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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C

7 July 2019

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From the Pastor's desk.....

Today is the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is also National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, which is an opportunity to acknowledge the deeply spiritual traditions of the original inhabitants of this island continent.

The injustices suffered by the indigenous peoples of this land have been well documented. And yet, sadly, as a nation we have a long way to go toward redressing these wrongs. It is a sad reflection on the present state of affairs that so little attention was given in the political campaigns leading up to the elections.

"Peace to this house and all who dwell within" is the theme chosen for this year's Sunday. It speaks of welcome and reconciliation.

This year's celebration of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday also pays tribute to Deacon Boniface Perdjert who died earlier this year. Deacon Boniface had a long association with the MSC. He was ordained the first permanent deacon in Australia at Port Keats (Wadeye) on July 19th 1974 by Bishop John O'Loughlin MSC, the Bishop of Darwin at the time. Deacon Boniface was a man of deep faith, able to articulate his Christian belief with his Aboriginal heritage:

My people existed here in Australia thousands of years before Abraham. In all that time God was working with my people. He worked through their culture. He was saving us, despite our human weakness. He was preparing us for the day when we would see the features of Aborigines in the image of His Son.

A copy of the Australian Bishop's pastoral letter for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday "What is most intimate, most personal, most universal" can be downloaded from the following website: www.catholic.org.au and follow the tab: 'Commissions' and then open up 'Relations with ATSI peoples'.

***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



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.

Blessing of Ministers

Liturgical Ministers will be blessed and commissioned during mass the weekend of 13/14 July.

BELCONNEN YOUTH

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

First and Third Sundays
after the 6:00pm Mass

Next gathering 7 July

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 27 July

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.

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

Receipts will be emailed from the 8 July 2019. If you do not have email, and if you do not receive your receipt please contact the parish office.

July Baptisms

We welcome into our community:

Michael Leahy,

Son of Rene and Emma;

Angelina Nguyen

Daughter of Sam and Hang;

Ruby Blacklock,

Daughter of Darren and Erin;

Angelina Amrado,

Daughter of Judith & Eric.



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July

Social Justice Brochure
AVAILABLE NOW
In the Church Foyer

2019 Men's Weekend Retreat St Mary's Towers Douglas Park 30 August – 1 September

Retreat Presenter: Paul White

Email: contact@towersretreat.org.au

Phone: 02 6430 0233

There are brochures in the church foyer advertising the 2019 retreats at St Mary's Towers Douglas Park.



Collecting Plastic Milk Bottle Tops

Enabling the Future is creating prosthetic hands with

3D printers for children. The Rotary Club of Belconnen is collecting milk (or similar) tops to forward them to the maker.

Can you help? Please bring your plastic bottle tops to church and deposit them in the bucket which will be in the foyer.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported me in the recent Vinnie's CEO Sleepout. Just under \$5,000 was donated. Donations can still be made until the end of August. Ted Kell

Forum for Catholic Women

Date: 20 July

Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm

Venue: Garrett Building Daramalan College

RSVP: 6 July

Lunch will be provided.

The purpose is to discuss the possibility of establishing an Archdiocesan Women's Network.

Register at catholicwomen.org.au or contact Andrea Dean, especially for needs such as transport, disability, childminding. andrea.dean@catholic.org.au 0487388873

Reflection

The Hospitality of Strangers

A significant theme in the gospel of Luke is the message of hospitality. Jesus teaches on it frequently and tries to convey a message that the hospitality of God is available to all. In the sending of both the Twelve and the 72, Jesus tells them to take nothing with them for the journey. He is telling them to rely on the hospitality of strangers. If they are welcomed and shown hospitality, then they are to bless the household and carry out their ministry. The ability to show hospitality to the messengers of God is a sign that the household will welcome the message of God. However, wherever they do not receive hospitality they are to leave the town, shaking the dust from their feet, as their ministry will not be welcomed by people who are not ready to hear it.

Through baptism we have all been commissioned to go out to live and proclaim the Good News of Christ, to keep journeying on to all our sisters and brothers and prepare the way for Christ to come into their lives. The number of labourers for this harvest has never been greater. We have never had more Christians in the world than we have right now. If all of us who have been baptised in Christ were living out the Gospel and bringing it to bear in our personal, family, social and national life, then the world would be transformed. As Gandhi once said, 'I would take the waters of Christian baptism tomorrow if I saw Christians living out what they profess to believe.' We seem to have lost our courage, our nerve for the task at hand. We have been consumed by sheepishness and daunted by the wolves.

Jesus reminds us that to live out this commission we need to depend on each other for support, hospitality and kindness. He challenges us to travel light and stick together.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter, & *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ. At LiturgyHelp

Heart Spirituality

In a constant effort to share in the sentiments of the Heart of Christ, we will be attentive to all human needs and aspirations, such as, the need to be respected as persons, the need for love and peace, for freedom, justice and truth, and the search for meaning in life. We will become all things to all people, by respecting different cultures.

MSC Constitutions #23

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

Stewardship

Hospitality – A Pillar of Stewardship

Our parish is our immediate spiritual family in this extended worldwide fold. We are not meant to live as isolated individuals within the parish any more than we are meant to live in isolation within our families. We are meant to be a community. That is why it is so important for us to foster a vibrant, supportive, welcoming parish life. This is why we emphasize hospitality as one of the pillars of stewardship. It is not enough just to point others to Christ, we must invite them to join us in community with Him; we must offer a place and mission for them in the Church and within our parish family.

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 2019

“What is most intimate, most personal, is most universal” [Henri Nouwen- Reaching Out]

We share a common human nature regardless of our ethnic background. We share fundamental needs. This includes the desire to belong, to be happy, to find fulfilment, to be safe, to be appreciated.

The embracing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander spirituality within the wider Catholic spirituality is deeply enriching.

We need to walk alongside our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as they reach for ways of deepening their spiritual life. All can benefit with such walking together.

Taken from: the ACBC Pastoral Letter

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



RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Patrick Salmon, Jean Irvine, Hortencia Cid, Jack Synnott, Elizabeth Dennison, John O'Brien, Steven Argy, Rosalie Callaghan, Constance Crowe, Gertrude Czarnik, Conner Cooke, Anne Patterson, Christopher Davis, Mary Ryan, Josephine Allester, Mollie Paterson, Marie Richards, Chris Penders, John McEnaney, Laurence Swift, Linda Dawson, Victoria Norton, Bede Stinson, Lionel Carberry, Jan Kurzynski, Catherine Raadts, Josephine O'Kane, Joan Ferguson, Monique Pearce, Gayle McGoogan, Veronica Hannah, David Leonard, Paul Kurylowicz, Mona Castle, Stephen Carson, Stephen Gorst, Leo Williams, Naomi Slater, Rudi Weiss, Joseph Myatt, Rita Riddle, Isabella Backhaus, Gwendoline White, Sheila Marshall.

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 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
Men's 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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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live
within you.
Alleluia!

Readings – 14 July 2019

First Reading	Dt 30:10-14
Psalm	Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37
Second Reading	Col 1:15-20
Gospel	Luke 10:25-37

14 July 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

14 July Ministers of Communion

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

14 July 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:	8 July	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	13 July	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard
Counting:	14 July	Group 3
Church Cleaning:	8 July	Ted and Carol Quade

On a Lighter note

- Q. Why did the man get fired from the orange juice factory?
A. Lack of concentration.