

COMPACT

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
5 May 2019

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From the Pastor's desk.....

"I'm going fishing", Peter informs his friends. It's not recreational fishing Peter is speaking of, for he is a fisherman by occupation, Peter is just causally informing the others that he is going back to work. It's business as usual. After all the tumultuous events of the last days, of Jesus' arrest and execution and the mystifying encounters of the Risen Lord, one can understand Peter needing to regain some form of normality. To go back to something he is familiar with seems quite understandable.

But the Risen Lord has other plans for him. "Peter, feed my sheep". The fisherman becomes the shepherd. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, now entrusts that role to Peter. This commissioning takes place on the shores of Lake Tiberias. It is daybreak, the dawn of a new day – the overtones of the resurrection are obvious. And the subtext seems to say, "No, Peter, it's not business as usual. I have something new for you."

In the church, it can never be "business as usual". If we are truly open to the presence of the Risen Lord, then we will always be called to walk in newness of life. As a parish community we too need to be constantly moving forward, and this will often require letting go of the familiar and embracing new ways of doing things. I believe this parish has a good history of doing this, and therefore would encourage us to continue this pioneering tradition of St John's.

Peace & blessings,
Gerard

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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.....

PARISH OFFICE NOTICE

Frs. Gerard and Kimi with Marian England, will be attending an MSC meeting from Tuesday 7 May to Thursday 9 May. On Wednesday and Thursday mornings that week the 9:30am mass will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Archdiocesan Clergy Assembly

Frs. Gerard and Kimi will attend the clergy assembly from Tuesday 21 May to Thursday 23 May. On Wednesday and Thursday mornings that week the 9:30am mass will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion.



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 is one copy of the book available at the parish office.

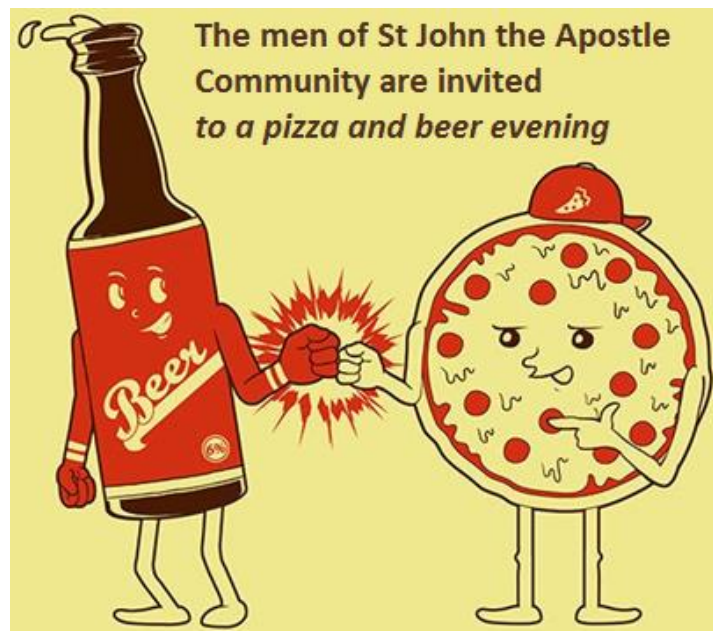
TIME ● TALENT ● TREASURE

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....
1st June 2019 to 31st May 2020.**

"To be on earth the Heart of God"

MEN'S GROUP



Friday 10 May - 6:00pm – Parish Centre

A time to gather as catholic men to socialize and the opportunity to discuss future men's group activities. All welcome!

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



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 4th 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.

**Freezing night in Canberra
Thursday 20 June 2019**

*"One night isn't a lot,
but it can make a whole lot
of difference"*

our parishioner Ted Kell

is participating in the **SLEEPOUT** this year. To donate go to www.ceosleepout.org.au and donate using his particular reference.



Reflection

Virtue & Self-Sacrifice

Previous generations had a certain sense of sacrifice which, for better and for worse, we have all but lost. In past generations it was not that uncommon for someone in a family to forgo his or her own private ambitions in order to stay at home and take care of an aging or sick parent. For years that person would put his or her own life on hold while essentially he or she lived for someone else.

Very often, by the time the parent died, it was too late for that person to build the kind of life that might have been possible—marriage, children, a career—if circumstances had not so conscripted him or her to do this family duty.

Today we no longer see virtue in that kind of self-sacrifice. On the contrary, we tend to frown upon it and judge it negatively, as a failure of nerve, a tragedy, the waste of a life!

But is this always a tragedy? Could it not sometimes be altruistic virtue? Might self-fulfilment, genuine individuation, and real meaning lie, at times, in precisely this kind of self-denial?

In this life we are essentially interdependent. We owe: our lives are not just our own. There is a transpersonal agenda that is larger than our own private needs, ambitions, loves and wounds. We have duties as well as rights.

In today's Gospel, when Jesus calls Peter, he asks him three times: "Simon Peter, do you love me?" Each time, Peter assures Jesus that he does. Jesus then says: "I tell you solemnly, Peter, up to now you have girded your belt and walked wherever you wanted. Now, because you have said this, others will put a belt around you and take you where you would rather not go."

Like Peter are you prepared enter into Jesus' mission, to be led and go where you would rather not go?

Resources used: *Virtue in Self-Sacrifice*, by Ronald Rolheiser

Heart Spirituality

Mission

Our mission to work for the coming of God's Kingdom as Missionaries of the Sacred Heart comes to us in and through the Church. Accepting this mission as a grace and a responsibility, we wish to be united to the Church by a loyal and faithful love.

We express this love and our openness to the Holy Spirit, in our communion with the Pope and the Bishops and in our readiness to serve God's people according to the spirit and scope of our Society.

Mission, MSC Constitutions and Statutes #27

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

Stewardship

Stewards of the Church

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission — proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;
- Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/stewardship/index.cfm>

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

Recently Deceased:

Br. Cornelius Keating fms

Anniversary: *Anna Clobus, Neil White, Gertrude Harridence, John Schmich, John Braddon, John Costelloe, Lillian Boyd, Ruth Lloyd, Jack Draper, Robert Griffiths, Matthew Ray, Helen Kelly, Lawrence Southwick, Andrew Harker, Jeremy Hope, Kenneth Brennan, Krysta Lindstrom, Harrison Wroe, Antonia Gladwish, Kevin Crossley, Sarah Sealey, Betty Cowman, Pat McLindin, Edna Hamilton, Robert Donovan, Wanda, Bryan, Elena D'Ambrosio, Hemult McGurgan*

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 rd Monday 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 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:

A selection of books recently donated to our parish collection is on display at the moment. They include the lives of some well-known and some less well-known saints in our Church.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord,
For you have rescued me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Chris is risen, the Lord of all creation;
He has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!

Readings – 12 May 2019

First Reading	Acts 13:14, 43-52
Psalm	Ps 99:1-3, 5
Second Reading	Rv 7:9, 14-17
Gospel	John 10:27-30

12 May Reading Roster

5:00pm	Mary French, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Children's Mass
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Anna White

12 May Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena, Robert Greig, Marian England, Margaret Conlon.
8:30am	Brian Green, Shane Murtagh, Fay Stephenson, Margaret Stanford, VACANT
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Frank Colley, Francesca Deklin, Sugi Mohanadas
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck, John McGee, Rod Gardiner

12 May Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Michael Horan, Jenny Maher
8:30am	Violet Duve, Jean Tierney
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	6 May	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	10 May	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard
Counting:	12 May	Group 3

Church Cleaning:	6 May	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman
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On a Lighter note

A few years ago, I asked the girl in the pet grooming shop out to dinner. She couldn't make it though; she was washing her hare.