

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### The Transfiguration of the Lord Year A

6 August 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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun during  
10:00am Mass  
Reconciliation: Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm or by  
appointment with the priest

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## REFLECTION

### Living on Earth

The transfiguration was a moment in time when Jesus' divine glory broke through his humanity and shone with a brilliance that was blinding.

Jesus was not born as the Christ. A transfiguration, a morphing, a realization had to take place, even in Jesus, before he became the Anointed One in which everything else cohered and held together. The resurrected Jesus is the Christ. The Risen Christ is Jesus but also bigger and beyond Jesus' individual form and lifetime.

In the story of Christ's ascension as told in Acts (1:9-11), angels appear next to the disciples as they gaze after the rising figure. The angels ask, "Why are you standing here staring up into heaven?" Most of Christianity has been doing just that, straining to find the historical Jesus "up there." *Where did he go?* We've been obsessed with the question because we think the universe is divided into separate levels—heaven and earth. But it is one universe and all within it is transmuted and transformed by the glory of God. The whole point of the Incarnation and Risen Body is that the Christ is *here*—and always was! But now we have a story that allows us to imagine it just might be true.

Jesus didn't go anywhere. He became the universal omnipresent Body of Christ. That's why the final book of the Bible promises us a new heaven *and* a new earth, Rev. 21:1) not an escape from earth. We focused on "going" to heaven instead of living on earth as Jesus did—which makes heaven and earth one. It is heaven all the way to heaven. What you choose now is exactly what you choose to be forever. God will not disappoint you.

We too can transfigure all it takes is for us to recognise God in the ordinary happenings of our lives and transform.

**Resources used: *Heaven and Earth Are One*,  
by Richard Rohr**

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

**Recently Deceased: Dénes Bogsányi,  
Peter Spratt, Elsa Powell** [died in the Philippines]

**Anniversary:** 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 Clynych,  
Manning Hoy, Dominic Pham, Indianna Forth,  
Norman Pentland, Phillip Doran, Leslie Ferry,  
Ray Allen, George Brettell, James Marlor,  
Zenona Skiba

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## Mary of the Cross (Mary McKillop) Feast Day – Tuesday 8 August

Mass will be celebrated on  
Tuesday at 9:30am

There will be a Liturgy of the Word with  
Communion at 9:30am on Wednesday 9 August.

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

Mass Times:  
Mon 14 Aug VIGIL Mass – 6:00pm  
Tues 15 Aug Mass – 9:30am

There will be a Liturgy of the Word with  
Communion at 9:30am on Thursday 17 August.

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## Funeral Notice

*Dénes Bogsányi*  
*Tuesday 8 August 2017*  
*3:00pm*

*Norwood Park Crematorium*

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## August Baptisms

*We welcome into our community:*

*William and Cameron Broadhurst,*  
*sons of Mark and Michelle;*  
*Ashlyn Thomas,*  
*Daughter of Andrew and Megan*



## “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>

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## 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](mailto:admin@ces.org.au).

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## 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/>

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## Fun Facts about Australia

- Australia invented the world's first seat belt law in 1970
- There are 60 wine regions in Australia
- Actually around 1.35 trillion bottles of wine are made in Australia
- The Australian Alps actually receive more snow each year than Switzerland

# PARISH NEWS

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*We congratulate the children who will make their First Holy Communion this weekend.*

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

*There will also be children making their First Holy Communion on:*

*Saturday 12 August 5:00pm Vigil Mass*

*Sunday 13 August 10:00am Mass*



## [RCIA]

### The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Perhaps you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?

#### Enquiry Night

**Come and See** John 1:39

**Wednesday 11 October 2017**

Finding God: The experience of finding God is very much connected to what we are first looking for. Desire is the mainspring of human nature. The desire, once discovered, and the process, once it has been set in motion, will guide or draw a person toward the mystery of God.

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for your harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord. Jer. 29:11-14*

*In all the baptized, from first to last, the sanctifying power of the Spirit is at work, impelling us to evangelization. In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples. Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium.*

## St Edmund's College Canberra Indigenous Reconciliation Project - Sponsorship.

**Seeking your Financial Support:** Gerard Teng is a year 12 Student at St Edmund's College and a parishioner of St John the Apostle Parish. Gerard is a member of St Edmund's Youth Ministry Team and will travel to the Northern Territory from 20–27 August to be involved in an Indigenous Reconciliation project. During this week the team will spend time working with indigenous students in Darwin and the Tiwi Islands. The expenses associated with this project are considerable, while the College provides some funding the students are raise additional funds to support the trip. If you would like to support Gerard, donations can be left at the parish office.

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### 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

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### Migrant and Refugee Sunday 27 August - Save the date!

We will celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday a shared multi-cultural luncheon in the parish centre.

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**Web Page:** COMPACT is accessible on the WEB go to [www.stjohnkippax.org.au](http://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](#).

# ROSTERS

## 13 Aug Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Sharon Loiterton, Margaret Conlon, Robert Greig, Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Fay Hodgetts, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh,
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Frank Colley, Barbara Witrzens, Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck, Maria Devine, Anthony Dunicliff-Hagan

## 13 Aug Reading Roster

5:00pm	Mary French, Tom Halloran
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Children's Mass
6:00pm	Ruth Dunicliff-Hagan, Brian Mahony

## 13 Aug Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Michael Horan, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	David Mather, Therese Mather
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	7 Aug	Margaret Stanford
Grounds:	12 Aug	Group 2
Counting:	13 Aug	Group 4

Church Cleaning:	Debbie Milne, John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Peter Hofman
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# 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 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 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 Little Chef Café Belconnen

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:

listen to him.

Alleluia!



## GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL Mt 17:1-9

*His face was shining like the sun.*

Both Moses and Elijah had powerful encounters with God on the top of a mountain - it is appropriate that it is they who appear beside Jesus in the transfiguration account. Moses travelled up Mt Sinai to receive the Law from God in the form of the Ten Commandments. When Elijah was fleeing for his life from Queen Jezebel he fled to Mt Horeb. The word of the Lord came to Elijah and told him to stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord was about to pass by. Elijah experienced the Lord in the whisper of a gentle breeze. Jesus takes his most trusted disciples up a high mountain to allow them to share in what he knows is about to occur. It is a very clear teaching moment in which Jesus hopes the disciples are going to finally grasp the truth about him. As the disciples stand by, Jesus is transformed before them - suddenly bathed in light and his clothes become dazzlingly white. The disciples also see Moses and Elijah standing and talking with Jesus.

Resources used: Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

**LIBRARY NEWS:** Three titles on display this week are taken from the library's psychology section - "Set yourself free", "Finding your voice" and, "The universal heart".

**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.