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## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**The Baptism of the Lord  
13 January 2019**

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

Today we celebrate the last feast of the Christmas Season: the Baptism of the Lord. At first glance it may seem odd that the Baptism of the Lord should be included as a Christmas feast. However, Christmas is not only about the baby Jesus, it is essentially about the incarnation: of God becoming man.

The Baptism of the Lord is an amplification of the feast of the Epiphany that we celebrated last Sunday. Epiphany means "manifestation", and whereas the magi followed the star which manifested Christ as light to the nations, this feast manifests Christ as God's beloved Son. The focus is Christological: on who Jesus is and on his mission.

Next week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, symbolized by the colour green. In one sense this signals back to business as usual. While things will not fully get underway until the recommencement of school, nevertheless, our parish needs to begin to position itself for the coming events of 2019.

One of the areas that the Parish Pastoral Council plans to focus on this year is building community. Building community is one of the important pillars of our pastoral plan. Reviving the family groups will be one such strategy we hope to pursue in this year. We will keep you informed once the Pastoral Council meets in February.

***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.

## **ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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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

**ST JOHN THE APOSTLE  
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST  
Tuesday 22 January 7:30 am**



Lucky Shot Espresso Bar  
Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX

**Please note change  
of venue**

## Appeals and Leaving Collections

We thank you for your generosity and continued support for these charitable works

	2018	2017	2016
MSC MISSIONS	\$7,820.95	\$120.00	\$4,012.30
St Vincent de Paul Appeals	\$6,750.00	\$13,547.15	\$8,752.60
Refugee Resettlement Appeal	\$1,686.55	\$1,086.00	\$1,941.25
Crossroads	\$1,768.15		
Fiji Cyclone			\$2,281.20
Apostleship of the Sea		\$809.10	
Good Friday Collection	\$1,879.85	\$1,959.90	\$1,015.00
Project Compassion	\$5,750.10	\$7,550.00	\$11,781.70
Archbishop's Christmas Appeal	\$1,213.00	\$1,505.75	\$2,234.15
Mission Sunday	\$4,077.20	\$0.00	\$1,006.45
Ozanam Sunday			\$1,093.70
	<b>\$30,945.80</b>	<b>\$26,577.90</b>	<b>\$34,118.35</b>

## Pins & Needles Craft Group

Next Meeting: 17 January  
7:15pm Parish Library



*Sorry* **WE'RE  
CLOSED**

**The Parish Office will be closed on  
3 Wednesday's in January**

*Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January*

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**We Need You!**

We are seeking volunteers to doorknock in the suburbs of Florey, Latham, Holt, Higgins, Kippax and Macgregor. A total of over 160 areas.

**Make A Difference**



Our volunteer numbers have been dropping over the years so if you can give one to two hours of your time to this worthy cause it would be greatly appreciated.

If you can help, please contact James Cox on 62548450 or 0432 563 299



## Parish Office Staff Holidays

Fr.Kimi is currently on leave and will return the first weekend of

February. Sharon is also on leave and will return on Tuesday 29th January.



## SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

*Animal People*, by Charlotte Wood  
Sunday 20 January - 3:00 pm  
Parish Library.

Charlotte is a Canberra author

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# Reflection

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## Baptism

These days there are some young Catholic parents who wonder whether baptism is the proper thing for them to seek for their children. One argument they sometimes offer is that it would be better to defer baptism until their child reaches adulthood and then he or she has the opportunity to choose it. As appealing as this argument might seem on the surface, the problem is that the reasoning behind it, is so inconsistently applied.

Young Catholic parents do not give their children any choice about eating vegetables, learning to read or write and living out a moral code. They enforce these things because they know that nutrition, literacy and ethics are essential for adulthood. If we recognise that, from birth, a child has spiritual as well as educational, moral and physical needs, it strikes me as inconsistent to relegate this constitutively otherworldly element of a child's character to a 'must be decided on later' category.

Baptism is not brainwashing. Adults can come and go from the practice of their faith as they feel drawn. Sadly for us, they can even choose against belief. To grow up, however, with no religious foundation or no basis on which to make spiritual choices seems to limit freedom rather than promote it. In our culture, baptism of infants by their parents is an entirely proper thing to do.

As Jesus' baptism in the Jordan began his ministry, our baptism also begins our commitment to his mission and ministry. Every baptised person is called upon to witness to Jesus and the Kingdom of God through the way they live and act in the world. Baptism commits Christians to living the pattern of self-giving love which was characteristic of Jesus' life.

How do we respond to our baptismal call and live the mission of Jesus?

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ

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# Heart Spirituality

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## Opportuneness

Is our century in need of the blessings and the mercy of which this divine Heart is the source? To put the question is to resolve it. But let us listen to the Vicar of Jesus Christ. He knows the evils of his time: it is his mission to speak of them and to tell us where the remedy is to be found.

This is what he said:

"The Church and society have no hope except in the Heart of Jesus; it is he who will heal all our ills."

Therefore Jesus needs special apostles; and that is the principal purpose of our little Society.

Each member must be a zealous propagator of devotion to the Sacred Heart.

*(Plan du la Société des Missionnaires du Sacré-Coeur, p. 2)  
Jules Chevalier Bourges, Pigelet 1864*

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

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## Stewardship

Stewardship should be a part of the Christian DNA.

No mother gets up in the morning saying: "I think I'll volunteer to be a mother today." No.... motherhood is part of her DNA.

In a similar manner, living the way of a good steward should be at the heart and center of every disciple's life.

In our homes, we are good stewards when we try to relate well to the people we live with. We are being good Catholic women and men, and good stewards when we bring the values of honesty and integrity to our work to help transform the workplace. We are also being good stewards when we endeavour to be kind and compassionate employers or bosses, employees or co-workers. Our presence in the workplace can radiate the light of Christ and bring blessing to others. Or we can be a pain in the butt, always complaining, gossiping and tearing others down.

Our baptism calls us to be good stewards of God's blessings.

<http://www.ascensioncatholic.net/>



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

## Recently Deceased:

Virginia Policarpio

**Anniversary:** Jamie Bourke, Mary Gorey,  
John Burt, Mary Costelloe, Edna Lydon,  
Terence Martin, Ann Grannall, Caterina Fallace,  
Phyllis Morrison, Frederick Felsingier,  
Alexander Beggs, Shaun MacKey, Bradley Keenan,  
Josephine McLaren, Josephine Fox,  
Eugenia Kurzynski, Horace Staunton,  
Leonard Crowe, Tara Ottewill, Albert Bingham,  
Ernest Hackett, Christopher Hemmingway,  
Danielle Sykes, Claudia MacDowell,  
Chris Thamer, Brendan Gibson

## 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:

To start the new year, we have displayed some newly-acquired books which have been donated to the library over the last few months. Our grateful thanks to the donors.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

O, bless the Lord, my soul!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is  
mightier than I;  
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit  
and with fire.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 20 January

First Reading	Is 62:1-5
Psalm	<u>Ps 95:1-3. 7-10.</u>
Second Reading	1 Cor 12:4-11
Gospel	John 2:1-11

## 20 Jan

## Reading Roster

6:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30am	Judith Deklin, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Terry Fewtrell, Joe Ots

## 20 Jan

## Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Laurine Smeaton, Mares Laird, Patrick Corr
8:30am	Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Marie Flint, Maida Kajkic, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane, Sugi Mohanadas
6:00pm	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, Matthew Garton, Kerry Yard, Stephanie Stewart

## 20 Jan

## Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Mary Barrett, Lesley Givens
8:30am	Norma & Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Marie Flint, Olivia McMahon
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	14 Jan	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds:	19 Jan	VACANT
Counting:	20 Jan	Group 5
Church Cleaning:	14 Jan	Ted & Carol Quade

## On a Lighter note

Did you know the first French fries weren't actually cooked in France?  
They were cooked in Greece (*grease*).