

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



Epiphanies are mental moments where we have instant clarity, which can turn into motivation and transformation.

Most of our habits are so ingrained in our life that changing behaviours causes recourse in life. Most epiphanies force us to see situations and ourselves in a new light. Epiphanies can illuminate our search for our True Self and open us to transformation.

Not all epiphanies are created equally. Some demand a deep inward search. Taking the courage to live out our epiphany is when real transformation happens.

You aren't what people say you are. What matters most is what you say and feel about yourself. Be you. The world needs you as you are.
You Are the "Imago Dei".

Plan B is often better than Plan A. The most freeing moment in your life is when you let go of what you think is best for you and allow the universe to show you what you really need. Follow your heart. *Let go and Let God.*

You are not the number on the scale. At the end of your life the weight struggles, the food wars, or the obsession with new diets and trying to look a certain way will have no relevance.
Your true self is who you are in God.

Being alone doesn't mean you will be lonely. The fear of being alone strikes the heart and makes many people settle for any type of company. *The only way that freedom and relationship grow is through a dance between the loneliness and desperation of the false self and the fullness of the True Self.*

It will never be all done. The to-do lists, the chores, the things we race around to get done, will never be done. It is called life.
Be still and know that I am God. Ps. 46:10. Be still, Be.

Emotional pain shows up to show us what we need to change. Sadness, depression, and heartache are gentle reminders to probe deeper into our life. *The crucified Jesus is the recognition of the transformative significance of human pain and suffering.*

You don't have to find your purpose, it will find you. The transition period between who you were and where you are going can be painful, on your journey of finding purpose. Recognize that there is purpose in the pain.

Resource used: *Meditations*, by Richard Rohr - Center for Action and Contemplation & *8 Epiphanies Everyone Should Have*, by Shannon Kaiser HuffPost

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Year B

7 January 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: 1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass
Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm or by appointment with the priest

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FUNERAL NOTICE

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of

Barry Dwyer

Will be celebrated at 12:00noon

Thursday 11 January 2018

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

(There will be no 9:30am Mass on this day)

Pins & Needles Craft Group



Third Thursday Monthly

Next Meeting: 18 January

7:15pm Parish Library

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB



We are reading

“The Tea Gardens” By Fiona McIntosh

Sunday 21 January - 3:00 pm

Parish Library.

New members are always most welcome.

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB



The next breakfast is:

Tuesday 23 January 7:30 am

Little Chef Café

Nettlefold Street Belconnen

PARISH ASSEMBLY

Sunday 18 February 2018

Sunday 25 February 2018

11:00am – 1:00pm

concluding with a light lunch

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

2018 Calendar

| January | |
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| 8 | The Baptism of the Lord |
| 18 | Planning Day – the Parish Office will be closed Pins & Needles Parish Library |
| 21 | Bookclub 3pm Parish Library |
| 23 | Women's Breakfast |
| 26 | Australia Day – Parish Office Closed Anointing of the Sick during 9:30am Mass |
| 31 | Over 45's |
| February | SVdP Doorknock Appeal |
| 2 | Presentation of the Lord Blessing of Candles at 9:30am Mass |
| 4 | Welcome to Fr. Kimi Pot Luck Lunch |
| 5 | School Starts |
| 12 | Formation Evening for Parents Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 14 | Ash Wednesday |
| 15 | Pins & Needles Parish Library |
| 18 | Parish Assembly 11am Bookclub 3pm Parish Library |
| 23 | Anointing of the sick during 9:30am Mass |
| 25 | Parish Assembly 11am |
| 24/25 | Sacrament of Reconciliation Presentation Masses |
| 28 | Over 45's |

January Baptisms

We welcome into our community:



Brayden Healy,
son of Shane and Jenny;

Declan O'Hare,
son of Stephen and Kim;

Francesco Carbone,
son of Geoff and Maria;

Dakota Merritt,
daughter of William and Krystal.

REFLECTION

Concrete Incarnations of Life

The feast of the Epiphany commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. Jesus taught us to find God incarnate in *this* world, in our neighbour, in the Eucharist—that is, in the ordinary elements of this earth.

One great idea of the biblical revelation is that God is manifest in the ordinary, in the actual, in the daily, in the now, in the concrete incarnations of life. Our experiences of ordinary life will transform us if we are willing to experience them fully.

God's revelations are through the concrete and specific. Spirituality is not a Platonic world of ideas and theories about which you can be right or wrong. Revelation is not something you measure, but something—or Someone—you meet! This pattern of incarnation reaches its fullness in one small place on the planet, in one short period of history, in one very ordinary man named Jesus.

In this feast there is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS & *God Is in the Ordinary*, by Richard Rohr OFM

Heart Spirituality

The spirit of the Society

The name itself, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, indicates sufficiently the banner under which this Society enters into battle and the spirit it wants to live by. Those who bear this glorious and cherished name shall feel continually spurred on by it to imitate the virtues of the divine Heart, and to propagate more widely everyday by renewed efforts, knowledge and veneration of it. But unless they live completely the life of this Heart, they shall consider themselves unworthy of the name.

Constitutiones MSC Jules Chevalier 1877

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

Mass Intentions:

Mass requests are often booked out a week in advance. There are times when a request is made to the priest just before the commencement of mass to have that particular mass offered for a specific intention. This can cause a problem because the mass may already be booked. When a mass has been requested for the repose of a soul or for a special intention and a monetary offering has been made, then that mass cannot be offered for a second intention.

Please make your requests for masses through the parish office this will ensure that mass requests are not double booked. Please provide your phone number with your request that way we can contact you if the particular mass you request has already been allocated. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Recently Deceased: Barry Dwyer

Anniversary: Willy Raadts, Florence Anthony, Charles Taylor, Kathryn Jones, Therese Markham, Ken Lorroway, Pauline Burt, Cooper McDonald, Jamie Bourke, Mary Gorey, John Burt, Mary Costelloe, Edna Lydon, Terence Martin, Ann Grannall, Caterin Fallace, Phyllis Morrison, Frederick Felsinger, Alexander Beggs, Shaun MacKey, Bradley Kennan, Josephine McLaren, Josephine Fox.

PRAYER LIFE

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| 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 4:00 – 5:00pm |

SOCIAL LIFE

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| 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: Among our books relating to the Christmas season there are "Biblical meditations for Advent and the Christmas season" and "Starlight: beholding the Christmas miracle all year long."

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Readings

14 JANUARY 2018

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| First Reading | 1 Sm 3:3-10.19 |
| Psalm | Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10 |
| Second Reading | 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20 |
| Gospel | Jn 1:35-42 |

14 Jan

Reading Roster

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| 6:00pm | Mary French, Tom Halloran |
| 8:30am | Mariana Rollgeyser, Sigrid Kropp |
| 10:00am | Louise Honan, Colleen Reed |
| 6:00pm | Ruth Dunncliff-Hagan, Brian Mahony |

14 Jan

Ministers of Communion

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| 6:00pm | Sharon Loiterton, Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena |
| 8:30am | Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Fay Hodgetts, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh, |
| 10:00am | Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Frank Colley, Barbara Witzens, Francesca Deklin |
| 6:00pm | Marian Crowley, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan, Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck, Maria Devine, |

14 Jan

Hospitality Roster

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| 6:00pm | Michael Horan, Chitra Jayawardena |
| 8:30am | Violet Duve, Jean Tierney |
| 10:00am | Judy Kenny |
| 6:00pm | Kay Dwyer |

Weekly Rosters

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| Altar Society: | 8 Jan | Maresa Laird |
| Grounds: | 13 Jan | Group 2 |
| Counting: | 14 Jan | Group 3 |

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| Church Cleaning: | 8 Jan | Maresa Laird, Joseph Lê Văn Hải |
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On a Lighter note

Did you hear about the ant that won the Nobel Peace Prize?He was brill-ant.

What kind of ants always admit when they've done something wrong?Penance.