

## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

Thirtyfirst Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

4 November 2018

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“To be on Earth the Heart of God”

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### MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

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

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### From the Pastor's desk.....

*A little girl was walking along beside her father on an evening stroll. She kept looking up at the stars. She was fascinated by them, but she wasn't talking about it. Finally her father asked her what she was thinking about and she answered, "If the bottom side of heaven is so beautiful, how wonderful the other side must be. That's where Mummy is and I know how much she loves beautiful places." The child was walking knee-deep in stardust and in that moment she helped her dad take hold of the hand of God.*

This simple little story sheds insight into the greatest mystery of all: our destiny. We are heaven-bound, and our passage through this world is but a blink of the eye compared to eternity. During this month of November we particularly remember our loved ones who have gone before us.

Last week we celebrated the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls. The origins of All Saints go back to the Fourth Century. The accompanying celebration of All Souls was first celebrated in 998. Since then these celebrations have continued to grow in popularity both the church's calendar and in many places also in the civic calendar (in Italy, for example, All Saints is a public holiday). Each in their own way celebrate the Paschal Mystery – the death and resurrection of Christ in whose victory over death we share through our incorporation into Christ.

***Peace & blessings,  
Gerard***

### Becoming Catholic

**St John the Apostle Parish runs a RCIA program [Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult].**

**Please telephone the parish office for information.**

# PARISH NEWS

## FUNERAL NOTICE

Prayers to celebrate the life of  
*Rose Ireland*

Will be celebrated at 11:00am  
Monday 5 November 2018  
St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

## Ministers of the Eucharist

We have a number of vacancies for Ministers of the Eucharist at our Sunday Masses. There are a total of 13 vacancies each month. Training is provided for new ministers and all parishioners are invited to consider if they may be called to this Ministry.

If you would like to put your name forward please contact the Parish Office.

Vacancies are as follows:

6:00pm Vigil - 1

8:30am Sunday - 4

10:00am Sunday - 3

6:00pm Sunday - 5

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

"Little Failure: A memoir"

by Gary Shteyngart

Sunday 18 November - 3:00 pm

Parish Library.



*New members are always most welcome*

## Sacrament of Penance

Preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance in Lent 2019 is commencing now.

If you have a child in year 2 or above and they have not made this sacrament please contact the parish office.

The preparation commences with a formation evening for Parents.

Date: Monday 12 November

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

## Parish Bookstore

2019 Columban Calendars \$9.00  
Majellan Christmas Cards \$7.00 Pkt of 10

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

*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**

There is a box in the church foyer where you can place your ideas, or any issues you would like to have addressed in the formulation of our submission. These may be anonymous if you wish, they will be treated confidentially.

*Come and share your ideas and stories.*

## Vinnies Christmas Hampers

St Vincent de Paul Conference members are gearing up for Christmas, gathering names for food hampers and presents for kids. We will launch our Christmas Appeal on the first weekend in December when the Christmas tree will be set up in the foyer. It is a busy time and we would appreciate your help if you have some time. Please join us at our next meeting on Monday 5 November at 7:30pm in our room at the back of the Parish Centre. For more information contact Mike Blyth on 0419818410. Thank you.

Thank you St John the Apostle Parish, so much for your generous support of the 2018 World Mission Sunday Appeal! It was a joy to share in your Sunday masses on the weekend of 20/21 October! As a community you have created a welcoming and prayerful spirit, that is truly the heart of our Lord, Jesus. Be assured that your prayers and financial support will contribute to improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in Myanmar/Burma, and beyond. Once again, a big thank you! God bless, Cathy Ransom, Diocesan Director, Catholic Mission

## Fr Hilton Roberts 60th Anniversary Celebration

When: Sat 1 December

Where: St Matthew's Page

Time: Mass at 12noon followed by a shared lunch at the School Hall. Bring a plate to share.

Contact: South Belconnen Parish Office on  
6254 1827 or [belconnensouth@cq.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cq.org.au)  
if you have any queries

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# Reflection

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## ***“As you love yourself”***

Jesus reminds us ‘You must love your neighbour as yourself.’ There’s an unspoken, underlying idea here that is absolutely crucial. Before you can love your neighbour, you must first love yourself. To say that you love yourself today can imply a level of boastfulness or ego.

Some people argue that Western society has already gone too far in the direction of self-love. They maintain that the lengths some people go to achieve a sculptured body, the use of steroids, the growing frequency of eating disorders, the adoration of sportsmen and women, the cult of the gym and of the cosmetic surgery industry all point to a culture too much in love with itself. Some argue what we need is a good dose of self-control. They are only half-right.

The problem with the term 'love of self' is that we often hear in it an encouragement to 'adore self'. Nothing could be further from what Jesus is saying. We are called to love our body, not worship it. Jesus is not calling us to a narcissistic love, like we see in the cosmetic surgery industry and the gym cults, where the only thing we love is our self. If we have no sense of our own self-worth, our own dignity and the personal love of God for each of us, it is impossible for us to give the same to others and to claim from others the dignity we deserve. We will either treat others as our inferiors on the one hand, or allow others to walk all over us, on the other.

Jesus shows us by the way he loved his Father, us and himself that true love always involves sacrifice. If we love our self in the right way, we have the self-control to forgo those things that are most destructive in our life and we have the generosity to do for others the things that will enrich their lives. Jesus knew that we can never love others if we hate ourselves.

What is required is a genuine love of self – an acceptance; a respect; a true valuing of self. Only then can we know how to treat others. When we ask ourselves how we would want to be treated it points us towards how we should treat others. What is summed up so simply by Jesus is a very tough ask!

Resources used: *Homily*, by Fr. Richard Leonard SJ & *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter

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# Heart Spirituality

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## **Love of Others**

God does not condemn the intensity of love, but the disorder of love, the corruption of love.

He condemns what diminishes and destroys love, replacing it with some horrible counterfeit. True love is willed by God, even if it brings the lover to crucifixion for the sake of the beloved. God wills love with all the strength with which he wills his own existence, for he is its model and source.

Hence the words of Saint Augustin: “Love, and do what you will!” This is very true. If our will is moved and directed by true love, what other law does it need?

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus  
Quatrième ed. Paris 1900

*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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## **Relax, Review, Reflect** **Faith and 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 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm** 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)*

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

**Recently Deceased:** Rose Ireland

**Anniversary:** Patrick Healey,  
Maurice Scheerlinck, Emily Flynn,  
John Joyce, Narim Dawalibi, Rex Kelley,  
Edward Dwyer, Ursula Bell, Grace Carmichael,  
Patricia Smith, John Roots, Adrian Gilchrist,  
Margaret Webster, Marie-Jeanne Shatzman,  
Veronica Tippet, Gary Williams, Frances Stow,  
Maria Van Audenaerde, Brenden Keir, Cornelia  
Onstenk, William Castle, Richard Witrzens, Gloria  
Hunter, Maria Wegener, Jamie Gruber, Kathleen  
Randall, Garry Marsh.

## 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
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**LIBRARY NEWS:** Some new saints are among the authors and subjects of books on display at present including two by Saint Pope John Paul II as well as two new titles about St Mary of the Cross (Mary McKillop).

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will  
come to them.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 11 November 2018

First Reading	1 Kgs 17:10-16
Psalm	Ps 145:7-10
Second Reading	Heb 9:24-28
Gospel	Mark 12:38-44

## 11 Nov 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

## 11 Nov Ministers of Communion

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

## 11 Nov 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:	5 Nov	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds:	10 Nov	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard, John Machin
Counting:	11 Nov	Group 3
Church Cleaning:	5 Nov	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman

## On a Lighter note

There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator.  
Only a fraction of people will find this funny.