

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B**

**19 August 2018**

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**“To be on earth the Heart of God”**

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Answer to the riddle: Bookkeeper

### 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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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...

We continue our reading from John's Gospel chapter 6, often referred to as the Bread of Life Discourse. This has provided us with the opportunity to examine our celebration of the Eucharist, particularly the Eucharistic Prayer. Over the last three weeks we have viewed the Eucharist as 'thanksgiving', 'remembrance' and the role of the Holy Spirit. Today we explore the Eucharist as Reconciliation and Communion of the Faithful.

When we look at the celebration of the Eucharist we can see how central reconciliation is to this sacrament. Unfortunately, this reconciling dimension to Eucharist is often undervalued, perhaps because the practice of the church at times has tended to separate reconciliation from Eucharist. In the Roman Catholic tradition prior to Vatican II, this separation was very much borne out in the practice of Catholics feeling obligated to "go to Confession" before receiving the Eucharist in order to be worthy to receive. Hopefully, no one would question that it is important to properly prepare for and receive the Body and Blood of Christ worthily, but the point is this: Do we really have an appreciation of our participation in the Eucharist as the clearest manifestation of being reconciled to God and each other? As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "Daily conversion and penance find their source and nourishment in the Eucharist, for in it is made present the sacrament of Christ which has reconciled us with God."

Throughout the Mass there are opportunities to express our sorrow and acknowledge the mercy and compassion of God: the Penitential Rite, the Communion Rite (the Lord's Prayer, the Lamb of God, the invitation to Communion "Behold the Lamb of God...who takes away the sins of the world"). Also, during the Communion Rite we have the Sign of Peace. In this short but meaningful rite we express our reconciliation with one another in Christ. But the clearest expression of our reconciliation with God is at the heart of the Eucharistic Prayer: the Institutional Narrative, where, in the words of Jesus, he offers himself to us in the form of bread and wine. Here, the covenantal seal between God and humanity is expressed: "...the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

It is God's free gift in Christ that enables us to celebrate our reconciliation in Christ and with one another and partake of our sacred communal meal which is the Eucharist.

**Peace and blessings**  
**Gerard**

# PARISH NEWS

We Welcome Fr. Absalón Tovar msc  
Superior General of the international MSC  
provinces and Fr. Chris McPhee msc  
Australian Provincial Superior.

*On Sunday this weekend 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.

## 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.

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

## Consultation Day for Women

An opportunity to contribute to a discernment process regarding the future of the Catholic Church in Australia and the possible reestablishment of an Archdiocesan Women's Group. All Catholic women welcome.

**When:** 8 Sept, 10am to 3pm

**Where:** Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

**Contact:** Jacinta on [catholic.women@cg.org.au](mailto:catholic.women@cg.org.au) or 6201 9861

## 30-31 August "Books and Beanies Fair"

From 8am-4pm the Calvary Auxiliary are running a 'fair' with a large selection of fiction paperbacks, children's books, cook books, biographies and more!

Books - nothing over \$2, beanies \$5. Xavier Building foyer adjacent to Zouki Cafe, Calvary Public Hospital, Cnr Haydon Drive & Belconnen Way Bruce. All proceeds go to equipment and patient services at Calvary Hospital. Enquiries: Pat on 040379192.

**Thank You:** *Sabina and the Van Rooy family wish to thank Fr. Gerard, Marian and Sharon, and parishioners for your love and support on the passing of our mum, Mieke. It was greatly appreciated and I am blessed to be in this wonderful MSC Parish.*



**The Sacred Heart prayer group** who meet at Kippax & **Catholic Charismatic Renewal** will be presenting a series of seminars on Thursdays.

Date: Starting 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug – 4<sup>th</sup> Oct

Time: 7pm to 9pm.

Venue: SJA - Parish Centre

Each evening includes praise & worship, a talk, prayer ministry and sharing groups

Further information contact,  
Maida 0423 658 326, Neda 0415 266 019  
or Carl 0402 883 322

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# Reflection

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## Bread discourse in John's Gospel

This is the fourth of five reflections on Christ and the Eucharist as presented in Chapter 6 of John's gospel.

The 'Bread of Life' sequence as a whole displays a pattern that can be discerned in several of the long discourses in the Fourth Gospel. The remedying of a human need – usually through a miracle – functions as a symbol of a far more profound gift involving the person of Jesus himself. To 'eat' Jesus' flesh and 'drink' his blood, opens the way to eternal life – to a share in the divine life that he has from the Father. Jesus is 'Bread from Heaven' both as life-giving Word of revelation and as 'real food' and 'real drink' in the Sacrament.

### Eucharist as Reconciliation & Communion of the Faithful

◆ The flesh-and-blood Body of Christ is not just the Eucharist but the Church; our communion at the altar is also the communion with the real flesh-and-blood people who sit beside us.

◆ Thus the Eucharistic celebration demands reconciliation and is a constant challenge in the search for appropriate relations in social, economic and political life.

◆ *All kinds of injustice, racism, separation and lack of freedom are radically challenged when we share in the body and blood of Christ.* This is the living bread given 'for the life of the world'.

*Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both the bread and the wine. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal covenant is ratified in the blood of the Lord, as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Kingdom of the Father.* GIRM 281

Resources used: *Liturgy News – June 2018*, by Liturgy Brisbane, & *Scripture Commentary*, by Brendan Byrne SJ

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# Heart Spirituality

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## The goodness of Jesus in the Eucharist

Jesus Christ reveals the goodness of his Heart in the Eucharist. During his mortal life, he was happy to pour out the tenderness of his Heart on little ones and on the poor, on those who suffer and on sinners, on all the miseries of humanity.

The sign of any misfortune, any unhappiness, any sorrow at all moved his Heart with compassion. But his goodness, gentleness and mercy are even more manifest in the Eucharist. His Heart has overflowed with love, not only during his three years' public life but for eighteen centuries, at every hour, day and night.

This will go on till the end of time. He calls us, he waits for us; and when we kneel at his feet, what joy, what sweetness, what light, what strength and consolation he pours into our souls. Let us know how to benefit from it.

Jules Chevalier  
Méditations II  
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**May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!**

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### 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](mailto:marian@stjohnkippax.org.au)

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

**Recently Deceased:** Denise Smith,  
Iris Schofield, Horst Lawatsch

**Anniversaries:** Leslie Ferry, Ray Allen,  
George Brettell, James Marlor, Zenona Skiba,  
Emily Jacob, William Smith, John Ray, Joseph Zuk,  
Ronald Ryan Alfred Niquet, Dorothy Hornick,  
Marjorie Carew, Edmund Kennedy, Winifred Bridges,  
Alexander Aikman, Hedwig Von Straaten,  
Joseph Weinheber, Andres Munoz, Tere Fearon,  
Bill Fearon, Anna Yoo, Josephine Weinheber,  
Sheila Dignam, Antonia Mrsnik, Armando Cavuoto,  
Patrick Sheehan, Gladys Anderson, Virginia Matera,  
Melinda Davis.

## 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 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> 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

**LIBRARY NEWS:** We continue last week's display on the Eucharist "Blessed and broken – 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!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood  
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 26 Aug 2018

<b>First Reading</b>	Jos 24:1-2. 15-18
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 33:2-3. 16-23.
<b>Second Reading</b>	Eph 5:21-32
<b>Gospel</b>	John 6:60-69

## 26 August Reading Roster

5:00pm	Rob Caskie, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Louise Honan, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

## 26 August Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Marie McKie, John Drury, Barbara Witzens, Terry O'Brien, Margaret McMahon
8:30am	Ted Kell, Clare Kell, Violet Duve, Judith Deklin, VACANT
10:00am	Robin Williams, Libby Costello, Pat Sheppard, VACANT, VACANT
6:00pm	Agnes Pham VACANT, VACANT, VACANT, VACANT

## 26 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:	20 Aug	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds:	25 Aug	David Pigram, Rob Caskie, Matthew Garton, Mike Lavis
Counting:	26 Aug	Group 8
Church Cleaning:	20 Aug	John & Jenny Maher, Carol Blyth

## On a Lighter note

### Riddle

Q. What English word has three consecutive double letters?

Answer somewhere in Compact!