

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B

28 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: 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.....

For many, the word "authority" is a turn-off. This is unfortunate. Perhaps they are confusing the word "authority" with "authoritarian" – which is really a corruption of the word "authority". Authoritarian leaders or governments may exercise brute force – such as intimidation, torture, imprisonment, or even death – but they certainly do not exercise authority.

The case-in-point is vividly drawn in today's gospel. Here, Jesus is seen to act with authority, "not as the scribes", who, by their slavish following of the letter of the law, pile up burdens upon people. The scribes and other religious leaders in the time of Jesus, in fact, forfeited their authority. Jesus, on the other hand, demonstrates what authority is: it is a liberating force which frees people from their compulsions, addictions, and false gods - all those forces that ultimately stunt our growth.

We all fall under authority in some manner or other: child to parent, pupil to teacher, citizen to legislator. Likewise, at various times in our lives we also exercise authority. If it is true authority then it will protect an individual's freedom, not inhibit it. More importantly, the right exercise of authority will nurture and encourage a person to grow to their potential. That is why good parenting is so important and why parents should not shy from exercising authority for the good of their child.

The word authority is derived from the Latin *augere* which means "to increase", "to augment", "to grow". This is the nurturing role of authority: to foster growth, understanding, wisdom and care for one another. Jesus came to bring us life. The word "author" is related to "authority". Authority, then, is meant to author life. As God is the author of life, God is thereby the origin and source of authority. Paradoxically, by submitting our lives to God, we are liberated. Living under God's authority allows us to grow to be our true selves. This is the very antithesis of tyranny.

***Peace & blessings,  
Gerard***

**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

The Refugee Resettlement Committee will hold its first meeting for the year on Thursday 1st February in the library at 7.30pm. New members are especially welcome to come along and find out what the committee does to help refugees settle into Canberra.

## PRAYER VIGIL

For Elizabeth Hallahan  
Margaret Ohlin's daughter

**Friday 2 February**  
**8:00pm – 9:00pm**

Quiet prayer &  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## Children's Choir

rehearsals begin on  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb - 4:00pm  
Next singing at 10:00am Mass on  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February.



Adult choir rehearsal  
resumes

**Wednesday**  
**31 Jan - 7.30pm**

singing at 10:00am Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb

## WELCOME Fr. Kimi Vunivisilevu msc

Fr Kimi will be welcomed to the parish with a pot luck lunch on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon in the parish centre. Please bring a salad or dessert.

## ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH SACRAMENTAL DATES

12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	- Sacrament of Penance - Second Formation Evening for parents
24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sacrament of Penance Presentation Masses
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Sacrament of Penance - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite for Children
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Sacrament of Confirmation Formation Evening for parents
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> April	Sacrament of Confirmation Presentation Masses
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Sacrament of Confirmation
18 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion Formation Evening for parents –
23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion Presentation Masses
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	First Holy Communion Masses Vigil Sat & 10:00am Sun
11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	First Holy Communion Masses Vigil Sat & 10:00am Sun

Contact the parish office on 6254 3236  
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## "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

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Project Compassion*

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## REFLECTION

### Discipleship requires Conversion

Discipleship requires a change in us. We want to change because in so many ways we are being strangled to death by demons. We are caught in dysfunction and sin; we live in the midst of the battle between good and evil, the struggle of human finitude and failure. We are plunged into the throes of human suffering and pain, and there seems to be no escape.

The demonic seduces us in more ways than we can count and we are often caught in its web before we recognise what has happened. There have always been many and varied voices that claim to have the remedy for our ills. Preachers and politicians have stirred up crowds and ignited their emotions. Promises have been made and predictions advanced, yet the conflict goes on, the demons continue to hold sway. The demon recognised the authority in the voice of Jesus. Do we recognise it?

When we are released by Jesus from the demons that possess us, we are freed from the stranglehold of evil and liberated to live far less encumbered and divided lives. No Earthly reality will possess us, neither relationships nor obligations nor even religious practices. Rather, we will be possessed by Christ who liberates us for the reign of God. Therefore, whether married or unmarried, whether in the midst of the community or at its margins, we will be able to heed the voice of God in our hearts and to recognise Jesus in our midst.

Resourced used: *Reflection*, By Dianne Bergant CSS

## Heart Spirituality

### *Contemplating the Heart of Christ*

Father Jules Chevalier was deeply moved by the evils that afflicted the people of his time.

As he contemplated the Heart of Christ, in whom is revealed the compassionate love of the Father, he discovered there the remedy for the ills of the world.

With Jules Chevalier, we contemplate Jesus Christ, united to his Father with bonds of love and trust.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus gave thanks to his Father for having revealed himself to little ones; for he was his Servant, deeply involved with the poor and with sinners.

In the words of Father Chevalier, *"He was happy to pour out the tenderness of his Heart on little ones and on the poor, on those who suffer and on sinners, on all the miseries of humanity. The sight of any misfortune moved his Heart with compassion"*.

MSC Constitutions #3 & #6

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

### THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - 9:30am Mass

#### *Blessing of Candles*

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

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

## Recently Deceased:

## Anniversary:

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, Robert Thomas, Doreen Kennedy, Salvatore Nasca, Julian Oakley, Annie McCreath, Clements Cox, Bradley Keenan

## 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 <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:** "The Spiritual path of Caryl Houselander" and "Newman: a man of our time" by C S Lewis are two of the biographical books on display at the moment. There are other books on Newman in our collection.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

If today, you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A people in darkness have seen  
a great light:  
a radiant dawn shines on those  
lost in death.  
Alleluia!

## Readings –4 FEBRUARY 2018

First Reading	Jb 7:1-4. 6-7
Psalm	Ps 146:1-6
Second Reading	1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23
Gospel	Mk 1:29-39

## 4 Feb Reading Roster

6:00pm	Therese Kercher, Dennis Puniard
8:30am	John O'Heir, Violet Duve
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Nicole Mikkonen, Judith Deklin

## 4 Feb Ministers of Communion

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

## 4 Feb Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Jenny Maher
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Bryan Cowman
6:00pm	Agnes Pham

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	29 Jan	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds:	3 Feb	Group 1
Counting:	4 Feb	Group 2
Church Cleaning:	29 Jan	Group 9

## On a Lighter note

Q: What do you get when you cross a porcupine and a turtle?

A: A slowpoke