

# COMPACT

## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

7 October 2018 #45.18

“To be on earth the Heart of God”

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### MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm (13 October 2018)  
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

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## From the Side desk.....

Nothing is a greater challenge than the call to love. It calls for a lot of maturity. In relationships we bring together our strengths and weaknesses, our loves and hates, our hurts and wounds and our hopes and fears. When we commit ourselves to loving, the difficulties we encounter become opportunities for growth and deepening our relationship.

I came across this reflection in one of the commentaries of this week's readings. It invites us to look at life's issues in a positive light.

*Kimi msc*

### Youth and Age

Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind. Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair, these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your hope, as old as your despair. So long as your heart receives messages of beauty, cheer, courage, grandeur and power from the earth, from man, from the infinite, so long are you young. When the heart is covered with the snow of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then I am grown old indeed, and may you, Lord, have mercy on my soul.

*General Douglas MacArthur*

### Blessing (from Marriage Ceremony)

May God, the almighty Father, bless you with his joy.

May the only Son of God have mercy on you, and help you in good times and in bad,

May the Holy Spirit of God always fill your hearts with his love.

**Amen**

# PARISH NEWS

**Saturday Vigil Mass Time**  
will revert to 6:00pm on  
**Saturday 13 October 2018.**

***Relax, Review, Reflect***  
***Faith in film***



*Come and relax, (re)view a contemporary film and reflect and share how you would approach issues raised in the film in light of your own life's experience.*

*The first viewing will be held on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm** in the parish library.*

*To register your interest or for more information, please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)*

## **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*



**Thank you** for supporting the  
**Ozanam Sunday Gold Coin Appeal**  
last weekend, \$237.00 was collected.

Our St Vincent de Paul Conference supports twin conferences in Lembata in Eastern Indonesia and Tamil Nadu in Southern India. Thank you.



*If you would like to know more about how you can help the poor with Vinnies, contact Mike on 0419818410. You are welcome to join us at our **next meeting on Monday 8 October at 7:30pm** in our room at the back of the Parish Centre.*

Becoming Catholic



Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult

*"In virtue of their baptism,  
all the members of the  
People of God have become  
missionary disciples". Matt. 28:19*

**RCIA Enquiry Night**  
**Monday 15 October 2018**  
**7:00pm Parish Library**

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> November 7:00pm

and repeated on

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## **October Baptisms**

*We welcome into our community:*

*Klara Nilsson,  
daughter of Catherine and James;  
Joshua and Mikayla Gallagher,  
children of Tanya and James;  
Thomas Gerrard,  
son of Tammy and Robert;  
Grace MacDonald,  
daughter of Kathryn;  
Max MacDonald,  
son of Elissa and Paul.*



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# Reflection

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## Marriage

In the Western world today, somewhere between one-third and one-half of marriages end in divorce. It's a statistic that we hear wheeled out as a sign of the collapse of family values in our society. However, the reverse statistic is also true: somewhere between one-half and two-thirds of marriages are lasting ones. In the last 30-40 years, divorce has transformed from being a shameful scandal to an accepted, even commonplace, fact of life. It would be uncommon not to know someone affected by divorce. Despite those who argue that divorce is too 'easy', it is an emotional and difficult decision for couples to reach and has rippling impacts on children, extended families and friends.

When the Pharisees in the gospel asked Jesus about the law regarding divorce, they really weren't interested in divorce; they wanted to check Jesus' orthodoxy – how he stood in relation to traditional teaching. Rather than respond to them directly, Jesus asks them first of all to name the teaching to which they refer. He then explains that Moses only ever wrote the instruction because the people were so unwilling to listen to God's way.

From a Catholic perspective it is worthy of note that marriage was not elevated to the status of a sacrament till the Council of Trent in the 16th century. Going back to the time of the Roman Empire, most Christians were married in the same way as pagans, in common-law or "free" marriages. Christians were usually married in simple public ceremonies without any license or written agreement. Later on, after the reign of the Christian Emperor, Justinian (527-565), Christians were married in more formal civil ceremonies . . . ; though prayers and blessings were sometimes added to the ceremony, marriage was not a sacrament of the Church and it did not directly involve the Church. . . . Only after the Council of Trent was a ceremony compulsory for Roman Catholics.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS, & *Marriage*, by Richard Rohr

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# Heart Spirituality

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## Hope of the hopeless

Saint Bernard exclaims: "It is to the Blessed Virgin that has fallen the sublime mission of speaking for us to the heart of Jesus." But our century is an extremely difficult case, a cause almost lost, half hopeless. The world is rushing to its ruin. Indifferent to religion, people move away from God. Error and falsehood are rift, corruption abounds. In response Saint Ephrem says: "It is of no importance that evil seems incurable. That is precisely why Mary will take this cause in hand, if you commit it to her. You know surely that she is the hope of those we consider beyond hope; the hope of those who are losing hope, and the hope even of those who here below have lost all hope"

*Jules Chevalier*

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

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## **Women's Prayer Weekend St Mary's Towers Douglas Park Praying with Julian of Norwich**

*Presenters: Pauline Compton fdnsc,  
Michelle Vass*

**23 – 25 November 2018**

*Email: [towersretreat@bigpond.com](mailto:towersretreat@bigpond.com)  
<http://www.towersretreat.org.au>*

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## **HOME Movie Fundraiser**

Our annual HOME movie fundraiser screening, *Back to Burgundy*, a heart-warming comedy and the most successful French film of all time.

**Friday 19 October 2018 @ 6pm**

The Q Theatre, 253 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan  
Movie tickets: \$75 Inc.

Tickets: [www.theq.net.au](http://www.theq.net.au) or

The Q Box Office Phone: (02) 6285 6290

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

## Recently Deceased:

Augustine Fernandez-Budiel

**Anniversary:** *Patricia Richardson, Gaeto Vella, Renee Tozer, Wendy McCarthy, Frederick Jackson, Norma Hall, Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren, Norma Flood, Henryk Jalocha, Verdi Guy, Raymond Dummett, Iosif Szakal, John Whigham, Eugenia Wlodarczyk, Connie Thomas, Bradley Wattam, Luke White, Audrey Walker, Michael O'Neill, Margaret Van Halderen, Lauri Brennan, Edwardus Van Audenaerde, Jeffery Ashauer, Hernando Paz*

## 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 <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

## 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.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

May the Lord bless us all the days  
of our lives.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
If we love one another,  
God will live in us in perfect love.  
Alleluia!

## Readings –14 October 2018

First Reading	Wis 7:7-11
Psalm	Ps 89:12-17
Second Reading	Heb 4:12-13
Gospel	Mark 10:17-30

## 14 Oct

## 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

## 14 Oct

## Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh, LOorraine Smith
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Frank Colley, Francesca Deklin, Sugi Mohanadas
6:00pm	

## 14 Oct

## 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:	8 Oct	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds:	13 Oct	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard, John Machin
Counting:	14 Oct	Group 4
Church Cleaning:	8 Oct	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman

## On a Lighter note

A woman answered the doorbell with a man standing on her porch. The man said, "I'm terribly sorry. I just ran over your cat and I would like to replace it for you." The woman replied, "Well, that's alright with me, but how are you at catching mice?"