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## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### EASTER SUNDAY

OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Year C  
21 April 2019 #21.19

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

Not only Parisians and the people of France, but the whole world looked on in shock and dismay as billowing clouds rose from Notre Dame Cathedral. This ancient and hallowed building, lodged in the centre of Paris, surely represents the soul of the city. Its total destruction would have been an unimaginable tragedy. Fortunately, due to the heroic efforts of the firefighters, much of the building was saved.

It is touching how the Parisians have spoken tenderly of this building as Our Lady (Notre Dame). It is more than just a magnificent building of cultural and historical significance. It is also a reminder of their country's deep roots in Christianity. As well as a feeling of great sadness, there is also a determination to rebuild this noble building.

The timing of this tragedy could not be more portentous. Coming at the end of Lent and the beginning of preparations for Easter, it epitomizes the paschal mystery: of new hope arising from the ashes. At Easter we boldly proclaim that in Christ we have the power to ultimately triumph over all adversity. Despite the many adversities that beset our world and our personal lives our hope is firmly founded upon Christ's resurrection in which we share his victory over evil, sin and even death itself.

***Easter blessings,  
Gerard***

### Parish Office Closure Dates

**Closed over the Easter weekend from 19  
April reopening 23 April  
And  
ANZAC DAY  
Thursday 25 April**

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### MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm  
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 4:00pm – 4:30pm  
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.

# Alleluia!

Christ  
is  
Risen!



Alleluia!



The Lord is

Risen indeed

*Parish News.....*



**Sunday 19 May  
11:30am Cotter**

**Picnic ground near the Dam Wall**

## April Baptisms

*We welcome into our  
community:*

Nelli and Martti Cox,  
Children of Nicholas and Eiri.



**Over 45's** will meet on **Wednesday  
24 April** 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

## Belconnen Parish's Youth Group

**Who:** Students in years 3-7

**Where:** St Matthew's, Page - Marian Hall

**When:** Saturday **27th April** at 4:45pm

**Youth Mass:** at 6:00pm.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of faith,  
friendship and fun.

Contact: [Sarah.Larkin@cg.org.au](mailto:Sarah.Larkin@cg.org.au)

## St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

*The next breakfast is*

**7:30am Tuesday**

**30 April 2019**

**Date changed due to Easter**

*Lucky Shot Espresso Bar*

**Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX**



**Relax, Review, Reflect  
Faith and film**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm**

*We are watching:* "Gran Torino"

*All welcome! To register your interest or for  
more information, please contact the parish office  
on 6254 3236 or [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)*

**"To be on earth the Heart of God"**

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# Reflection

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## Resurrection offers Hope

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

**Resources used: Reflection, by Greg Sunter**

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# Heart Spirituality

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## The Heart of Jesus source of all riches

The divine Heart of Jesus gives to Mary the dazzling whiteness of her perfect innocence, and to Mary Magdalene that other whiteness of perfect revelation. To the martyr he gives the strength to endure torture, to the teacher the light to see and demonstrate the truth. In the world or in the cloister, each one owes to him whatever has been received. As Saint Paul says, by God's grace I am what I am. Since the Heart of Jesus is the centre where all converges, the meeting place of all worlds, the glorification of all beings, the dwelling place of all the elect, lead us to this incandescent centre where all is transfigured and divinized.

Jules Chevalier msc  
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, Paris 1900)

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

### Stewardship

#### Serving as Christ's witnesses

Mary Magdalene, John ("the disciple whom Jesus loved"), and Peter are described as the first three witnesses to the Resurrection.

As a result, each one became a witness to the truth of the Resurrection. And they spent the rest of their lives bearing witness to its saving power. Now it is our turn, privilege, and responsibility to serve as Christ's witnesses.

How are we, as Christian stewards, to do so all these years later if a witness is one with first-hand knowledge? We may have to look a little more closely to see for ourselves than those first three witnesses, but we can have just as real an experience of the empty tomb and the redeeming power of the Resurrection.

We "see for ourselves" when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Saviour.

This Easter, don't just recite the Creed. Resolve to live as if it's true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen!

He is truly risen!

[Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com](http://TheCatholicSteward.com)

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

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Daniel Dewar, Claudio Orifice, Sheldon Doyle, Yolanda Melikian, Brenda Hudson, Basil Adkins, Ricaredo Jabagat snr, Monique Adamik, Hannah Kennett, Jaochim Tittlebach, Frederick Hayes, Vladislav Malnar, Joseph Kowalski, Miroslav Chodora, Patricia Ticehurst, Andrea Sannazzaro, Michael Quigley, Cyril Harper, Michael Bell, Anna Rodziewicz, Ashley Johnson

## PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	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	Wednesday 4:15 – 5pm

## 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> Monday 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 Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre

School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term
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## LIBRARY NEWS:

For the next couple of weeks we will be displaying our books about the Easter story, the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 28 April 2019

First Reading	Acts 5:12-16
Psalm	Ps 117:2-47, 22-27
Second Reading	Rv 1:9-13, 17-19
Gospel	John 20:19-31

## 28 April Reading Roster

5:00pm	Margaret Luck, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

## 28 April Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Marie McKie, John Drury, Barbara Witzens, Terry O'Brien, Margaret McMahon
8:30am	Ted Kell, Clare Kell, Violet Duve, Judith Deklin, VACANT
10:00am	Robin Williams, Libby Costello, Pat Sheppard, Erin Pitt, VACANT
6:00pm	Agnes Pham

## 28 April Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Barbara Witzens, Marie McKie
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Margaret Ohlin
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	22 April	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	28 April	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton,
Counting:	29 April	Group 8

Church Cleaning:	22 April	John & Jenny Maher, Carol Blyth
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## On a lighter note

One Easter a father was out driving with his son when out of nowhere a rabbit jumped on the road. Slamming on the breaks the son exclaims, "Oh no dad you nearly ruined Easter! You almost ran over the Easter Bunny." to which his dad replied, "It's okay son - I missed it by a hare."