

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

30 July 2017

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“To be on earth the Heart of God”

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

LITURGIES

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

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REFLECTION

On earth as it is in heaven

There's something powerful that happens when we can connect our faith with the pain of our world. We are concerned not just with going to heaven when we die, but with bringing God's kingdom down here. That means figuring out how we can be a part of the restoration of our world. As we look at our neighbourhood, what does it mean for us to pray the Lord's Prayer; that God's kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven? We pray and act for that every day because we believe that God's kingdom is coming and we want it to come.

In the past few decades Christianity has primarily been about what we believe. But in Jesus we see an invitation to join our actions with a movement rather than ideas and doctrine. People have grown tired of a Christianity that can say what it believes on paper but doesn't have anything to show with our lives. Ideologies and doctrines aren't easy things to love. That's why we need to lift up examples of people who have joined their faith and action, folks like Francis and Clare of Assisi.

When Francis read the Beatitudes, Jesus' inaugural discourse, he saw that the call to be poor stood right at the beginning: "How blessed are the poor in spirit!" Henceforward, Francis' reading of the Gospel considered poverty to be "the foundation of all other virtues and their guardian." The other virtues receive the kingdom only in promise; poverty, however, is invested with heaven now, without delay. "Theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). Present tense!

As a result, Franciscan spirituality has never been an abstraction. It is grounded in Jesus' specific instructions to his disciples, not ideology or denominational certitudes. Francis' living of the Gospel was just that: simple lifestyle. It was the Incarnation continuing in space and time.

Resources used: *Thy Kingdom Come, & Rule of the Gospel*, by Richard Rohr

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

Recently Deceased: Br. Tom Hickey fms,
Caleb Heddle (son of Jason and Meaghan)

Anniversary: *Jillian McInerney, Adrina Dudok, Nola Faulkner, Mathilde Clemence, Diane Eccles, Andrew Kenna, John Connelly, Merle Maloney, Benito Berces, Marie Uhr, Evelyn Guy, Lorraine Rickard, Edward Carr, Christine Robinson, Basil Smith, Kenneth Marlor, Maryte Puzas, Joan Hafner, Michael Ciszek, Leonard Hill, Keith Jobling, Joyce Olive, Donald Telford, Bona Duffy, Lindsay Guest, Adam Markham, Arthur O'Callaghan, Wesley Perceval, Margaret Cole, Alfred Clynh*

FUNERAL NOTICE

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of
Caleb Heddle

Will be celebrated at 2:30pm
Monday 31 July 2017
St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

The Getting of Wisdom: A Private Faith, A Public Christian

Presenter: Kristina Keneally
Day & Date: Thursday 17 August
Time: 6 for 6.30pm
Cost: \$50 per person for a three course meal
Where: Bella Vista Restaurant Belconnen
Chair: Bishop George Browning.
Payments can be made by depositing funds with
"Christians for an Ethical Society", BSB 805-022,
Account 03310199. Reference with "your
surname Dinner". Contact: admin@ces.org.au.

Fun Facts

- ❖ Polar bears are left-handed.
- ❖ Dolphins sleep with one eye open!
- ❖ The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds
- ❖ Cows can sleep standing up, but they can only dream if laying down

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times:

Monday 14 August

VIGIL Mass – 6:00pm

Tuesday 15 August

Mass – 9:30am

First Holy Communion

Will be celebrated at the following masses:

Saturday 5 August 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 6 August 10:00am Mass

Saturday 12 August 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 13 August 10:00am Mass

Concerned Catholics Meeting

Day & Date: Thursday 31 August

Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Where: Australian Centre for Christianity
& Culture, Blackall Street, Barton.

Presenters: Dr John Falzon *CEO of SVdP NCA;*
Sr Ruth Durick OSU
President, Catholic Religious Aus.
Fr Peter Day
founder of 'HOME' in Queanbeyan.

This second meeting of concerned Catholics will focus on how the laity of the Archdiocese might increase their participation in the Church. Some background and content can be found at:

<https://concernedcatholicscanberra.org/>

"Marriage & Family Sunday"

Sunday 13 August – 11:00am Mass

Archbishop Christopher Prowse invites all to celebrate Marriage and Family Sunday with him at St Christopher's Cathedral Manuka.

During the Mass the Archbishop will confer a blessing on all engaged and newly married couples and on those involved in marriage education and support.

A light luncheon in the new St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Manuka will follow. Please RSVP phone 6239 9800 or at <http://bit.ly/marriagesunday>

PARISH NEWS

We welcome Archbishop Christopher Prowse who will celebrate the 5:00pm Vigil mass this weekend.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate Poppy Edwards and Cameryn Kelly who will make their First Holy Communion this weekend 6:00pm Sunday mass

Please hold all of the children in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time.



Presbytery Kitchen: we have engaged the services of Blackforest Joinery to renovate the Presbytery kitchen. It is anticipated that the work will be carried out at the end of August. Before the new kitchen is installed the St Joseph the Worker group will demolish and remove the old kitchen and do some other preparations to have it ready for the builder. Blackforest Joinery was the company who built the new Sanctuary.



Meeting of Hospitality Ministers Sunday 30 July 11:15am in the Church Foyer

Hospitality Ministers are invited to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend please contact the parish office.

Parishioners interested in joining this ministry are encouraged to attend the meeting.

"When you welcome the stranger you welcome Jesus"

*Judy Netting for the Liturgy Committee.
[Hospitality Ministry]*

St Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vinnies Winter Appeal raised almost \$2500. Thank you very much for your generosity.



St Vincent de Paul Conference

Next meeting: Monday 31 July, 7:30pm in the Vinnies Room under the Church. Contact Mike Blyth 0419818410.

Refugee Resettlement Committee

NEXT MEETING: Tues 1 Aug
Parish Centre - 7:30pm

New members are very welcome to attend.

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

**First and Third Sundays
after the 6:00pm Mass**

Next gathering 6 August

We gather for a meal, play games and share our stories. A group where young people can explore their faith in a safe environment, share experiences, and encourage each other in their faith journey.

Contact the Parish Office
for more information

Web Page: COMPACT is accessible on the WEB go to www.stjohnkippax.org.au click on the tab *Parish News* and then *Weekly Bulletin*.

Past COMPACTS can be obtained from the Archive page follow the steps above then click on *2017 COMPACT archive*.

LIBRARY NEWS: "I am with you always", "Created to be God's friend", "Created to be God's friend", "On Job", "The Man who wrestled with God", "A Priestly kingdom and a holy nation" and "The Prophets of Israel" are some of the OT selection on display this week.

ROSTERS

6 Aug Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Debbie Milne, Judy Netting, Joe & Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, VACANT, VACANT
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Jenny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Maria Devine, Anthony Dunicliff-Hagan, James & Toni Cox

6 Aug Reading Roster

5:00pm	Therese Kercher, Daryl Smeaton
8:30am	John O'Heir, Violet Duve
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Nicole Mikkonen, Judith Deklin

6 Aug Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Jenny Maher
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Bryan Cowman
6:00pm	Agnes Pham

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	31 July	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds:	29 July	All groups
Counting:	5 Aug	Group 2
Church Cleaning:	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman	

PARISH ACTIVITIES

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation [Library]	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

SOCIAL LIFE

Coffee Club	Second & Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass
Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Thursday 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 Little Chef Café Belconnen

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, I love your commands..

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Mt 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

The twin parables of today's gospel – the treasure in the field and the pearl of great value – reveal a paradoxical truth about the kingdom of Heaven. Throughout the gospels, Jesus presents the kingdom as 'now but not yet'; as 'present but future'. This paradox is captured in these twin parables. In both cases, the kingdom is likened to something of great value that is discovered but cannot be immediately grasped. In both parables, the finder must go away and sell everything so that they can eventually come to possess the treasure they have discovered.

By comparing this experience with the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus suggests that most of us can only ever catch glimpses of what it means to live in the kingdom. However, those glimpses that we catch – those moments of inspiration and connection with God and with one another – are like the treasures of the parables. They are enough to inspire us to do what it takes to make sure that we will one day enter into that kingdom reality.

Resources used: [Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp](#)

School of Religion: – 9.15am-10.00am
Sundays Parish Centre (School Term Only)
For children not attending a Catholic School



Hearing Loop: - We have a hearing loop in the body of the church. Adjust your hearing aids according to audiologist's advice.