

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

5 November 2017

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**“To be on earth the Heart of God”**

### Parish Administration:

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### MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am



**Hearing Loop:** - in the body of the church.

### 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 5:00pm – 5:30pm or by  
appointment with the priest

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## REFLECTION

### Practise what you preach

It is always good for us to reflect on our behaviour and do some soul-searching. Today's Gospel names one of the challenges for the church. The last line of today's Gospel sums up what it has been like for many of us to hear about how some priests betrayed our trust, over the years many victims of sexual abuse were disbelieved and a few of our bishops have tried to cover up criminal actions. The exalted have been humbled and the humble exalted.

Jesus tells the crowds to listen to what the Pharisees teach, but not to follow their appalling example. It is this hypocritical behaviour where in recent times the church has been called to account. We have been seen to be a community more interested in our good name and public standing than in the damage done to those brothers and sisters of ours who were given into our care and became victims of physical and sexual abuse. We have been exposed as not practising what we preach.

The Church is in a bind here. We are not like other groups who can simply expel their worst members and move on. If we are going to be faithful to all of Jesus' teaching and the entire Christian tradition, then we have to comfort and heal the victims of abuse and call the perpetrators to the demands of the law, treatment and reconciliation. St Augustine summed this up in the 5th century when he said that forgiveness has two daughters: justice and compassion.

Though there should never have been one case of child abuse in the Church, less than two percent of all Catholic priests have been convicted of this dreadful crime. Against a prevailing misconception, Church-run institutions are not the places where children are most at risk. Tragically, it's the family home. Over 80 percent of all child abuse occurs there. This does not excuse one case of abuse in the Church but it does suggest that, if our wider society really wants to tackle this problem, we are all going to have to start by looking in our own backyards.

We believe that the only way to healing is through forgiveness. True forgiveness never runs from the truth or minimises our sinfulness. It confronts the human condition with justice and compassion for *all* concerned.

Resources used: *An excerpt from a Homily*,  
by Richard Leonard SJ

## Invitation Ministry Thank You Lunch

Day: Sunday  
Date: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
Time: 12 noon  
Place: St John the Apostle Parish Centre  
RSVP: 20 November 2017  
PH: 6254 3236 or [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

We thank you for your commitment to ministry and the care and wellbeing of our parish. Join with other parishioners as we take the opportunity to celebrate the past year and give thanks for the gifts

### "CHOSEN"

#### Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections

\$4.50 per book

Available in the parish bookstore

A spiritually rich resource for praying during Advent. These daily reflections have been written by 14 contributors from the Diocese of Wollongong

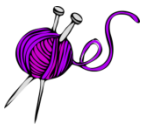


## Parish Bookstore

Columban Calendars \$9.00

Majellan Christmas Cards \$6.50 Pkt of 10

## Pins & Needles Craft Group



Third Thursday Monthly  
Next Meeting: 16 November  
7:15pm Parish Library

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading  
"The Cuckoo's Calling"  
by Robert Galbraith



Sunday 19 November - 3:00 pm  
Parish Library.

There is one book available to borrow in the parish office.

## SECOND RITE DURING ADVENT – 7:30pm

Aranda Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Charnwood Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

## Welcome New Parishioners

A BBQ to welcome new parishioners will be held on.....

Day & Date: Friday 17 November  
Time: 5:30pm  
Where: Parish Centre

If you have come to St John the Apostle parish in the past few years you are invited to come and meet fellow parishioners in a social setting.

RSVP: 13 Nov. – Parish Office

It is a pastoral plan initiative, that in future, a function to welcome new parishioners will be held twice a year. *"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it."* Hebrews 13:2

## THE PSYCHOLOGY AND SPIRITUALITY OF RELATIONSHIP

Date & Time: Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. 6.50pm  
Where: Holy Trinity, Curtin  
Presenter: Dr. Patricia Moroney,  
Jungian Analyst Psychotherapist  
and Spiritual Director

Cost: Free  
Registration: Phone 6286 6939

Depth Psychology has much to teach us about relationship and works hand in glove with Spirituality to build a love that is rich, solid and inspired for a less-conflicted road.

## "L'Arche Genesaret Card Day"

One and all are invited to attend the L'Arche Genesaret fundraising Card Day. Games include Mahjong, Bridge or any other card/board game

When: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm  
Cost: \$25.00 (includes coffee, tea, lunch wine or juice)  
Venue: Canberra Bowling Club, Forrest  
RSVP: Mary on 6258 1739 or  
Di on 6241 2658.

RSVPs due on or before November 13th.

On Friday 3 November Fr. Gerard attended the priestly ordination of Krish Mathavan msc in Adelaide. Please hold Krish in your prayers. We pray that Krish will find joy in his ministry and that his ministry is fruitful and appreciated by the people he serves.

**Coffee Club** after 10:00am mass on the second Sunday of the month will discontinue from December. Coffee Club on the fourth Sunday of the month will continue as usual.

## Parish Pastoral Council MEMBERSHIP

Two parishioners have expressed an interest in joining the Pastoral Council however, we have room for more. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Marian at the parish office.

## Sacrament of Penance

Preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance in lent 2018 is commencing now.

If you have a child in year 2 or above and they have not made this sacrament please contact the parish office.

The preparation commences with a formation evening for Parents.

**Date: Monday 20 November**

**Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm**

## PARISH ASSEMBLY

**Sunday 18 February 2018**

**Sunday 25 February 2018**

**11:00am – 1:00pm**

**concluding with a sausage sizzle**

*As Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, we live our faith in the Father's love revealed in the Heart of Christ. We want to be like Jesus who loved with a human heart; we want to love through him and with him, and to proclaim his love to the world. #10*

Our heart has not only the need to love; it experiences also the need to be loved. Where shall we turn to find a true friend into whose heart we can pour what is overflowing in ours? To whom can we confide our most intimate secrets? Jesus Christ has a keen desire to be our friend, so let us turn to him, making him our friend. How precious his friendship is! We can count on his fidelity; he will never fail us, not even when we are in the midst of trials, not even on the other side of the tomb. *Jules Chevalier, Issoudun 1891.*

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



## Remembrance Mass

### Change of Date

The remembrance mass has been moved from

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November to

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10:00am

## Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12

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

**Next gathering 5<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Contact the Parish Office  
for more information

## Refugee Resettlement Committee

**NEXT MEETING**

**Tues 7 November**

parish library - 7.30pm

All are welcome to attend.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Fr. John Shallvey msc,  
Patrick Healey

**Anniversary:** *Martin Moloney, Malcolm Lovelock,  
Francis Fulton, Peter Geraghty, Alejandra Bai,  
Jack McMahon, Kerry Hogden, Elsie Screen,  
Silva Santos, Gregory Robinson, Ann Raads,  
Paul Newton, Peter Fox, May Skelly, Gavin Smith,  
Maurice Scheerlinck, Emily Flynn, John Joyce,  
Narim Dawalibi, Anne Jones, Rex Kelley,  
Edward Dwyer, Ursula Bell, Carmichael Grace,  
Patricia Smith, John Roots, Margaret Webster.*

## 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
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm
Children's Choir	Thursday 4:00 – 5:00pm

## 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> 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
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

**LIBRARY NEWS:** This week's display of books on the history of Christianity and the early church.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them  
and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

## Readings – 12 November 2017

First Reading	<a href="#">Wis 6:12-16</a>
Psalm	<a href="#">Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2</a>
Second Reading	<a href="#">1 Thes 4:13-18</a>
Gospel	<a href="#">Mt 25:1-13</a>

## 12 Nov Reading Roster

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

## 12 Nov Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	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 Witzrens, Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck, Maria Devine, Marian Crowley, Anthony Dunicliff-Hagan

## 12 Nov Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Violet Duve, Jean Tierney
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer

## Weekly Rosters

<b>Altar Society:</b>	6 Nov	Margaret Ferguson
<b>Grounds:</b>	11 Nov	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth
<b>Counting:</b>	12 Nov	Group 3
<b>Church Cleaning:</b> 6 November	Group 1	

## On a Lighter note

Q: What did the ocean say to the beach?

A: Nothing, it just waved.

Q: What did the teacher do at the beach?

A: She tested the water.