

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      Year C**  
**11 August 2019      #37.19**

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

I once came across the term 'rear vision Christianity'. I suspect it referred to a predilection of some Christians to cling to the past.

While it is certainly important to value our tradition – one only has to think of the great body of spiritual literature that has come to us down through the ages– nevertheless, we are moving forward into the future. Likewise, our vision needs to be future orientated. There is a difference between referencing the past and clinging to the past.

The future is uncertain and yet it beckons us to move into territory that is unfamiliar. This is the story of Abraham of which we hear in today's reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Abraham put his faith in God. He left his homeland – left behind all that was familiar to him – to venture into an unknown future. We live in uncertain times for our world and for our church. The example of Abraham's faith in a God of promises encourages us to move forward with confidence and trust. Abraham put his faith in the promise of God. For us, that promised has been fully realized in Jesus.



It is with some regret that I have to announce that the children's Mass, which has been held once a month at the 10 am Mass, will be no longer be scheduled for the foreseeable future. The 'Children's Mass' has been going for some time at St. John's. I am very grateful to the parishioners who have organized this monthly event. The idea behind this Mass is to encourage children to take their place in the various ministries: music, readings, collection etc. However, without a supporting team of adults it is not possible to continue effectively.

***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.

### 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.....

### First Holy Communion

**First Holy Communion  
Vigil & 10:00am masses**

*We welcome our First Communications who will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this weekend.*

*Hayley Boag, Claire Boag, Mary Chau, Bailey Clark, Monique Duong, Elizabeth Duke, Alexis Mann, Scarlet McLarty, Emily Neiberding, Adelaide Neilsen, Cooper Nisbet, Willow Olsen, Charlotte Pham, Maxwell Shea, Daniel Smith, Callum Stewart, Isabella Thurbon*

We pray that Jesus will be their light and guide all the days of their lives.

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

#### Mass Times

#### St John's Kippax

Vigil Mass            Wed    14 Aug        6:00pm

Mass of the Day    Thurs 15 Aug      9:30am

Mass at St John the Apostle Primary School will be at 12noon at the School.

#### St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood

Thursday 15 August 9:30am - 7:00pm

#### St Matthew's Page

Thursday 15 August 6:00pm

### Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 19 August  
7:15pm Parish Library



### August Baptisms

*We welcome into our community:*

*Patrick Ahern,  
Son of Jacqueline and Tyron;*

### LOST BOOK - "Awareness" by Anthony De Mello

This book has Manel Samarasinghe's name on the inside cover. Please contact the parish office if you are in possession of the book.

**"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 18 August**

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)



**Pre-Teen Group – (Yr. 3-7) 4:45pm**

**Youth Mass – (All ages) 6:00pm**

**Next gathering 24 August**

**Marian Hall – St Matthew's Page**

**Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Christians for an Ethical Society Dinner Forum

*Anglican Bishop of Canberra & Goulburn,  
Rt Rev'd Mark Short and his wife  
Monica Short will speak to Telling Truth,  
Building Community, What the Indigenous  
Church Teaches Us*

When:            Tuesday 27 August

Where:          Bella Vista Restaurant, Belconnen

Time:            6:00pm

Cost:            \$60.00

Contact:        [admin@ces.org.au](mailto:admin@ces.org.au)

Bookings close 21 August 2019.

**FATAL  
FLAWS**  
LEGALIZING ASSISTED DEATH

### Screening Sunday 18th August

Venue: Haydon Hall Manuka  
(behind St Christopher's Cathedral)

Time:    After 11am Mass for a cup of soup.  
          12.30-1.30 for the film.

Cost:     \$5 donation at the door

Enquiries to Larka Kirk on 0429 192 869 or  
[lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au)

### SJASJ AUGUST

**Social Justice Brochure AVAILABLE NOW**  
In the Church foyer

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# Reflection

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## Holding the Tension – Now/Not Yet

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold.

If you are to live on this earth, you cannot bypass the necessary tension of holding contraries and inconsistencies together. What this is saying, is about, just holding the tension, not necessarily finding a resolution. We must agree to live without resolution, at least for a while. This is very difficult for most people, largely because we have not been taught how to do this mentally or emotionally.

Being able to hold the tension is the very name and description of *faith*. Unfortunately, faith largely became believing things to be true or false (intellectual assent) instead of giving people concrete practices so they could themselves know how to open up (faith), hold on (hope), and allow an infilling from another source (love). God gives us real practices every day of our lives, such as irritable people, long stop lights, and our own inconsistencies, so that we can practice these virtues.

We must move from a belief-based spirituality to a practice-based spirituality, or little will change in religion, politics, and the world. We will merely continue to argue about what we are supposed to believe and who the unbelievers are.

In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSA & *Waiting with Patience*, by Richard Rohr OFM

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# Heart Spirituality

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## The Immaculate Heart of Mary

As soon as the Heart of Mary was formed, the Blessed Trinity took delight in it.

After the Heart of Jesus, they made it the masterpiece of creation, and enriched it with every grace. This abundance of grace did not lie barren in the Heart of Mary.

Through her faithful response she made it bear fruit minute by minute, from the first moment of her existence until her blessed death.

If the angel called her full of grace on the day of the Incarnation, before she had become the Mother of God, what expression will he use at the end of her life to denote all the treasures her Heart contains?

To us also grace is given in abundance. Let us take great pains to respond to it faithfully.

Méditations II, p.668f,  
Jules Chevalier Issoudun 1891

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

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### Stewardship

We are invited to live out our faith in God by generously sharing what he has entrusted to us. Prudence, "right reason in action" (*Catechism*, 1806), is indeed called for. But our Lord assures us, "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." We do not need to fear when God has promised us a place in his Kingdom. And that's where our real treasure, what we really value, should be stored. But with the promise comes responsibility. We've know that God is good and that he has promised an inexhaustible treasure.

Jesus challenges us to put that knowledge into practice. "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

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

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

**Recently Deceased:** John Bell

**Anniversary:** Keith Jobling, Olive Joyce,  
Donald Telford, Bona Duffy, Lindsay Guest,  
Adam Markham, Arthur O'Callaghan,  
Wesley Perceval, Margaret Cole, Alfred Clynych,  
Manning Hoy, Dominic Pham, Mieke Van Rooy,  
Indianna Forth, Norman Pentland, Phillip Doran,  
Denise Smith, Leslie Ferry, Ray Allen,  
George Brettell, Horst Lawatsch, James Marlor,  
Iris Schofield, Zenona Skiba, Emily Jacob,  
William Smith, John Ray, Joseph Zuk, Ronald Ryan

## 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
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

## 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
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## LIBRARY NEWS:

"Discerning the Australian conscience, Living by surprise: a Christian response to the ecological crisis", "Building bridges: social justice statements" are some of the titles on social justice on display this week.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen  
to be his own.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Be watchful and ready;  
You know not when the Son of Man  
is coming.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 18 August 2019

First Reading Jer 38:4-6, 8-10  
Psalm Ps 39:2-4, 18  
Second Reading Heb 12:1-4  
Gospel Luke 12:49-53

## 18 Aug Reading Roster

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

## 18 Aug Ministers of Communion

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

## 18 Aug Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	12 Aug	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	17 Aug	VACANT
Counting:	18 Aug	Group 6

Church Cleaning:	12 Aug	Ted & Carol Quade
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## On a Lighter note

Q. What happened to the wooden car with  
wooden wheels and a wooden engine?

A. It wooden go.