

COMPACT

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 January 2020**

**Year A
#8.20**

From the Pastor's desk.....

This is my last weekend at St John's, Kippax. While my appointment as parish priest will continue until the end of this year, my sabbatical leave effectively marks the end of my time at St. John's. For the past eight years St John's has been both my home and my family. It has nurtured me, challenged me, and above all, given me life. Leaving will not be easy; but I will take with me many fond memories.

I have been abundantly blessed and privileged to serve in this parish. Long before I arrived I had heard many positive stories about Kippax. It had a reputation of being a thriving parish; this is what I found when I arrived here at the end of 2011. I have not the space to catalogue the many aspects that characterize this parish. But one of the things about Kippax that has always impressed me is its outreach to the wider community. The Refugee Resettlement Committee, for example, and the strong and dedicated membership of the St Vincent de Paul conference. Parishioners have also been very generous in their support of the MSC Mission Office and other appeals.

Above all, it is the deep faith of parishioners that holds our parish together. This faith, grounded upon the compassionate heart of Jesus, is what keeps this parish alive. It reminds us that we ultimately depend on God's grace rather than upon our own efforts.

As I pack and prepare to leave for my sabbatical I look back with gratitude for the love and support I have felt from this community. I also leave with regrets that I have not done some things better and I ask your forgiveness for these failings. While I am away I know that the parish will be in good hands with Marian, Sharon, Fr Michael and Fr Kimi. I will not be far away and plan to visit the parish from time to time.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm
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 5:00pm – 5:30pm



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.

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SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



**SMOKE-FREE
ZONE**

Blessing of Candles

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord 2 February 2020

You are invited to bring your prayer candle to mass. The "blessing of candles ceremony" will take place during all of the masses. Your candle can be placed on the table provided in front of the altar before mass. You will then collect your blessed candle at the conclusion of mass.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Members of the PPC will meet for a formation morning on
Saturday 1 February. 8:00am-12 Noon.

SJASJ JANUARY

Social Justice Brochure
in the Church foyer



SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading
Dark Emu, by Bruce Pascoe
Sunday 19 January
3:00 pm Parish Library

Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 20 January
7:15pm Parish Library



Relax, Review, Reflect Faith and film

Friday 24th January at 7:30pm



We are watching:
"As Good as it Gets"

LOST AND FOUND

A women's ring was found in the foyer after Christmas Masses. If you have lost this piece of jewellery, please contact the parish office.

VINNIES FEBRUARY DOORKNOCK

Due to the current air quality, Vinnies won't be doorknocking this February. **Instead**, Vinnies volunteers will set up in indoor locations around Canberra and Queanbeyan, collecting for the **Vinnies Bushfire Appeal**.



Your support is still needed. We need volunteers for a couple of hours on any Saturday or Sunday during February at the Kippax Fair. Please enter your contact details on the sheets in the foyer, contact James Cox on 6254 8450 or 0432 563 299.

Calvary Public Hospital Auxiliary

Meeting: 3 February at 12:30pm
Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce
Guest speaker: Karen Viggers award winning, Australian author. Ms Viggers will speak about her latest book, *The Orchardist's Daughter*, her work as a veterinarian and her work and travels in outback Australia.

Australia Day Public Holiday
Parish Office Closed
Monday 27 January 2020

St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

The next breakfast is
7:30am Tuesday
28 January 2020

Lucky Shot Espresso Bar
Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX

HEART GROUPS
are coming to
St John the Apostle parish
in 2020

Reflection

The Will of God

Thomas Merton wrote that "the will of God is not a 'fate' to which we submit but a creative act in our life producing something absolutely new . . . something hitherto unforeseen by the laws and established patterns. Our cooperation (seeking first the Kingdom of God) consists not solely in conforming to laws but in opening our wills out to this creative act which must be retrieved in and by us."

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.

The Prayer of Abandonment by Brother Charles de Foucauld (1858–1916) expresses openness and intention to give up control to God, and allow this creative act to unfold in our lives:

*Father, I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.
Whatever you may do, I thank you:
I am ready for all, I accept all.*

*Let only your will be done in me
and in all your creatures—
I wish no more than this, O Lord.*

*Into your hands I commend my soul:
I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for
I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into your hands without
reserve, and with boundless confidence, for
you are my Father.*

Resources used: *The Will of God*, by Richard Rohr OFM
REFLECTION by Diane Bergant CSA

Heart Spirituality

No Cowards in the Kingdom

Jesus says, when I proposed to you the way of perfection I expressed myself very clearly.

What is at stake is complete renunciation of self.

You have to take up your cross and walk along that road with courage and generosity. No timid and cowardly soldiers here! I need people ready for any sacrifice, able to endure all, even death if necessary, rather than abandon me. Such a decision requires a will that is deeply convinced by powerful motives that inspire it. In order to persevere, this conviction must be based on a faith that reveals the nothingness of human things and the need to assure one's salvation at any price.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Ecole du Sacré-Coeur, p.19f, Issoudun, 1892)

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

Stewardship

We are utterly and completely dependent on God's power, love and mercy.

When I examine my daily life, does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession and time with my family "rank ahead" of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God's kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions so as to glorify God?

Challenging questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards who are offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom.

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

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

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

Recently Deceased: *Lyle Hardy*

Margaret Webster [Mother of Andrew]

Anniversary: *Caterina Fallace, Ann Grannall,*

Phyllis Morrison, Alexander Beggs, Shaun MacKey, Frederick Felsing, Josephine Fox, Bradley Keenan, Josephine McLaren, Eugenia Kurzynski, Horace Staunton, Albert Bingham, Leonard Crowe, Ernest Hackett, Christopher Hemmingway, Tara Ottewill, Claudine MacDowell, Danielle Sykes, Brendan Gibson, Chris Thamer, Bernadette Davis, Emanuel Grech, Nicholas McInerney, Joan Casey, James Fitzgibbon, Kyall Green, Maxwell Lewis, Geoffrey Fisher, Michael Sweeney, Armando Arugay, Jane Packard, Frank Ripszam, Michael Ryan, Desmond Jones, Janelle Sykes.

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

Becoming Catholic

Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]
please contact the parish office for more information.

SOCIAL LIFE

<i>Coffee Club</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass</i>
<i>Over 45's</i>	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea</i>
<i>Pins & Needles</i>	<i>3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i>
<i>Book club</i>	<i>3rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library</i>
<i>Women's Breakfast</i>	<i>4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax</i>
<i>Youth Group</i>	<i>AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre</i>
<i>Men's Group</i>	<i>3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i>
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

LIBRARY NEWS:

Among the fictional titles on display this week are two novels about St Francis of Assisi – “The Joyful Beggar” and “The Perfect Joy of St Francis”.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh
and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

Readings – 26 January 2020

First Reading	Is. 8:23 – 9:3
Psalm	Ps. 26:1, 4, 13-14
Second Reading	1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Gospel	Matthew 4:12-23

26 Jan Reading Roster

6:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Dennis Puniard
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Judy Lane, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

26 Jan Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Marie McKie, John Drury, Margaret McMahon, VACANT, VACANT
8:30am	Agnes Pham, Gerard Teng, Ted & Clare Kell, VACANT
10:00am	Robin Williams, Libby Costello, Pat Sheppard, Erin Pitt, Maida Kajkic
6:00pm	Raquel Salmeron, Ignatius Rozario, Mark Haureliuk, James & Toni Cox

26 Jan Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Judy Netting, Marie McKie
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Margaret Ohlin
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	20 Jan	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	25 Jan	David Pigram, Mike Lavis Matthew Garton
Counting:	26 Jan	Group 7
Church Cleaning:	20 Jan	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams

On a lighter note

Knock knock
Who's there?
Hatch!
Hatch who?
Bless you!

