

## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

33rd 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 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

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

‘Sunrise, Sunset’ - the hit song from *Fiddler on the Roof* – reminds us of the cyclical pattern in nature, an endless parade of days and seasons, “one season following another”.

Humans have likewise harnessed this cyclical pattern for their own purposes: the beginning and ending of the school year, the financial year, and even the yearly cycle of the Church’s liturgical feasts and seasons speak of constant endings and beginnings.

The picture in today’s readings is rather different. Here we are presented not with ongoing cycles, but with an *end point*. A final and irrevocable denouement when the world as we know it will pass away.

Rather than instil fear in us, it is a liberating message. It is a vision that offers great hope and consolation. It means that we have a destiny; and that destiny is to share in the victory of Christ.

One of the great musical works of the 20<sup>th</sup> century is the *Quartet for the End of Time* by the French composer Olivier Messiaen. It was written whilst Messiaen was interned in a German prison camp during World War II. Messiaen, a devout Catholic, imbued this composition with a vision far greater and more wonderful than all the surrounding calamities and hardships that surrounded him.

Today, when we too experience so much uncertainty in our world, we need to embrace the vision of eternity. To know that in God’s plan of salvation there will be a renewal of heaven and earth when Christ comes in glory and the end of time.

This revelatory vision of the future orientates us to live differently in the present. We seek Christ in the present so that we may know and love him more fully in the future. How do we seek Christ now? Perhaps the following proverb may help.

*I sought my God; my God I could not see.*

*I sought my soul; my soul eluded me.*

*I sought my neighbour, and I found all three.*

**Peace & blessings,**  
**Gerard**

# PARISH NEWS

## Accommodation Wanted:

A quiet trustworthy parishioner is looking for accommodation in the Belconnen area preferably a granny flat. He is a single man, non-smoker with a trade (painter).

Enquiries: Graham Erickson 6254 6754.

*The Year 7 St Francis Xavier students will celebrate their Thanksgiving Mass at the 9:30am Mass on Monday 19 Nov.*

## A Liturgy of Forgiveness

*This Liturgy is a communal celebration of God's love and forgiveness.*

*It will be an opportunity to express our sorrow and be open to God's healing as we make our Advent journey towards Christmas.*

**Thursday, 6 December – 7:30pm**  
**St John the Apostle Parish Church**

## 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. For more information contact Mike Blyth on 0419818410. Thank you.

*Margaret & Bob Haverfield, founding members of our parish, celebrated 60 years of marriage on Thursday 15th Nov. We thank God for all the blessings we have received over those years, and pray that our community will continue to thrive*

## Parish Bookstore

2019 Columban Calendars	\$9.00
Majellan Christmas Cards	\$7.00 Pkt of 10
Saviour: Advent Program	\$5.00 each.

## Calvary Hospital Auxiliary

Christmas Craft and Present Stall

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Time: 8.00am to 4.00pm.  
Place: Lewisham Building Foyer  
Calvary Public Hospital

*All proceeds will be used to provide medical equipment and items for patient comfort.*

*Enquiries: Mary Cruikshank 62544084*

## 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@cg.org.au](mailto:belconnensouth@cg.org.au) if you have any queries

## Stage Two Consultation Day for Women 1 December @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM St Francis Xavier College Florey

All Catholic women welcome. An opportunity to complete a discernment process regarding the future of the Catholic Church in Australia and the possible re-establishment of an Archdiocesan Women's Group. Contact Jacinta on 62019861 or register at [www.catholicwomen.org.au](http://www.catholicwomen.org.au)

Christmas Market  
Saturday 1st December  
at



Kangara Waters  
Cooinda Hall  
Community Centre  
8.30am - 2.30pm



featuring handmade gifts, including patchwork, porcelain art, crochet, knitting, jewellery, paper craft, bags, home made cakes and biscuits and other Christmas treats for cash sales only thank you.

Come and join us and pay our café a visit for coffee, breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea.



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# Reflection

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## Trust in God

At the time this Gospel was written somewhere in the period 70-75 CE the world for the Jews and the followers of Jesus was in a state of chaos. In 66 CE a Jewish revolt against Roman occupation began in Caesarea and soon spread to most of the country. By the year 68 the sheer weight of Roman numbers had stamped out a lot of the rebellion. The leaders of the revolt rallied again in Jerusalem and in the year 70 the Roman armies laid siege to the city for several months. Finally, Titus, the emperor Vespasian's son, led an assault on the city and the Romans ransacked and burnt the entire city. The treasures of the Temple were looted and the Temple itself – the very centre of Jewish religion – was destroyed.

For the entire Jewish community, this was absolute devastation. The destruction of the Temple surely marked the coming of the end times – the day of judgment and completion of this world.

This passage is written for the followers of Jesus as an encouragement to not give up in the face of what appears to be overwhelming odds. In the midst of despair and fear, the followers of Jesus are challenged to remember the teachings of the one they follow.

Today's Gospel is a call to hope. Although we can understand the context in which it was originally written, we are also challenged to apply its message of hope and perseverance to our own lives.

Today, as in Mark's time, many people approach the future and change with fear and apprehension. As Christian people we are called to be optimistic and hopeful as we approach the future. We know that God is good, that God loves us unconditionally and that God has a dream for us. That is the simple basis of Christian hope.

Resources used: Reflection by Greg Sunter

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# Heart Spirituality

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## Heaven

Heaven is the coming together of every possible joy.

**Supreme happiness of the mind:** we shall see God in himself and in his creatures; they will appear so beautiful, so glorious, so perfect, that nothing in this world can give us an idea of it.

**Supreme happiness of the heart:** we shall love God with indescribable love. With God, in God and for God, we shall love all his works, especially his elect, the angels and the saints. Among the elect we shall love with a special love those whom we loved in this world. This twofold happiness of mind and heart will grow forever.

God is infinite, inexhaustible, he can give of himself forever without impoverishing himself. Since he is infinitely good, that is what he wants to do forever. Forever!

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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## St John the Apostle Parish Music Ministry

The parish music ministry is in need of musicians and singers alike.

*Music is an integral part of our participation in liturgy – an integral part of our participation in the work of God. For “when song and music are signs of the Holy Spirit’s presence and action, they encourage, in a certain way, communion with the Trinity”*  
(John Paul II, Address to the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music, 3; Chirograph on Sacred Music, 3).

6:00pm Vigil – Singers and Musicians  
10:00am Sunday Children’s Mass  
6:00pm Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
to assist AGAPE Youth Group

Contact: Parish Office [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au) or  
Joan Breen [robjoanbreen@optusnet.com.au](mailto:robjoanbreen@optusnet.com.au)

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

**Recently Deceased:** Fransien Ashauer

**Anniversary:** Nell Clarke, Matthew Biggs,  
Joey Griffiths, Marie Corr, Nelson Canas,  
Irene Collbourne, Constianus Slusser,  
Patricia McGee, Honorio Arranz, Dorothy Lenihan,  
Mary-Ellen Roots, Krissy Thomas,  
Herbert Gallagher, John Welfare, John Patterson,  
Winifred O'Neill, John Burns, John Costelloe,  
Susan Sutch, Darren O'Brien, Leslie Lincoln,  
Conelly Andrae

## 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

**LIBRARY NEWS:** One of the interesting books on display this week is "Kath's Miracle: the story behind Saint Mary McKillop's second miracle"

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Be watchful, and pray constantly,  
that you may be worthy to stand before  
the Son of Man.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 25 November 2018

First Reading	Dn 7:13-143
Psalm	Ps 92:1-2. 5.
Second Reading	Rv 1:5-8
Gospel	John 18:33-37

## 25 Nov

## Reading Roster

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

## 25 Nov

## Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Marie McKie, John Drury, Barbara Witzens, Terry O'Brien, VACANT
8:30am	Ted & 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

## 25 Nov

## Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	19 Nov	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds:	24 Nov	David Pigram, Matthew Garton, Mike Lavis
Counting:	25 Nov	Group 7
Church Cleaning:	19 Nov	John & Jenny Maher, Carol Blyth

## On a Lighter note

What do you call a horse that moves around a lot? Unstable.

When is a door not a door? When it's ajar.