

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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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.....

During the week I attended the National Council of Priests Convention. About 150 priests from around Australia gathered for the biennial event which this year took place in Canberra. The theme of the convocation was “Being Catholic in Australia...after the Royal Commission and before the Plenary Council 2020.” We were blessed by the expertise and experience of various presenters that included Robert Fitzgerald (one of the commissioners on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse), Bishop Vincent Long, Fr Frank Brennan, John Warhurst and Marilyn Hatton, amongst others.

What became very clear to me is that while the Royal Commission has completed its task a new and demanding task needs to be taken up by the Church. The Royal Commission has highlighted serious systematic problems within the church. Two obvious problems are clericalism and the absence of women in positions of Church governance. We have an opportunity to address these and other important concerns in the Plenary Council 2020. Already there is an air of cynicism as to whether or not the Australian Bishops will ultimately listen to and act upon calls for much needed and deep-seated change. I can understand this. But at the same time it is an opportunity that we can't afford to miss. Change has got to happen in the Church. It can only happen when priests and laity begin to have a voice that can help shape a liberated and liberating Church.

I will be away this weekend attending a conference at Douglas Park Retreat Centre on 'Heart Centred Leadership' Carl Madsen, as chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, will also be attending. It is hoped that this conference will help us shape and develop leadership models within our parish.

**Peace & blessings,
Gerard**

PARISH NEWS

FUNERAL NOTICE

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of
Rob Caskie

Will be celebrated at 10:30am
Thursday 20 September 2018
St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

You are invited to join the family in the
Parish Centre for refreshments
immediately following the mass.

There will be no 9:30am Mass on
Thursday 20 September.

PARISHIONER CONTACT DETAILS

With the NBN rollout, you may have changed your contact details (email, phone, mobile phone). If you have updated or changed your contact details, or are not receiving any emailed information from the parish, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on the last Friday of each month after the 9:30am mass.

Next anointing will be 28 September

Pins & Needles Craft Group



Third Thursday Monthly
Next Meeting: 20 September
7:15pm Parish Library

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast is:



Tuesday 25 September 7:30am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

Saturday Vigil Mass Time

will revert to 6:00pm on

Saturday 13 October 2018.

Church Seating Arrangements for parishioners with mobility issues.

Two spaces have been made available for disability seating, in the small section of blue chairs near the sliding doors.



We have modelled this on the disability seating system used in movie theatres. It is not compulsory that people with wheelchairs sit in this space, it is provided with the intention of it being of beneficial help for those parishioners. We would appreciate your feedback on this initiative.

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

**First and Third Sundays
after the 6:00pm Mass**

Next gathering 16th September

This group is a way for young people to learn about the church and deepen their faith together. Contact Jake 0431797644 or Jake.Wenger@sfx.act.edu.au

Women's Cursillo

Date: 15-18 November - 6:00pm

Venue: Greenhills Conference Centre

Transport can be arranged in needed.

Cost: \$280 includes accommodation, meals

If cost is difficult or if you require further information about the Cursillo, please contact the Lay Director, Lorraine Barker 0437329 371 or email lorraine-barker@grapevine.com.au

Women's Prayer Weekend Praying with Julian of Norwich

Presenters: Pauline Compton fdnsc,
Michelle Vass

St Mary's Towers Douglas Park
23 - 25 November 2018

Email: towersretreat@bigpond.com
<http://www.towersretreat.org.au>

Reflection

Professing the faith without good works is just spouting hot air

Understanding God's commandments and church doctrine is useless if those truths aren't put into practice. A faith without bearing fruit in life, a faith that doesn't bear fruit in works is not faith. Professing the faith without giving a witness makes the Gospel words and nothing more than word. People make this mistake when they think, but I have lots of faith. I believe everything. However, look at how that person lives life. It may be a lukewarm, weak life where faith is like a theory and not lived out in practice.

You may know all the commandments, all the prophecies, all the truths of the faith, but if this isn't put into practice, is not translated into works, it serves nothing. As the Apostle James noted, even demons know the Creed, but that doesn't mean they have faith. Christians can be this way, too, seeing the faith as a system of ideas. But in reality, such people are what James considered them to be, the anti-Christ, ideologues of the faith.

Having faith isn't having knowledge. Instead, it is receiving God's message as brought by Christ. There can be people who know very little or nothing about doctrine, but have lots of faith because rather than embracing abstract truths, they embrace the living Christ. Faith and witness are indissoluble. Faith is an encounter with Jesus Christ, with God, and always leads to witnessing. A faith without works, a faith that doesn't get you involved, isn't faith. It's words and nothing more than words.

Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living?

Resources used: Homily, by Pope Francis 21 Feb 2014. & Reflection, by Dianne Bergant CSS.

Heart Spirituality

Lived Faith

We too are inspired by the same gift that Jules Chevalier received. In our communion as brothers and sisters, we live our faith in the compassionate love of the Lord; at the same time, we are sent into the world to proclaim the Good News of the love and kindness of God our Saviour and to bear witness to it in the whole of our lives.

MSC Constitutions #4

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

Sunday Scripture Readings

The Sunday readings for mass with a commentary are available for parishioners who are interested in praying with the Scriptures for the upcoming weekend. They are on the white table in the church foyer.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

*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?*

Our first plenary session will be held on

Thursday 8th November 7:00pm
and repeated on

Sunday 11th November 3:00pm

Sharing our Stories

Pope Francis calls for a listening church at all levels of church life.

**Where everyone's voice is heard!
Come and share your story.**

Answer to riddle: Popcorn

Children's Choir

Rehearsals Thursdays 4:30pm –
5:15pm

Next singing at 10:00am Mass on
Sunday 14 October.



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

Recently Deceased: Rob Caskie

Anniversaries: Mary Prosper, Raymond Free, Graham Ottewill, Pauline Jones, Therese Le, Don Nicol, Peter Hill, Allan Biggs, John Haley, Frances Critchlow, Antonio Ahn, Jana Nassir, Magdalen Ripszam, Marijona Grybaitis, Josephine Mulligan, Luke White, Beryl Mannix, Aileen Antcliff, James Sharah, Zoila Wait, Philip Hazell, Patrick Clarke, Lidia Torelli, Georgina Kukolic, Hok Tung, Edmond Sarrah, Joseph Sciberras, Vic Puzas, Patricia Tyers, Antonia Prieto, Antonella D'Ambrosio, Victor Bitterman, Robert Smith, Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy, Anne Bynum, Fred Aschenberger.

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
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LIBRARY NEWS: "Memory and reconciliation: the Church and the faults of the past", "What makes us Catholic? – eight gifts for life", "Towards a civilisation of love: being Church in today's world" are three of the books on display this week.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My only glory is the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and
me to the world.
Alleluia!

Readings – 23 September 2018

First Reading	Wis. 2:12. 17-20.
Psalm	Ps 53:3-6. 8.
Second Reading	Jas 3:16 – 4:3
Gospel	Mark 9:30-37

23 Sept

Reading Roster

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

23 Sept

Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Judy Netting, John Drury, Barbara Witrzens, 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

23 Sept

Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	17 Sept	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds:	22 Sept	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Counting:	23 Sept	Group 7

Church Cleaning:	17 Sept	John & Jenny Maher, Carol Blyth
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On a Lighter note - Riddle

Q. I make a loud noise when I am changing.
I get larger but weigh less when I do. What am I?

Answer somewhere in Compact