

COMPACT

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
2 June 2019

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From the Assistant Pastor.....

Lift Up Your Hearts

The day of the Lord's triumphant
return to his Father
is not a day for narrowness or sadness.
Rather, it is a day for openness and joy.
Therefore, let us lift up our hearts.

Let us raise up our minds.
Let our spirits soar and be free.
For sin and evil and death
have been overcome.

We know nothing of the mystery
of the beyond.

All we have is his word: 'Where I am, you too will be.'
Lord, you have kindled in our hearts
the hope of eternal life.
Guard this hope with your grace,
and bring it to fulfilment
in the kingdom of heaven.

Flor McCarthy SDB

Fr. Gerard is on holidays and will return
Friday 7 June 2019.



Feast of the Sacred Heart **Friday 28 June**

*Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am
followed by a morning tea in the foyer.
Please bring a plate for morning tea.
Fr. Gerard will celebrate mass at
St John the Apostle Primary School at 12:00noon*

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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.

Parish News.....

Sacrament of the Eucharist. Formation Evening for Parents Monday 24 June 2019

7:00pm – 8:30pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the following masses

Saturday 3 August 5:00pm

Sunday 4 August 10:00am

Saturday 10 August 5:00pm

Sunday 11 August 10:00am

SJA Social Justice Newsletter
June 2019
out now!
Available in the church foyer

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

St John the Apostle Men's Group



Meeting every second Friday
of the month

Next gathering:

Friday 14 June

Brindabella Club 6:00pm

(formerly Magpies Gold Club) Stockdill Dr Holt

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

"To be on earth the Heart of God"

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

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.

"Winter Woolies at Calvary"

The Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is having a WINTER WOOLIES sale

Date: Thursday 13 June

Time: 8.00am - 4.00pm

Venue: main foyer of the Hospital.

This is a one-day opportunity to purchase hand-made scarves, rugs, jumpers and more at bargain prices. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment for Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff.

VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT - 20 June 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.

This is a one night event that helps the SVdP Society support Australians all year long. Vinnies advocacy, education, counseling and housing programs are designed to tackle the root causes of inequality.

June Baptisms

We welcome into our community:



Luke Huszar;

son of Simon & Marnie.

Sophie Heys;

daughter of Dan & Amy.

Charlotte Hunter;

daughter of Matthew & Breeannen.

Camila Salazar;

daughter of Hector & Karina.

Reflection

The Human Journey

Jesus both reveals and identifies with humanity in all its stages, and even reveals the trajectory of all history—at its beginning, at its lowest points, and at its fulfilled end.

At the beginning, for both Jesus and us, the soul is already one with God. Just as Jesus is the Son of God, we also are daughters or sons of God from conception. Jesus' unique and inclusive "sonship" declares us as "co-heirs" and "adopted children" in Paul's theology (Romans 8:14-17). Yet this divine conception is hidden from all of us until we discover it.

Jesus encounters trials and hostility, leading to abandonment and betrayal, just as most human lives do in some form or another. He thus identifies with humanity at its lowest points.

At our low points, we are one step away from either enlightenment or despair. Without *faith* most people will move into despair, negativity, or cynicism. When you have not yet learned what transformation feels or looks like, someone—perhaps some loving human or simply God's own embrace—needs to hold you now because you cannot hold yourself. *When we experience this radical holding, and even deep loving, this is salvation!*

Jesus reveals and identifies with the final chapter of the human journey at its promised and now fulfilled form. He becomes the goal personified—the Risen Christ! This is where we are all heading: to resurrection. What humanity fears, hates, destroys, pollutes, kills, and crucifies, *God promises to transform and raise up!*

Quietly and unrecognized, the circle comes "full circle" in what we call the Ascension of Jesus (Acts 1:9-11). We all return where we first started, with the great school of life and death ushering us back home.

It is indeed possible to refuse this whole journey of love. Otherwise God is a Puppeteer and we are mere puppets. Love can only exist in the realm of ever more perfect freedom.

Resources used: *Resurrection: The Pattern for Everything*, by Richard Rohr

Heart Spirituality

The Ascension

Jesus told his disciples:

It is for your own good that I am going to my Father, because I go to prepare a place for you, and to send you the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth who will teach you everything (John 16:7). The role of Jesus in heaven is the role of a mediator who never ceases to plead on our behalf and to cry aloud for God's mercy upon us: Mediator between God and humanity (1 Tim 2:5). "Jesus entered heaven itself, so that he could appear in the presence of God on our behalf" (Heb. 9:24).

Knowing our weakness and the dangers we incur here below, he asks without ceasing for the graces we need: living forever to intercede for us (Heb. 7:25). Why? Because it is his wish that we may one day possess the throne he has prepared for us. Since his Heart is full of love for us, let us ask him to bless and protect us.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Méditations 1, p. 609f, Issoudun 1891)

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

Stewardship

A stewardship way of life is challenging because it is counter-cultural to put God and others before ourselves. But that is precisely why this way of life is such a powerful witness to the message of the Gospel. And we can embrace this way of life with great confidence and joy because we are not expected to do this on our own. Our Gospel passage today tells us we are "clothed with power from on high." Whether it is as small a detail as finding a new prayer time, or as big as changing career paths to be more available to loved ones, we have the power of the Holy Spirit to show us the way,

On this Feast of the Ascension, take the time to celebrate your victories as Christ's disciples and renew your commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to you!

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com

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

Recently Deceased: Anna Pisciotta

Anniversary: Maxwell Harmer, Beryl Moulis,
Mary Clynn, Wally Chymko, Eric Duve,
Margaret Coker-Godson, Olga Sarraan,
Terry Sheppard, Roxanne LeCornu, Stefanie Seaton,
Mary Stinton, Margaret Keogh, Thomas Guy,
Stephen Carew, Elizabeth Strike, Jack Draper,
Marie Johnson, Evelyn Weinman, Ian Cupitt,
Denise Doyle, John Bray, Dorothea Guilfoyle,
Ilona Ham, Elise Dickason, Robert Scarr,
Pat Williamson

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
Mens Group	2 nd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Brindabella Club (Magpies Golf Club)

School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term
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LIBRARY NEWS: For the next couple of weeks we shall display a selection of the library's titles on prayer and meditation. This selection includes books of prayers and others about the various way we can pray.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always,
until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Readings – 9 June 2019

First Reading Acts 2:1-11
Psalm Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31
Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13
Gospel John 20:19-23

9 June

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

9 June

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, Marian England, VACANT, VACANT
8:30am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh, Peter Polkinghorne
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Francesca Deklin, Frank Colley, Cathy Madsen, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck, Maria Devine, Eoin Garton

9 June

Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	3 June	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	8 June	Rob Breen Allan Laycock Dennis Puniard Mike Blyth
Counting:	9 June	Group 4

Church Cleaning:	3 June	John O'Heir, Debbie Milne, Pat Kennan, Peter Hofman
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On a Lighter note

Bacon and eggs walk into a bar. The bartender said "sorry, we don't serve breakfast."