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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 4:00pm – 4:30pm or by
appointment with the priest

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From the Pastor's desk.....

The fruit of righteousness is peace! This phrase from today's second reading is an appealing one, but it begs the question: what, in fact, does the biblical notion of righteousness really mean?

We have become all too accustomed to political and religious leaders taking the moral high ground in denouncing their enemies and claiming God on their side. But this is a shallow and counterfeit notion of righteousness and one that so often leads to more strife and misery. There is another equally distorted image of righteousness, that of the smug religious person who looks down on sinners.

However, righteousness has nothing to do with taking the moral high ground or adopting a holier-than-thou attitude. Quite the opposite! It is humbly seeking the way of God. Humility, then, is the virtue that accompanies righteousness. In our society it is often the glamorous, the successful, and those who have made it to the top who are lauded and esteemed. But in today's gospel Jesus turns this upside down: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all". To underline this, Jesus holds up the example of children as the ones who have found God's favour. (Children and servants in Jesus' time had no legal rights or social status.)

Righteousness, then, is a way of life steeped in humility and one that bears a harvest of peace and justice. The prophet Micah expresses this so well when he reminds us "to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with our God."

*Peace & blessings,
Gerard*

PARISH NEWS

Over 45's will meet on **Wednesday 26 September** for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

“Extinctions”
by Josephine Wilson

Sunday 21 October - 3:00 pm
Parish Library.

New members are always most welcome



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

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.

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.

Social Justice Sunday 30 September

This year's Social Justice Statement is titled:
**Place to Call Home:
Making a home for everyone in our land.**

The Statement confronts the growing challenge of homelessness and housing insecurity in Australia.

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499

Ozanam Sunday 29/30 September Gold Coin Appeal

Our St Vincent de Paul Conference supports twin conferences in Lembata in Eastern Indonesia and Tamil Nadu in Southern India. In memory of our founder Frederic Ozanam, this weekend we are seeking donations for our twin conferences. If you can help please place a donation in the Poor Box at the back of the church near the Sacristy. All money received this weekend will go to supporting our twin conferences. Thank you. For more information contact Mike on 0419 818 410.

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!
What is your vision for the Church in Australia?

Reflection

Being of Service

Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people.

Jesus takes the smallest and most vulnerable of people in their society and teaches the disciples that greatness comes through care of the least. This is a powerful lesson. Greatness in the world – power, connections, wealth, influence, reputation and learning – only counts for something in the Kingdom of God when put at the service of the most vulnerable of our society. Greed, riches and pride are so alluring, so seductive for us in the Church, as much as for those outside it, that we need to regularly examine our consciences to assess the motivations and results of what we are doing, and why we are doing it.

Today, most of us try to find personal and individual freedom even as we remain inside of structural boxes and a system of consumption that we are then unable or unwilling to critique. Our mortgages, luxuries, and privileged lifestyles control our whole future. Whoever is paying our bills and giving us security and status determines what we can and cannot say or even think. Self-serving institutions that give us our security, status, or identity are considered “too big to fail” and are invariably beyond judgement from the vast majority of people. Evil can hide in systems much more readily than in individuals.

Putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than yourself. Mature religious people develop an actual inner life of prayer and an outer life of service.

Resources used: Reflection, by Dianne Bergant CSS, Homily, by Richard Leonard SJ, & Structural and Personal Freedom, by Richard Rohr OFM

Heart Spirituality

Fraternal love

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart will have for one another much affection, regard, care, a very great charity and a deep respect. They will speak to one another with kindness, openness and cordiality, but without taking liberties. They will avoid all that savours of affectation and self-conceit, as also all heated and out-of-place arguments. In no way will they seek to dominate or to show off. They will flee all boasting and talkativeness. They will make every effort to practise the virtues of the Heart of Jesus, his gentleness, his humility.

Règles after 1877
Jules Chevalier

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

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.

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: 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, Patricia Richardson, Gaeto Vella, Renee Tozer, Wendy McCarthy, Frederick Jackson, Norma Hall, Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren.

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

LIBRARY NEWS: "From a Roman window – 5 decades – the world, the Church and the Catholic laity", "Confronting power and sex in the Catholic Church", "The Catholic Church at the end of an age" and "Sacred silence: denial and the crisis in the Church" are books currently on display.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord upholds my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our
Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Readings – 30 September 2018

First Reading	Nm 11:25-29
Psalm	Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14
Second Reading	James 5:1-6
Gospel	Mark 9:38 – 45. 47-48
Answer to Riddle	successfully unsuccessfuly

30 September Reading Roster

6:00pm	Dennis Puniard, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Andrew Luck

30 Sept Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Chitra Jayawardena, Janet Almond, Marie McKie, Patrick Corr
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Carmel Screen, Jean Tierney, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Robin Williams, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos, VACANT
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Margaret McMahon, VACANT, VACANT, VACANT

30 Sept Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	VACANT
10:00am	Joe Pisciotta
6:00pm	VACANT

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	24 Sept	Margaret Stanford
Grounds:	29 Sept	VACANT
Counting:	30 Sept	Group 9
Church Cleaning:	24 Sept	Joseph Lé Văn Hải, Sam Van Nguyen

On a Lighter note ~ Riddle

Can you think of a common word that contains double C, double S and double L? Can you think of a second one?

Answer somewhere in Compact