

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**9 June 2019**

**Year C**  
**#28.19**

### From the side desk....

I was at Daramalan College on Thursday to celebrate mass for Sacred Heart Feast Day. The Feast of the Sacred Heart falls on 28th June but they celebrate it earlier because the actual feast day is close to the end of term. A busy time for schools.

Part of my appointment in Kippax is to be chaplain at Daramalan College. In term 4 of last year, I began spending Wednesdays at Daramalan College wondering through different classes, sitting-in, participating and learning. The intention was for students to get used to seeing me around. Someone who is an MSC and a catholic priest, but also someone they can come up to and have a chat about anything.

Every now and again, when engaged in a conversation, I recognise a search for purpose and meaning. They are trying to grapple with some of life's big questions and want to know what the Church teaches, where it stands on certain issues and why. The best I can do is to speak honestly from my own faith and experience and tie that in with Church teaching.

I have grown to view our schools as both a place and an avenue for evangelising, for spreading Jesus' teaching. Schools are (becoming) missionary places, and like the early Christian missionaries who arrived in the missionary territories around the world (including Australia); they would have noticed the Holy Spirit, the Spirit that hovers over creation, already there (expressed differently). I see the missionary challenge as trying to link that inkling of the spirit innate and at work in every human being back to God.

Pentecost Sunday is a time to renew our missionary zeal. Ours is a missionary Church and we are the physical links between God and a humanity in search of God. May the Holy Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love, and help us renew the face of the earth.

***Kimi msc***

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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.....



### Sacrament of Confirmation:

We congratulate Emma Nicholson who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10:00am Mass this weekend.

### Public Holiday Notice

The Parish Office will be closed

Monday 10 June

Queen's Birthday Holiday

### SJA Men's Group

Meeting every second Friday of the month

Next gathering: Friday 14 June

Brindabella Club 6:00pm

(formerly Magpies Golf Club) Stockdill Dr Holt



### SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

Talking to my Country, by Stan Grant

Sunday 19 May- 3:00 pm

Parish Library.



### 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

### 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

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



## BELCONNEN YOUTH

### Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

First and Third Sundays after the 6:00pm Mass

Next gathering 16 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)

### CONCERNED CATHOLICS OF

### CANBERRA - GOULBURN - PUBLIC FORUM

Presenter: Frank Brennan SJ AO

Topic: "Our Church or Our Museum? contributing to a confident, humble, listening, and questioning Church".

Date: June 26

Time: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Cost: Free

Venue Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture

Phone: 0417 603 697

Email: [concerned.catholics.cangbn@gmail.com](mailto:concerned.catholics.cangbn@gmail.com);

Website: [www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org](http://www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org)

### St Thomas More Parish & Forum Dinner

Presenter: Dr. Sr. Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF

Topic: Women's Leadership in the Future of the Church: Naming the Nameless'.

Date: 21 June

Venue: The Mercure Hotel, Ainslie

Cost: \$85.00 (two course dinner, pre-dinner canapes and wine.

Bookings close on Friday 14 June.

To pay: contact the parish office (0416 823 447).



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### 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

### Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 17 June

7:15pm Parish Library



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# Reflection

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## The Goal of the Spiritual Life

In very real ways, soul, consciousness, love, and the Holy Spirit are one and the same. Each of these point to something that is larger than the individual, shared with God, ubiquitous, and even eternal—and then revealed through us!

The goal of the spiritual life is to allow the Spirit of Christ to influence all our activity, prayer as well as service. Our role in this process is to provide conditions in our lives to enable us to live in tune with [Christ's] Spirit. Our effort is not a self-conscious striving to fill ourselves with the important Christian virtues; it is more getting out of the way and allowing [Christ's] Spirit to transform all our activities. Christ will do the rest. His Spirit has joined ours and will never abandon us.

Gradually we become more and more sensitive to the movements of Christ's Spirit in our own hearts; simultaneously we grow in sensitivity to the movement of his Spirit in others. Subtly our vision of the world changes. We begin seeing everything in relationship to Christ and the Father, and so we carry on a continual dialog with them. Without really trying, we find ourselves fulfilling Paul's injunction to the Ephesians to "pray always." It becomes clearer and clearer what Paul was trying to express when he exclaimed to the Galatians that "I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). Before his conversion, [Paul] had not known this power. Now the reality of the new life he had received through the Spirit of Christ so overwhelmed him that it seemed as though everything he treasured flowed from this life. He can only pray for his people that they may receive this same life from the Spirit and so know Christ and his love.

Resources used: *Indwelling Spirit: Living in the Spirit*, by Richard Rohr

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# Heart Spirituality

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## Holy Spirit

The Apostles saw what looked like separate tongues of fire resting on the head of each of them. Why was the presence of the Holy Spirit made known in this way? Because the Holy Spirit is really like a burning fire that cleanses the soul of all defilement; a bright fire that enlightens the mind and dispels darkness; like a healing fire that moves gently into the heart, penetrates it, warms and inflames it. O Spirit of God, come and inflame us with the fire of your love.

Jules Chevalier msc  
(Méditations 1, p. 646f, Issoudun 1891)

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

## Stewardship

Each one of us, young and old alike, is personally called today by the Holy Spirit into the same mission as that of the first Apostles — to advance the Kingdom of God in our corner of the world. Just as He did on that Pentecost day, the Holy Spirit speaks to us in our "own language" to give us the Good News of the Gospel and urge us to share it. We can think of our own language as the particular gifts, talents and passions we possess. We experience the presence of the Holy Spirit through them and we are meant put them to the work in grateful service of the Kingdom of God.

When we consider the stewardship way of life we are called to live, we often focus on the challenges it poses. Surrendering ourselves to God is indeed a challenging way to live. But it leads to a life that is exciting, creative and deeply rewarding. Stewardship allows us to experience life as a great adventure because it is a life guided and directed by the very source of power and creativity—the Holy Spirit!

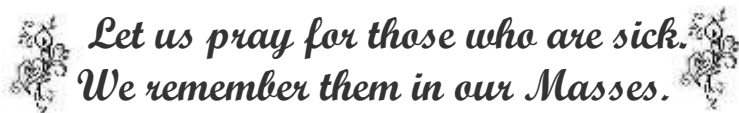
Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com

**SJA Social Justice Newsletter**  
**June 2019**

Available in the church foyer

*out now!*





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

**Recently Deceased:** Lorna Garratt

**Anniversary:** 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, Wendy Hawes, James Webb,  
Ingrid Soria, Marie Tyack, Mavis Southwick,  
Sheila Phillips, George Carney, Ann Joyce,  
Kerry Montgomery, Maureen Ashley, Helen Heindl,  
Francis Quinn, John McAppian, Eileen Gehrig,  
Christopher Robinson, Vivienne Thompson,  
Lucy Wilcott, Noni Glover, Jean Chapman

## 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
Mens Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Brindabella Club (Magpies Golf Club)
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

**LIBRARY NEWS:** "15 days of prayer with St Dominic", "Silence and stillness in every season: daily readings with John Mann" and "Prayers of the domestic church" are three of the titles on display this week.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, send out your Spirit  
And renew the face of the earth.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit;  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 16 June 2019

First Reading Prv 8:22-31  
Psalm Ps 8:4-9  
Second Reading Rom 5:1-5  
Gospel John 16:12-15

## 16 June Reading Roster

5:00pm	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Kerry Yard
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Terry Fewtrell, Joe Ots

## 16 June Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Laurine Smeaton, Maresa Laird, Gerard Teng
8:30am	Jean Tierny, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan, Peter Polkinghorne
10:00am	Marie Flint, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane, Sugi Mohanadas, Bernadette Madsen
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Matthew Gartron, Stephanie Stewart, Rod Gardiner, VACANT

## 16 June Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Lesley Givens
8:30am	Norma & Clyde Sloan, Mercia Needham
10:00am	Marie Flint
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	10 June	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	15 June	VACANT
Counting:	16 June	Group 6

Church Cleaning:	10 June	Ted & Carol Quade
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## On a Lighter note

I used to believe that the brain was the most important organ.

But then I thought, hey, look who's telling me that.