parish Centre

Please bring either a main dish or a dessert.

Drinks will be provided by the parish.

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.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Mass Times

Vigil Mass	Tues 14 Aug	6:00pm
Mass of the Day	Wed 15 Aug	9:30am

St Vinnies Winter Appeal

Thank you for your generous response to the Vinnies Winter Appeal last weekend. Donations of almost \$3500 were received. This will be a big help to the Conference and to people in need in our local area. If you are interested in learning more about how Vinnies works, you are most welcome to join our next meeting on Monday 13 August at 7:30pm in our room at the back of the Parish Centre. Contact Mike Blyth Ph. 0419 818 410.

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

Winter Arts Fair

Kippax Uniting Church

Cnr Luke & Hardwick Cres Holt

Saturday 11th August

10:00am – 1:00pm

Pre-loved books, quilts, refreshments, Woodturning, pottery, calligraphy, knitting, porcelain painting, and kids crafts. Quality work from prize winning local artists.

More info - Kippax Uniting Church

<https://kippax.org.au/>

Men's Cursillo Weekend

Date: **13-16 – September**

Where: Hartzer Park, Burradoo NSW.

A Cursillo weekend can provide an opportunity to explore your relationship with God, self and others.

Contact Joe Jambor at irmandjoe@gmail.com or Mob: 0401 159 852

Evenings for the Engaged

Held over two consecutive Saturdays

9am – 3.30pm or

One evening per week for five weeks
from 6.30pm – 9.00pm

Enquiries: prugordon@gmail.com;

Reflection

Bread discourse in John's Gospel

Last week we commenced our five weeks of reflecting on Christ and the Eucharist as presented in Chapter 6 of John's gospel. During this chapter Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life shifts in emphasis from believing, to eating and drinking, but the overarching theme is the people's response to Jesus. They come searching and are led to make a decision.

Believe in the one whom God has sent: I am the bread of life.

Eucharist as Anamnesis or Memorial of Christ

- ◆ Christ is present in the memorial of the crucified and risen Christ, and acts to give us communion with himself.
- ◆ The church remembers what is past and proclaims God's mighty acts and promises.
- ◆ Thanksgiving leads to intercession that all humankind may share in the saving work of Christ.
- ◆ *Since the anamnesis of Christ is the very content of the preached Word as it is of the Eucharistic meal, each reinforces the other.*
- ◆ The words of Christ are true: *This is my body....this is my blood.....*

Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds.

Resources used: *Liturgy News*, by Liturgy Brisbane, & *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS

Heart Spirituality

The Eucharist, memorial of Jesus

The Eucharist is the centre of the Sacraments that communicate to us the power of our redemption. It is a mysterious abyss where resides the source of all graces; it prolongs and multiplies in this valley of tears the presence of God incarnate. It renews the sacrifice of Calvary; it extends the incarnation of the Word in each of the members of his mystical body.

It is the glorification on earth of nature and of humanity. It perfects supremely the supernatural life by the most intimate union that can be conceived here below between God and his creature. It is the pledge of our resurrection and of our glorification in heaven.

It is the glory of the Church, the profound symbol and active centre of its unity. The holy Eucharist is the masterpiece and the ultimate limit of the love of the Heart of Jesus for us.

It comes from his Heart like a river from its source.

Jules Chevalier
[Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus
Quatrième ed. Paris 1900 p. 214f]

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



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The personal example of our lived lives can be the catalyst that helps lead someone into the Church. One of the most profound ways to affect others is to radiate joy and let people see Christ at work in us.

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@stjohnkippax.org.au

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

Recently Deceased:

Olive Cockcroft (Mother of Elaine Carter)

Anniversaries: Evelyn Guy, Lorraine Rickard, Denes Bogsanyi, Edward Carr, Christine Robinson, Basil Smith, Kenneth Marlor, Maryte Puzas, Joan Hafner, Michael Ciszek, Leonard Hill, Keith Jobling, Joyce Olive, Donald Telford, Bona Duffy, Lindsay Guest, Adam Markham, Arthur O'Callaghan, Wesley Perceval, Margaret Cole, Alfred Clynych, Manning Hoy, Dominic Pham, Indianna Forth, Norman Pentland, Phillip Doran

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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Answer: The month of February

LIBRARY NEWS: In keeping with the next five weeks of homilies concentrating on the Eucharist we have displayed a selection of books discussing that subject including "Bread broken and shared: broadening our vision of the Eucharist".

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Readings – 12 Aug 2018

First Reading	1 Kgs 19:4-8
Psalm	33:2-9
Second Reading	Eph 4:30 – 5:2
Gospel	John 6:41-51

12 August Reading Roster

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

12 August Ministers of Communion

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

12 August 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:	6 Aug	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds:	11 Aug	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Denis Puniard, John Machin
Counting:	12 Aug	Group 4

Church Cleaning:	6 Aug	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman
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On a Lighter note

I am short, I come second among a dozen,
and every four years I change in a way that
none of the other dozen do. What am I?

Answer somewhere in Compact