

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B

21 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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From the Pastor's desk.....

A parish assembly will be held over two consecutive Sundays: 18 February and 25 February. A parish assembly provides an opportunity for the parish pastoral council to engage with parishioners. Our task at this assembly will be to develop a new pastoral plan for the next three years.

The theme of this assembly is "Crossing the Threshold". The theme evokes the biblical image of the Hebrew people poised to cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land. Moses has led the people out of the slavery of Egypt and through the forty years in the desert. From the heights of Mount Nebo Moses at last glimpses the Promised Land. He himself will not cross over the threshold with his people, his bones will lie buried on Mount Nebo, but he has fulfilled his task and now it will fall on the shoulders of Joshua to lead the people into their new home.

As we look back with deep gratitude at the forty five years of this parish's existence we also take stock of where we are at now. What are the challenges and opportunities facing our parish at this point of our journey? Where do we find the vision to propel ourselves into the future? Have we the vision of a Moses who can see beyond to a future filled with promise. I believe that a pastoral plan is vital in helping our parish develop such a vision and to enable us to move forward with hope and courage.

It is hoped that this assembly will engage many of the new members of our parish community. The steering committee for the assembly is very conscious that we need to invite these new members to our assembly.

It is important to note that the plan itself is implemented by parishioners. The role of the pastoral council is to discern the priorities of the plan and to guide its implementation. The success or failure ultimately rests on the willingness of parishioners to ensure the goals of the plan are implemented.

As we set out on a new year I believe that the future bodes well for our parish. Let's continue to pray for God's guidance as we journey together in faith, hope and love.

Peace & blessings,

Gerard

PRAYER LITURGY

For Elizabeth Hallahan
Margaret Ohlin's daughter

Friday 2 February

8:00pm – 9:00pm

Quiet prayer &
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Friday 2nd February - 9:30am Mass *Blessing of Candles*

You are invited to bring your prayer candle to this mass. The "blessing of candle" will take place during the mass. Your candle can be placed on the table provided in the foyer before mass. You will then collect your blessed candle at the conclusion of mass.

Children's Choir

rehearsals begin on

Thursday 8th Feb - 4:00pm

Next singing at 10:00am Mass on
Sunday 11th February.



"Seeking the Mind of Christ"

You are invited to a living encounter and a life transforming experience with the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Day & Date: Friday, 9 February 7pm – 9pm

Where: St Monica's Church Evatt

Conducted by: Br. Lalith Perera,
Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Fr. Ken Barker

CARITAS KITCHEN

When: Shrove Tuesday 13 Feb - 6pm

Where: St Christopher's Pastoral Centre
55 Franklin Street, Forrest

Guest Speaker: Michael Maguire

Register Online: by 9 February

<http://my.caritasfundraising.org.au/LuluMitshabu2018>

*JOIN US to raise awareness and funds for
Project Compassion*

Further Information Fiona.Wilkinson@caritas.org.au

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

DOOR KNOCK

1st to 28th February. 2018

Members of the Society have already contacted a number of parishioners to seeking their help.

If you have not been contacted and would like to help please write your particulars on one of the leaflets you will find on your seats. A member of the Society will collect your completed leaflet at the door as you leave mass. You will be contacted in due course.

We also need volunteers for a SVdP stall in Kippax Fair.

Please help if you can; it is a very effective way of helping those in need within our local community.

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB
The next breakfast is:



Tuesday 23 January 7:30 am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

Over 45's will meet for the first time this year on Wednesday 31 January for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share.
Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048



Adult choir rehearsal resumes

Wednesday

31 Jan - 7.30pm

singing at 10:00am Mass on Sunday 4th Feb

WELCOME Fr. Kimi Vunivisilevu msc

Fr Kimi will be welcomed to the parish with a pot luck lunch on Sunday 4th February at 12 noon in the parish centre.

REFLECTION

DISCIPLESHIP AND EVANGELISATION

Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who *brings* the good news, but who *receive* it. Jonah the prophet was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news.

Spirituality is primarily about human transformation in this life, not just salvation in a future realm. The central practice in mature spirituality, therefore, is that we must *remain in love* (John 15:9). The way to arrive and remain within "the force field of the Holy Spirit" is both very simple and very hard: you've got to remain in love, with a foundational yes to every moment. You can't risk walking around with a negative, resentful, gossipy, critical mind, because then you won't be in the force field. You will not be a usable instrument. That's why Jesus *commanded* us to love. It's that urgent. It's that crucial.

The following of Jesus is not a "salvation scheme" or a means of creating social order (which appears to be what most folks want religion for), as much as it is a *vocation to share the fate of God for the life of the world*. Some people are overly invested in religious ceremonies, rituals, and rules that are all about who's in and who's out. Jesus did not come to create a spiritual elite or an exclusionary system. He invited people to "follow" him by personally bearing the mystery of human death and resurrection. Of itself, this task does not feel "religious," which is why it demands such faith to trust it.

Today's readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSS & *Meditations*, by Richard Rohr OFM.

Heart Spirituality

*As you sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the world,
and for their sake I consecrate myself
so that they too may be consecrated in truth.* John 17:18

Inspired by the love of Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, Jules Chevalier founded within the Church the Society of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

We too are inspired by the same gift Jules Chevalier received. In our communion as sisters and brothers, we live our faith in the compassionate love of the Lord; at the same time, we are sent into the world to proclaim the Good News of the love and kindness of God our Saviour and to bear witness to it in the whole of our lives.

MSC Constitutions #3, #4

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

Registration for the Parish Assembly *Crossing the Threshold*



*The Church has a mission
"Go, therefore, and make
disciples." Mt. 28:19.
God has a unique vision
for every parish; he has a
unique vision for our parish,
to discover this vision we need to pray and
discern.*

Mission is **why**.

Vision is **what**.

Strategy is **how**.

Sunday 18 February 2018

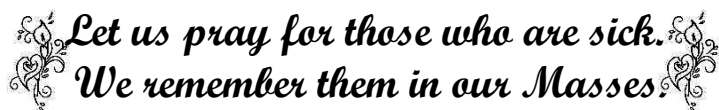
Sunday 25 February 2018

11:00am – 1:00pm

concluding with a light lunch

*For catering and organisational purposes
please register if it is your intention to
attend the Assembly.*

*There are forms for this purpose on the
table in the foyer*



Recently Deceased:

Patricia Caskie [mother of Rob]

Anniversary: *Eugenia Kurzynski,*

Horace Staunton, Leonard Crowe, Tara Ottewill, Albert Bingham, Ernest Hackett, Danielle Sykes, Christopher Hemmingway, Claudine MacDowell, Chris Thamer, Brendan Gibson, Nicholas McNerney, Emanuel Grech, Bernadette Davis, Joan Casey, Maxwell Lewis, Kyall Green, Michael Sweeney, Geoffrey Fisher, Jane Packard, Armando Arugay, Frank Ripszam, Michael Ryan, Janelle Sykes, Des Jones, Rupert Waterford, Declan Morris, Margaret Hill, Jehanne Thelland, Alice Tonna, Alexander Powell

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 4:00 – 5:00pm

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: "Things you get for free", "A sense of the sacred: a biography of Bede Griffiths: "Like a Samurai: the Tony Glynn story" and "Three women of faith" are some OF the biographical books on display at present.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Readings –28 JANUARY 2018

First Reading	Dt 18:15-20
Psalm	Ps 94:1-2. 6-9
Second Reading	1 Cor 7:32-35
Gospel	Mk 1:21-28

28 Jan

Reading Roster

6:00pm	Rob Caskie, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Louise Honan, Joe Ots
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

28 Jan

Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Margaret McMahon, Marie McKie, John Drury, Barbara Witrzens, Terry O'Brien
8:30am	Ted & Clare Kell, Violet Duve, Janet Almond, VACANT
10:00am	Robin Williams, Libby Costello, Rachel, Marissa and John Blackwell
6:00pm	Judith Deklin, Agnes Pham, VACANT, VACANT, VACANT

28 Jan

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Barbara Witrzens, Marie McKie
8:30am	Fay Stephenson
10:00am	John Blackwell, Louise Bulfin
6:00pm	Judith Deklin

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	22 Jan	Violet Duve
Grounds:	27 Jan	Group 4
Counting:	28 Jan	Group 7
Church Cleaning:	22 Jan	VACANT

On a Lighter note

