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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

12 August 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...

The scene in today's first reading is fraught with danger. The prophet Elijah is fleeing for his life. The ruthless Jezebel, wife of the weak and corrupt King Ahab, wants to cut him down, as she has done with the other prophets of Yahweh. Elijah is now on his own, the last and remaining spokesman of God, and no one is listening. And so Elijah flees to the desert and there lies down under a shrub by the side of a dried-up wadi where he hopes to die. He has had enough and pleads to God to take his life.

It is easy to feel sympathy for Elijah. We too, at times, can feel an enormous weight crushing our spirits. It may be in our personal lives when faced with seemingly impossible odds. Or it may be when we survey the world around us and our hearts are punctured by the depth of cruelty, selfishness, and callous disregard for human life and the environment. In these moments it is tempting to feel like Elijah, and just want to give up.

But God won't so easily give up on us. He has a mission for each of us. And each of us in his or her own heart has to discern what that mission is.

And so in the story of Elijah, God sends his angel to place beside Elijah bread and water. This miraculous food will sustain him for forty days and nights until he reaches Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. Elijah is renewed and strengthened to once again be God's holy prophet.

In the eucharist we too are sustained and made holy by the bread of life and the cup of salvation. This is a far greater miracle, for it is no mere angel who visits us (as in the case of Elijah) it is Christ himself who is present to us sacramentally in his life giving body and blood: "I am the living bread come down from heaven" (John 6.51).

As we participate in the sacramental life of the church, we too become a sacramental people. That is, a people made holy in Christ to be the very presence of Christ in our world.

Peace & Blessings
Gerard

PARISH NEWS

First Holy Communion Vigil & 10:00am masses

We welcome: Alannah Awad, Isla Baird, Nicholas Baird, Briony Fitzpatrick, Maya Heddle, Chenelle Gonslaves, Tai James, Emma Madsen, Jessica Madsen, Genelson Kamanda, Amy Maka, M'aulupe Maka, Lachlan Sprague, Jansen Veld, Cooper Watts.

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.

Funeral Notice

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of Mieke Van Rooy will be celebrated at St John the Apostle Catholic Church Monday 13 August 2018 11:00am To Sabina and her family we extend our deepest sympathies.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION Mass Times

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

There will be **NO** 9:30am Mass Monday 20 August. There will be a Liturgy of the Word with communion.

VISIT BY MSC SUPERIOR GENERAL Fr. Absalón Tovar msc who is the Superior General of the international 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.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The Parish Pastoral Council at its meeting of 30 July has agreed to form a steering committee to look at how the St John the Apostle Community will listen to what the Spirit is saying while engaging in the question - *What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?* Members of the Steering Committee are: Leilah Ayton, Dennis Puniard, Fr. Kimi msc, Matthew Garton, Marian England. It is planned to hold an open meeting [date to be decided] and we would encourage all parishioners attend and help discern this question.

Parish Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council met on Thursday 2 August. The Council noted that the planned giving for the 7 months Jan – July is 11% below budget. This equates to a shortfall of \$11,900.00.

DID YOU KNOW: The second collection money is the planned giving component of your contribution? These monies fund the parish; pays the electricity, purchases the hosts & wine etc, and the pastoral care of the parish. The first collection supports the Archbishop, our priests and the MSC Province. Twenty percent of the first collection is paid to the Archbishop and 40% is paid to the MSC Province. Monies paid to the MSC Province help support Aboriginal mission parishes in the Northern Territory and the formation of priests.

We ask that each parishioner give consideration to contributing to their sacrificial giving either electronically or by envelopes as this allows the parish to plan for expenses.

There are planned giving forms on the small table in foyer.

PROJECTS

The Baptismal Font project is still in progress and we will advise final costings when available.

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



Reflection

Bread discourse in John's Gospel

This is the third of five reflections on Christ and the Eucharist as presented in Chapter 6 of John's gospel. Two weeks ago the gospel started with Jesus using five barley loaves and two fish to feed the 5,000. Jesus speaks to them of the bread from heaven, the true bread, saying to them: *I am the bread of life....I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.* Then his language becomes more confronting. The bread he will give is his flesh for the life of the world: *If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.* This intolerable language turns many of his disciples away.

Eucharist as Invocation of the Spirit

◆ *The bond between the Eucharistic celebration and the mystery of the Triune God reveals the role of the Holy Spirit as that of the One who makes the historical words of Jesus present and alive.*

◆ In the Eucharist, the Holy Spirit is invoked upon the bread and wine and also upon the Church, the community of the new covenant.

◆ It is by the Holy Spirit that the Church hears the teaching of the Father and learns from it, so to come to Christ.

◆ It is the Holy Spirit who gives the Church the life of the new creation and the foretaste of the Kingdom of God. It is by the Spirit that we who eat the bread from heaven will live forever.

The Eucharist is an invitation to *socially experience the shared presence of God, and to be present in an embodied way.*

The Eucharist is an encounter of the heart, knowing Presence through our available presence. In the Eucharist, we move beyond mere words or rational thought and go to that place where we don't talk about the Mystery: we begin to chew on it.

Resources used: *Liturgy News*, by Liturgy Brisbane, & *Real Presence*, by Richard Rohr.

Heart Spirituality

The Sacred Heart & the Eucharist

By his incarnation, the Son of God gave himself to the world; he appeared among us with a heart full of compassion, love and mercy. For thirty-three years he lived in the land of Israel.

The Jews were able to observe him, speak with him, listen to his words, witness his miracles, profit from his gifts, assist at his immolation on the cross and receive the merits of his blood.

Are the generations that come after to be deprived of his presence?

Is Judea alone to enjoy the privilege of having possessed him?

No, the Redeemer, promised to the whole earth, must devote himself to all the peoples that he came to redeem from sin in order to lead them to heaven.

Having said through the mouth of the wise man that his delight is to dwell with the human race, he wants to remain true to his word. To make his ardent desire a reality, which is also the desire of his divine Mother, he questions his Heart, and his Heart answers him by designating the holy Eucharist, already prefigured in the Old Testament.

Jules Chevalier

[Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus

Quatrième ed. Paris 1900 p. 209f]

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:

Mieke (Maria) Van Rooy – mother of Sabina

Anniversaries: Adam Markham, Alfred Clynych, Arthur O'Callaghan, Wesley Perceval, Margaret Cole, Manning Hoy, Dominic Pham, Indianna Forth, Norman Pentland, Phillip Doran, Leslie Ferry, Ray Allen, George Brettell, James Marlor, Zenona Skiba, Emily Jacob, William Smith, John Ray, Joseph Zuk, Ronald Ryan, Alfred Niquet, Dorothy Hornick

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: More titles about the Eucharist on display this week are "Blessed and broken – an exploration of the contemporary experience of God in Eucharistic celebration", "Jesus and the Eucharist" and "The Bread of God – nurturing a Eucharistic imagination".

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Answer: Wine

Readings – 19 Aug 2018

First Reading	Prv. 9:1-6
Psalm	33:2-3. 10-15
Second Reading	Eph. 5:15-20
Gospel	John 6:51-58

19 August Reading Roster

5:00pm	Bob Raadts, Mary French
8:30am	Judith Deklin, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Terry Fewtrell, Joe Ots

19 August Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Patrick Corr, Laurine Smeaton, Daryl Smeaton
8:30am	Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Marie Flint, Maida Kajkic, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane, VACANT
6:00pm	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, Matthew Garton, Kerry Yard, Stephanie Stewart

19 August Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Barbara Witzens, Marie McKie
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Margaret Ohlin
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	13 Aug	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds:	18 Aug	VACANT
Counting:	19 Aug	Group 6

Church Cleaning:	13 Aug	Ted & Carol Quade
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On a Lighter note

When young, I am sweet in the sun.
When middle-aged, I make you happy.
When old, I am valued more than ever.
What am I?

Answer somewhere in Compact