

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**26 May 2019**

**Year C**  
**#26.19**

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

"Peace starts with a smile." This little aphorism is a gem. It reminds us that we can all play our part. Each of us possesses enormous potential for good: a noble thought, a simple smile, a kind word, a loving gesture; all these can and do have a rippling effect making the world a better place to live in.

The aphorism quoted above also tells us that peace is not simply the absence of conflict, war or violence but that peace is something that is active in our thoughts, words and deeds. We can make a difference, and as followers of Jesus we have no choice but to be agents of peace. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" are the parting words of the resurrected Christ before he ascends to the Father. It is both a gift, allowing us to have peace in our own hearts, and also a mission, that we become peace bearers to our world.



I'll be away on holidays for the next two weeks and returning for the feast of Pentecost.

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

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**  
is celebrated on the last Friday of each month after the 9:30am mass.  
**Next anointing will be 31 May.**

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

## Parish Administration:

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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



**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.....

### Public Holiday Notice

The Parish Office will be closed  
Monday 27 May  
Reconciliation Day

### St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

*The next breakfast is*

**7:30am Tuesday  
28 May 2019**

*Lucky Shot Espresso Bar*  
Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX


**Over 45's** will meet on **Wednesday 29 May** 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 CHURCH FOYER IS HEATED

To maintain the heat in the foyer and to conserve energy would you please close the door when entering the church.  
Thank you.

Conserve  
heat  
Please close  
the door

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

 We are reading  
*Talking To My Country*, by Stan Grant  
Sunday 16 June- 3:00 pm  
Parish Library.

### BELCONNEN YOUTH

#### Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

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

**Next gathering 2 June**

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)

### PARISH ROSTERS 2019 – 2020

The rosters for 2019-2020 were emailed out during the week. If you did not receive your roster please contact the parish office.

### Weekend Retreat

*Longing for a time of silence and stillness?  
Join our parish Meditation Group at*

*Douglas Park*

When: Fri July 26-Sun July 28

Contacts/Bookings (by May 31)

Jenny Maher: 0402 112 973

Pat Gilchrist: 0427 544 923

### Marriage & Family Sunday Mass

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Time: 11:00am

Venue: St Christopher's Cathedral

*The Mass will include a Renewal of Marriage Vows for all who wish to participate. No need to register. Just turn up and join in*

***Followed by***

### Marriage as Mission Lunch, Expo and Forum

Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Cost: \$10 donation at the door

*Guest speakers Joe & Louise Zavone plus representations from various groups, ministries and agencies involved in marriage formation and support.*

Registrations essential [http://bit.ly/marriage\\_mission2019](http://bit.ly/marriage_mission2019)

Enquiries ring Lara Kirk 0429 192 869 or [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au)

### Calvary Public Hospital Auxiliary 40th Birthday

#### Thursday 6 June 2019 CIT Restaurant Reid

Calvary Public Hospital Auxiliary has been supporting the hospital for 40 years and has raised over \$2.3m for the purchase of equipment for patients and staff.

All members past, present and future, their guests and friends are invited to join the celebrations and enjoy the CIT's creativity and hospitality. \$40 per head. Tickets and further information from Daphne on 0407 835 846.

### Calvary Public Hospital Auxiliary Membership Drive

*New members are urgently needed to assist with the Auxiliary's fund raising activities.*

When: Thursday 30 May, 10-4pm,

Where: Foyer, Calvary Public Hospital,  
Hayden Drive, Bruce.

Please come along for further information, or ring Daphne Ashley on 0407835846.

### Freezing night in Canberra Thursday 20 June 2019

#### our parishioner Ted Kell

is participating in the **SLEEPOUT** this year.

To donate go to [www.ceosleepout.org.au](http://www.ceosleepout.org.au) and donate using his particular reference.



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# Reflection

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## It's All One

Today's Gospel is a beautiful prayer for union from Jesus' Last Supper address to his disciples. Here Jesus connects everything: he in his Father, the Father in you, you in God, God in him, God in the world, and you in the world. It's all one.

This is the core realization of every saint. Saints see things in their connectedness and wholeness. They don't see things as separate. It's all one, and yet like the Trinity, it is also different. What you do to the other, you do to yourself; how you love yourself is how you love your neighbour; how you love God is how you love yourself; how you love yourself is how you love God. How you do anything is how you do everything.

Faith is not simply seeing things at their visible, surface level, but recognizing their deepest meaning. To be a person of faith means you see things—people, animals, plants, the earth—as inherently connected to God, connected to you, and therefore, most worthy of love and dignity.

The more you can connect, the more of a saint you are. The less you can connect, the less transformed you are. Truly transformed individuals are capable of a universal recognition. They see that everything is one.

You don't go to heaven; you learn how to live in heaven now. And no one lives in heaven alone. Either you learn how to live in communion with the human race and with all that God has created, or, quite simply, you're not ready for heaven. If you want to live an isolated life, trying to prove that you're better than everybody else or believing you're worse than everybody else, you are already in hell. You have been invited to live in the Communion of Saints, in the Presence, in the Body, in the Life of the eternal and eternally Risen Christ.

Resources used: *The Communion of Saints*, by Richard Rohr

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# Heart Spirituality

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## The Holy Spirit is our teacher

In the order of salvation, we are completely powerless. Of ourselves we can do nothing. We cannot even pronounce the name of Jesus in a way that merits heaven. We have been initiated into the knowledge of the mysteries of our faith, but if the Holy Spirit does not come to our aid, we cannot grasp the harmony of these mysteries, just as we cannot contemplate masterpieces of painting in a room, nor admire their beauty, if the light does not shine on them.

From a supernatural point of view, the book of truths of faith and the book of nature, without the Holy Spirit, remain closed to our eyes.

Jules Chevalier msc  
(Méditations 1, p. 576f, Issoudun 1891)

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

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## Stewardship

### Hospitality

If we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must be sure that our own hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then, our smiles and words, our greetings and ministries, will radiate with the warmth of God's love. And, our parish family will become at least a little bit like Heaven on earth. This is the simplicity and glory of a stewardship way of life.

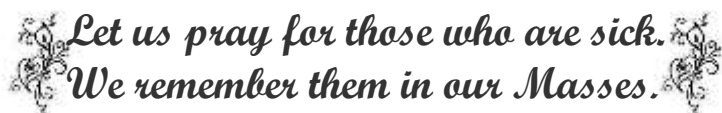
Stewardship Reflections from [TheCatholicSteward.com](http://TheCatholicSteward.com)

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## Australian CATHOLICS Winter Edition

is available on the table in the Church Foyer. This edition is titled, MIND, BODY, SOUL: *Mental Health and Wellness*. The parish purchases these magazines and they are free for parishioners.

*"One in five Australians experience a mental illness in any year"..... pg. 3*



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

**Recently Deceased:** Tom Stewart

**Anniversary:** David Pinner, Stan Niemiec,  
Christopher Boyldew, Gloria Harris, Sofie Aver,  
Suzana Katavic, Thomas Flynn, Adena Hugo,  
Mary Harrison, Ruby Molloy, Kevin McAlister,  
Pat Butcher, Brian Durack, Maxwell Harmer,  
Beryl Moulis, Mary Clynych, Wally Chymko,  
Eric Duve, Margaret Coker-Godson, Olga Sarran,  
Terry Sheppard, Roxanne LeCornu, Stefanie Seaton,  
Mary Stinton

## 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:

"The Tempest-tossed Church: being a Catholic today", "Reclaiming family time: a guide to slowing down and savouring the gift of one another" and, "Testament: the Bible and history" are three of the new books on display this week.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will  
come to them.  
Alleluia!

## **Readings – 2 June 2019**

First Reading	Acts 1:1-11
Psalm	Ps. 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9.
Second Reading	Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23
Gospel	Luke 24:46-53

## **2 June**

## **Reading Roster**

5:00pm	Michael Horan, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	John O'Heir, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Matthew Garton, Margaret Luck

## **2 June**

## **Ministers of Communion**

5:00pm	Janet Almond, Marian England, Joe & Maria Catanzariti, VACANT
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Elizabeth McDonald, Victoria Scarano, Darren Maharaj, VACANT
10:00am	Jenny Howarth, Priscilla Gonsalves, Pat Sheppard, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, John McGee, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan, James & Toni Cox

## **2 June**

## **Hospitality Roster**

5:00pm	Joe & Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Judith O'Neill
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	John McGee

## **Weekly Rosters**

Altar Society:	27 May	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	1 June	VACANT
Counting:	2 June	GROUP 1

Church Cleaning:	27 May	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman
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## On a Lighter note

"What to call a bear who's lost all its teeth?  
A gummy bear!"

Do you feel cold!

Then go to the corner, there's 90 degrees.