

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**28 April 2019**

**Year C**  
**#22.19**

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

Easter is meant to be a celebration of joy. But this joy was cut short for worshippers in churches targeted on Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka. The appalling disregard for human life so evident in such atrocities affects us to the core. We are left deeply saddened and left wondering if there is any hope for our troubled world.

Today's gospel invites us into the mystery of joy and suffering. Jesus appears to his disciples as the risen and glorified Lord; but he still carries the marks of his suffering in his hands and side. The risen Jesus is the crucified Jesus.

Over the Easter weekend we celebrated the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil). These are not separate events. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is related to Jesus' death on the Cross – just as in the Easter iconography Jesus is depicted as the victorious Paschal Lamb. The theme of sacrifice and victory go hand in hand. This is the *paschal mystery*: the death and resurrection of Jesus that is so intimately woven together.

Throughout the Easter Sunday the shadow of the cross remains; but the cross is no longer an instrument of torture and death. By the alchemy of God's transforming love it becomes the tree of life. This is the paradox of the cross of Jesus. Through Christ's death on a tree we gain everlasting life.

Embracing the paradox of the cross, the tree of life, we enter deeply into the paschal mystery. Sharing in Christ's suffering we also share in the joy of his resurrection.

***Peace & blessings,***  
***Gerard***

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

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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.

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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.....

**Easter Thank you** - On behalf of Frs. Gerard and Kimi, and the members of the Liturgy Committee I wish to thank all who were involved in the Easter Celebrations for their time and service to our parish community.

A special thank you to the Agape Group for the prayerful enactment of the Stations of the Cross. To the flower ministry for the wonderful arrangements, your creativity is a treasured gift to our parish. To the Choir and musicians for the beautiful music over the weekend. Easter Blessings Sabina

### St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

*Lucky Shot Espresso Bar*  
Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX

*The next breakfast is*

**7:30am Tuesday  
30 April 2019**

**Date changed due to Easter**



### Sacrament of Confirmation:

*The Sacrament will be celebrated  
on Thursday 16 May at 5:00pm  
by Archbishop Christopher Prowse  
Would you please continue to pray for  
all the children preparing to receive  
the Holy Spirit.*



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

**Picnic ground near the Dam Wall  
Please bring a salad OR dessert to  
share. Sausages will be provided.**

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB



We are reading  
*Ghost Empire*, by Richard Fidler  
Sunday 19 May- 3:00 pm  
Parish Library.

There are two copies of the book  
available at the parish office.

## BELCONNEN YOUTH

### Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

**First and Third Sundays  
after the 6:00pm Mass**

**Next gathering 5 May**

This group is a way for young people to learn  
about the church and deepen their faith  
together. Contact [Eoin.Garton@sfx.act.edu.au](mailto:Eoin.Garton@sfx.act.edu.au)



**Pre-Teen Group – (Yr. 3-7) 4:45pm**

**Youth Mass – (All ages) 6:00pm**

**Next gathering 25 May**

**Marian Hall – St Matthew's Page**

**Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month**

Students in years 3 to 7 are invited to join in  
an afternoon of - **FFF** - faith, friendship and  
fun, then stay for the Youth Mass at 6:00pm.

### TIME ● TALENT ● TREASURE

There are vacancies in the Sunday Liturgy  
Ministries. If you would like to be of service  
please give volunteering for a ministry your  
prayerful consideration. There are forms in  
the church foyer or contact the parish office.

**The ministry commitment period is....  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020.**

### The Office for Social Justice

Feast of St Joseph the Worker Pastoral Letter

#### **An Australian Tradition of Reflection on Work**

There are some copies of the letter on the  
table in the foyer or alternatively it can be  
accessed at:

<https://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/pastoral-letters/1492-an-australian-tradition-of-reflection-on-work>

### Come to the Palms Meet & Greet

Sat May 4th @ 11:30am

King O'Malley's Pub 131 City Walk, CIVIC

[www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

Overseas Catholic communities are  
inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to  
2 years. Do you have teaching, medical,  
business, admin or trade skills? You can  
give opportunity by sharing them with  
our global family!

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# Reflection

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## Belief should bring about action

The phrase, *doubting Thomas*, has found its way into our everyday language and condemns Thomas as the one who wouldn't take the word of his fellow disciples but wanted to see the Risen Lord himself. Thomas wanted to figure things out in his head. He had done too much inner work, too much analysing and explaining. He always needed more data before he could make a move. Then Jesus told Thomas he must put his finger inside the wounds in Jesus' hands and side (John 20:27). Then and only then did Thomas begin to understand what faith is all about.

However, rather than remembering Thomas for his doubt, we should remember Thomas as the one who makes the extraordinary declaration of faith, 'My Lord and my God!' It is Thomas, alone amongst all those who recognise the greatness of Jesus across the four gospels, who acknowledges Jesus as not just the Messiah, but God.

Pope Francis is encouraging a church of doubting Thomases when he tells us that "the church seems like a field hospital" on the edge of a battlefield (as opposed to a country club of saved people) and the "clergy should smell like their sheep" (rather than thinking they smell better). If this could happen, it would change just about everything that we have called church up to now.

Francis of Assisi taught us the importance of living close to the poor, the marginalised, the outcasts in society. The outer poverty, injustice, and absurdity around us mirror our own inner poverty, injustice, and absurdity.

Jesus invites us to stand in solidarity with the poor. The divide between the wealthy and the poor continues to grow. We must come close to real people who are hurting and help bring about change for our world.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter & *Field Hospital on the Edge of the Battlefield*, by Richard Rohr OFM

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# Heart Spirituality

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## The Sacred Heart revealed God's mercy on earth

The Heart of Jesus is essentially merciful, because it is the Heart of God; mercy is his very nature. The Blessed Trinity put in his Heart for our sake all the treasures of its tenderness and love, and so the Sacred Heart poured them out profusely on every misfortune he came across.

His role on earth was not to condemn but to forgive; not to spurn those who suffer but to comfort them; not to break the crushed reed, but to strengthen it. That is the Sacred Heart.

What kindness, what mercy!

Jules Chevalier msc  
(Méditations 11, p. 641f, Issoudun 1891)

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

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### Stewardship

#### Compassion

This week is an opportune time to examine how generously we offer the gift of mercy to those around us. When

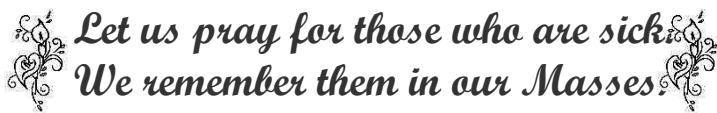
Thomas obstinately declared he would not believe in the risen Christ unless he could see for himself the mark of the nails in His hands and put his fingers into the nail marks and put his hands into His sides, our Lord does not become indignant. He offers mercy. Jesus graciously gives Thomas the very thing Thomas is asking for — a real and personal encounter with Him, the chance to literally touch His sacred wounds so as to heal Thomas from his doubts.

We are in a position to offer mercy when we have experienced it ourselves.

The more deeply we embrace the gift of mercy through regular Confession, the greater will be our capacity to offer mercy to others because we will see ourselves as really truly are — forgiven sinners deeply loved by God, the very hallmarks of mercy?

When we are disbelieved or disrespected, do we respond as Jesus did, with humility and magnanimity and compassion? "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" — in His merciful love.

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



## **RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
His love is everlasting.

## **Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversary:** Vladislav Malnar,  
Joseph Kowalski, Miroslav Chodora,  
Patricia Ticehurst, Andrea Sannazzaro,  
Michael Quigley, Cyril Harper, Michael Bell,  
Anna Rodziejewicz, Ashley Johnson, Anna Clobus,  
Neil White, Gertrude Harridence, John Schmich,  
John Braddon, John Costelloe, Lillian Boyd,  
Ruth Lloyd, Jack Draper, Robert Griffiths,  
Matthew Ryan

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You believe in me, Thomas,  
because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen me,  
but still believe!  
Alleluia!

## **Readings – 5 May 2019**

First Reading Acts 5:27-32, 40-41  
Psalm Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13  
Second Reading Rv 5:11-14  
Gospel John 21:1-19

### **5 May**

### **Reading Roster**

5:00pm	Michael Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O'Heir, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Matthew Garton, Dennis Puniard

### **5 May**

### **Ministers of Communion**

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Janet Almond, Judy Netting, Joe & Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Victoria Scarano, VACANT
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Jenny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Maria Devine, Anthony Dunnicliff-Hagan, James & Toni Cox

### **5 May**

### **Hospitality Roster**

5:00pm	Joe & Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Mercia Needham
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Agnes Pham

## **Weekly Rosters**

Altar Society:	29 April	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	4 May	Vacant
Counting:	5 May	Group 1

Church Cleaning:	29 April	Group 5
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## **On a Lighter note**

A man appeared in court today and pleaded guilty to damaging a library book by using Correction Fluid on all the full stops...  
He's expecting a long sentence.

## **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:**

Some of the new books on display this week are  
"The Secret of the Little Flower", Mother Teresa and  
Damien of Molokai", "Women in ministry" and  
Breakthrough: a journey from desperation to hope".