

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

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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 5:00pm – 5:30pm or by appointment with the priest

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From the Pastor's desk.....

Both the First Reading and Gospel speak of the virtue of humility. Cardinal Basil Hume, the humble and much loved Benedictine monk who was Archbishop of Westminster from 1976 to 1999, was once asked to name the most important attributes that he looked for in choosing candidates for the priesthood, he answered: “I look for humanity, humility and a sense of humour.” These were carefully chosen words, for humanity, humility and humour have their origin in the Latin word humilium, meaning “down-to-earth”, “having feet planted on the ground”.

Being near to the earth, or being grounded, speaks of being in touch: with ourselves, those around us, and with God. The opposite is to have our head in the clouds, and therefore to be out of touch. Humility grounds us in reality. It is a virtue that allows us to value others, that puts us in touch with God, and allows us to own and celebrate our giftedness. Humility is anything but negative.



I wish all the dads a very happy Father's Day. Dads are special. That's why we have Father's Day to remind us of their special place in our lives. However, while society is quick to take commercial advantage of this special day, society is also guilty of undermining the value of Fatherhood. Fatherhood, that enduring and endearing term, needs to regain the currency it rightly deserves.

Fathering is more than biological, more than passing on genes. Fathering, at its core, is relational and cultural. Every child, boy or girl, needs to experience good fathering in order to grow and mature, just as we need good mothering. So today, as we spoil and fuss over the dads, let us also be conscious of the honour and respect deserving of fatherhood.

Peace & blessings,

Gerard

PARISH NEWS

September Baptisms

We welcome into our community:



Samuel Graham,
son of David and Joanne;
Dylan Scheerlinck,
son of Rhiannon;
Cecilia Nield,
daughter of James and Veronica;
Ivy Krizaic,
daughter of Edmund and Kathryn;
Henry Pearce,
son of James and Linda

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

"The Sympathizer"

by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Sunday 16 September - 3:00 pm

Parish Library.

There one copy of the book in the parish office to borrow.

New members are always most welcome



Living into death, dying into Life.

Retreat

A retreat for those who are living with a life limiting illness that causes them to ponder and reflect on their situation and their life.

Date: 17-20th September, 2018

Place: St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park.

Ph: 02 4630 0233

Email: contact@towersretreat.org.au

The Refugee Resettlement Committee would like to thank parishioners for their generosity. The Migrant & Refugee Sunday appeal collected \$1686.55.



Enquiry Night

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.

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

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 6201 9861 or
catholic.women@cg.org.au

Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn - 4th Public Forum

Where: Australian Centre for Christianity &
Culture, Barton

When: 11 September at 7:00pm.

*The future of the Catholic Church
in Australia*

Guest speakers:

- Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv DD –
Diocese of Parramatta
- Sr Clare Condon –
Sisters of the Good Samaritan
- Ms Anne Kirwan - CEO Catholic Care,
Canberra-Goulburn

ACU Blackfriars Lecture Series

"Designing for transforming a tale of two
worlds" – lecture by Danielle Dal Cortivo

Date: 19 September

Time: 5.30pm (registration &
refreshments) for 6.00 – 7.00 pm

The lecture will held in Room 301.1.20,
Veritas Building, ACU (Signadou Watson

RSVP 14 Sept canberra@acu.edu.au.

Men's Cursillo Three Day Weekend

Date: 13-16 September

Venue: Hartzler Park Conference &
Retreat Centre

Contact: Joe Jambor 0401 159 852

Email: irmandjoe@gmail.com

Centring Prayer Meditation Nourishment Day

Facilitator: Sr Lorraine Cupitt **Ph:** 6288 6074

When: Saturday 29 September

Time: 10:30am – 2:30pm

Where: Marian Hall, Page

Donation: \$10 Please bring a personal lunch

The Journey of Compassion and Transformation,
through the practice Centring Prayer Meditation.

Reflection

Words Spoken in Truth

We live in a culture that is very quick to lay blame on external factors; some people are very reluctant to accept responsibility for their own actions and look for opportunities to distance themselves from feelings of guilt or even regret. Jesus makes it very clear that evil intentions – the things that make a person ‘unclean’ – actually come from within. He presents a confronting list of the things that come from within and we may be able to add others relevant to our own time. In our culture of no personal responsibility, Jesus challenges us to rethink just where the buck does stop.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.

For as long as we blame our most destructive behaviour on evil acting upon us in all its guises, empty promises and powers, then we remain some way from taking the sort of responsibility for the condition of our hearts that might see them fully converted by Christ's saving love. This is not to say that evil does not exist or that it cannot have a powerful effect upon us, quite the opposite. Just as grace builds on love and goodness, evil grows out of estrangement and hatred. As Christians we hold that God has given us free will, and evil's hold on our hearts is often the result of the poor choices and smaller compromises we have made along the way.

Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

Resources used: *Reflections*, by Diane Bergant CSS, & Greg Sunter & *Homily* by Richard Leonard SJ.

Heart Spirituality

The enemy within

Our most formidable enemies, those that should inspire the greatest fear, are not those outside ourselves but those within.

Our nature is a centre of concupiscence that ceaselessly bears us towards evil. The passions, the bad habits that fill our hearts are the greatest obstacle to salvation.

How many Christians, how many priests and religious, after having lived in fervour, slackened and abandoned the way of virtue because of the fickleness that is natural to us.

“Those who think they stand should take heed lest they fall”. 1Cor. 10:12

[Méditations 1, p. 218]
Jules Chevalier

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

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

Bless Every Father

Loving God, bless every father and everyone who has a fathering role with your

spiritual blessings today. Let him know he is not alone in the tasks you have given him to provide for and support those under his care. May you bless him today, on special days, and for all the days of his life. Amen

**National Child Protection Week
commences on Father's Day
2 - 8 September**

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT IN AUSTRALIA
Child abuse and neglect is one of Australia's most significant social problems. Last year over 35,000 Australian children were proven to have been abused or neglected.

The term 'child abuse' includes:

- Physical abuse:
- Psychological abuse:
- Sexual abuse:
- Children's exposure to family violence:

<https://www.napcan.org.au/national-child-protection-week/>



NAPCAN
PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

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

Recently Deceased: Peter Wood msc
Peter's funeral will be held in Melbourne next week. Burial will be at Douglas Park, parishioners will be advised in Compact and by email of the burial.

Anniversaries: Annette Polak, William Wiegold, Philip Smith, Mary Telford, Gaye Walmsley, Susan O'Dwyer, Josephine Smith, Ralph Dunn, William Schofield, Dorothy Hush, Andre Domjan, Ivan Jones, Kathleen MacKay, Collin McEvoy, Anton Mrsnik, Sonia Mewburn, Andrew Jeffers, Patrick Whittle, Josephine Boyd, John Grannal, Michelle Brewer, Alvaro del Busto, John O'Neill, Christopher Halloran, Elizabeth Murray, Des Kiley, Sheila Whigham, Giuseppe Scarlora, Leslie Collins, Joan Larkham, Jennifer Kenny, Alice Gibb, Taya Quade, Marie Happ, Cedric Pratt, Susan Ferguson, Honoria Kelly, Denise Busch, Kathleen Wiltshire

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 – 5:10pm

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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The just will live in the presence
of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Father gave us birth by his message
of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits
of his creation.
Alleluia!

Answer to the riddle: Tomorrow

Readings – 9 September 2018

First Reading	Is 35:4-7
Psalm	Ps 145:7-10
Second Reading	Jas 2:1-5
Gospel	Mark 7:31-37

9 September Reading Roster

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

9 September Ministers of Communion

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

9 September Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Jenny Maher
8:30am	Violet Duve, Jean Tierney
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	3 Sept	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds:	8 Sept	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Denis Puniard, John Machin
Counting:	9 Sept	Group 3
Church Cleaning:	3 Sept	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman

On a Lighter note

Q. I am something that no man ever did see, I
never was but am always to be?
Answer somewhere in Compact