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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year C

30 December 2018

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From the Pastor's desk.....

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. Not a great deal is known about the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In fact it is only in Luke's gospel that we have a window into the life of Jesus growing up. The brief episode of finding of the child Jesus in the Temple nevertheless offers an important insight into relationship within the Holy Family. Fundamentally, this relationship is one of obedience. Jesus, who at the precocious age of 12, is going about fulfilling the will of his father in heaven also submits to his human mother and father. Likewise, Mary and Joseph, who exercised authority over Jesus, also stood in wonder of him and sought to obey the will of God.

There is much talk today about family values. This is good. But for Christians, the starting point for this debate is obedience to the will of God expressed in loving service. This is the model held before us in the Holy Family.

In the church's Book of Blessings, there is a lovely blessing for families that you might like to use as we welcome in the New Year.

We bless your name, O Lord,
for sending your own incarnate Son
to become part of a family,
so that, as he lived its life,
he would experience its worries and its joys.
We ask you, Lord,
to protect and watch over this family,
so that in the strength of your grace its members
may enjoy prosperity,
possess the priceless gift of your peace,
and, as the Church alive in the home,
bear witness in this world to your glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Peace & blessings,
Gerard*

"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
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



Hearing Loop: in the
central body of the church.

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Becoming Catholic Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]

St John the Apostle Parish runs a RCIA program all year. If you know someone who would like to become Catholic, please contact the parish office for more information.

PARISH NEWS

Parish Office Hours over the Christmas break



The parish office will be closed from
Tuesday 25 December 2018 and will
re-open on Wednesday
2 January 2019

Thank you The Liturgy Team would

like to express their thanks to all the parishioners who participated in ministry for the Christmas masses. Your participation enhanced our celebrations.

Stamps For MSC Missions

there is a box on the table in the foyer to deposit used and unused stamps for the MSC Missions. These will be sent to the MSC office in Sydney where they will be sorted and sold with the proceeds helping the overseas work of the MSC Order.

Dawn to Dusk

Towards a spirituality of ageing

Written by Fr. Noel Mansfield msc
Copies of this book are available for
purchase from the Book Shop.
Cost: \$20.00 per copy

2019 Calendar

January

2	Parish Office Reopens
6	The Epiphany of the Lord
13	The Baptism of the Lord
22	Women's Breakfast
25	Anointing of the Sick after 9:30am Mass
28	Australia Day Holiday- Parish Office Closed
30	Over 45's

World Day of Peace Fifty Second World Day of Peace 1 January 2019

Message of his Holiness Pope Francis
"Good politics is at the service of peace"

"Peace be to this house!"

In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you" (Lk 10:5-6).

Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The "house" of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our "common home": the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate.

So let this be my greeting at the beginning of the New Year: "Peace be to this house!"

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20181208_messaggio-52giornatamondiale-pace2019.html

Feast Day of our patron saint St John the Apostle 27 December

St. John, the Evangelist, who is styled in the Gospel, "the beloved disciple", was a Galilean, son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother to St. James the Greater, both of whom were fishermen. The two were called by Jesus to be disciples as they were mending their nets by the Sea of Galilee.

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Reflection

Family

There is no disputing the value of the family unit. Family is at the heart of our society; at the heart of our development; and at the heart of our Church.

The human family plays a significant role in the fashioning of the broader family of God. The larger family that God initiates is specified in unique historical families, as strange and as complex as those family relationships may be, with their joys and sorrows, their barrenness and their fruitfulness. There is no way of separating this human family and the broader people of God. The plan of God does not unfold in a vacuum, but in the everyday family situations that include separation and misunderstanding as well as joy and celebration.

It is sometimes easy to glibly declare that our families are important to us, but it is in the everyday living of family life that we have the opportunity to demonstrate how serious we are. It is inevitable, as we establish our individual identity, that we will at times clash with our family's expectations and challenge the authority of parents. However, we can never forget the love, care and security our family has provided throughout our lives. Parents try to protect their children from disappointment and harm and reflect the love of God when they are repeatedly prepared to try again with damaged family relationships.

We are bound to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is out of love that we are called to be children of God. As children of God, we are also joined to God's own Son, who has commanded us to love one another as God has loved all. When we are faithful to that commandment, Christ remains in us.

Resources used: Reflections, by Dianne Bergant CSS, & Greg Sunter

Heart Spirituality

The name Jesus

The name Jesus, given to the Child, is a name of hope, for it means Saviour. It contains all the promises of the past, all the desires of the Patriarchs and of the just of the Old Law, as well as all future hopes.

This is why the divine Child from his birth takes this mysterious name. In this way he opens our hearts to joy and gives us a glimpse of the salvation that he is bringing us.

By taking this name, he commits himself to become our victim when the hour of redemption sounds, in order to wash us clean in his blood from all our iniquity; in order to open heaven for us, and merit us all the graces needed to get there. I read in the name of Jesus, as in an open book, all the mysteries of love that the Heart of a God has for his creatures. How can we fail to hope! In the name of Jesus the greatest miracles have been wrought, and the regeneration of the world taken place. Merely to invoke this name with faith and love is to obtain all the help we need. Apart from Jesus, everything is weak and powerless.

[Méditations 1, p. 107f]

Jules Chevalier Issoudun 1891

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

Stewardship

Living a Stewardship way of life

We live a stewardship way of life by becoming more and more aware that everything is *gift* and *blessing*—that all that we are and have is a gift from God. This means *accepting the biblical truth that we own nothing*. Scripture reminds us that we come into the world with nothing and we leave the world with nothing (Job 1). A stewardship way of life involves recognizing *God* as the sole creator and owner of all that we are and have, and accepting the fact that we are merely the stewards or managers of God's gifts and blessings. Our job or mission is to manage and use wisely and responsibly all that God has placed in our care.

<http://www.ascensioncatholic.net/Living-a-Stewardship-Way-of-Life>

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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

How happy they who dwell in your house,
O Lord

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: *Elana Powell, Jarrod Smith,
Dora Roberts, Luis Soria, Cora Newman,
Ellen Ottewill, Yvonne Williamson, Ted Murphy,
Michael Costelloe, Walter Hawkings, Robert Wise,
Margaret McCallion, Hannah Mecham,
Joseph Davis, Clarice O'Callaghan,
Kevin McMahon, Nita Smith, Geoffrey Bogg,
Willy Raadts, Florence Anthony, Charles Taylor,
Kathryn Jones, Therese Markham, Ken Lorraway,
Barry Dwyer, Pauline Burt, Cooper McDonald*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Readings – 6 January

First Reading Is 60:1-6
Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13.
Second Reading Eph 3:2-3. 5-6
Gospel Mt 2:1-12

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

6 Jan

Reading Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O'Heir, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Matthew Garton, Dennis Puniard

6 Jan

Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Janet Almond, Judy Netting, Joe & Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Victoria Scarano, VACANT
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Jenny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Maria Devine, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan, James & Toni Cox

6 Jan

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joe & Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Mercia Needham
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Agnes Pham

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	31 Dec	Gabrielle Culhane
Grounds:	5 Jan	VACANT
Counting:	6 Jan	Group 1
Church Cleaning:	31 Dec	Marian England, Sharon Greaves

On a Lighter note

I hate jokes about German sausages.
They're the wurst.

I'm reading a book on the history of glue.
I just can't seem to put it down.

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:

Continuing with our display of Christmas books are "Starlight: Beholding the Christmas Miracle All Year Long" and "A way to the heart of Christmas".