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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

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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



Hearing Loop: - in the body of the church.

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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From the Pastor's desk...

It is rare for a saint to have more than one feast day. Saint Mary, of course, has innumerable feast days honouring the unique role that she played in God's plan of salvation. The other exceptions are Saints Peter, Paul and John the Baptist.

In John the Baptist's case both his birth and martyrdom are celebrated in the Christian calendar. Such is the importance that we ascribe to John. In Luke's gospel the birth of John parallels that of Jesus. Both have annunciation stories, the Benedictus Canticle is associated with John's birth while the Magnificat Canticle is associated with the birth of Jesus, and both the birth and naming of John and Jesus are described.

John looms large at the beginning of Luke's gospel because John emerges out of the vast background of the Old Testament. At the same time he is the harbinger of the New Testament. In this sense he forms a kind of linchpin linking these two worlds. But then his influence and importance must fade. He is the herald, not the saviour. He points to Jesus, not to himself. In the northern hemisphere this feast of the nativity of John is celebrated at the Summer solstice (just as Jesus' nativity is commemorated at the Winter solstice). From now on the days will grow shorter reminding us of John's words about himself in relation to Jesus: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3.30).

We too can take on John's words and allow Christ to increase in us when we die to our false selves.

Peace and blessings
Gerard

MSC Missions: *Last weekend we welcomed Fr. Adrian Meaney msc from the MSC Mission Office. Adrian spoke about the work of the mission office and during mass had a special collection to help support that work. St John the Apostle parishioners very generously gave \$7424.80. This included an anonymous donation of \$1,500. Fr. Adrian sends his heartfelt thanks for your generosity and wants you to know that you are remembered in his prayers.*

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The next breakfast is:



Tuesday 26 June 7:30am

Little Chef Café
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

SJAYouth —At the Parish Assembly in February there was a lot of concern expressed about what we are doing for the youth of the parish. If you were one of those you may be interested in supporting the Youth Ministry Team. We are encouraging a diverse age group for this ministry - age is no barrier to membership - this ministry is open to all parishioners – it is not just for parents of teens attending Agape. A meeting has been organised for Sunday 1 July at 7:00pm.

[Please note – this is a change of day and time]. Please contact the parish office by Friday 29 June to register your expression of interest.

The Refugee Resettlement Committee



would like to express our thanks to the Uniting Church at Kippax, who allowed us to have a stall at their last garage sale. From this we raised \$265, which will be used in our work for refugees in Canberra. We appreciate their help and their continued interest in this cause.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving envelopes for 2018-2019 are available on the table in the foyer.

Planned Giving tax receipts for the 2017-2018 financial year will be emailed to givers after the end of the financial year.

First Holy Communion:

The children preparing to for their First Holy Communion will be presented to the parish this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Over 45's will meet on **Wednesday 27 June** for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre. Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on the last Friday of each month after the 9:30am mass.

Next anointing will be 29 June 2018.

"Winter Woolies at Calvary"

The Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is having a WINTER WOOLIES sale

Date: Thursday 14 July

Time: 8.00am - 4.00pm

Venue: main foyer of the Hospital.

Take the opportunity to visit and buy scarves, beanies, crocheted/knitted rugs and many more hand knitted items while supporting the work of the Auxiliary, that raises funds to provide medical equipment and items for patient comfort. Enquiries Mary Cruickshank 62544084.

Housekeeper Position

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is looking to employ a casual House Keeper for the General Secretariat residence in Braddon, ACT. A copy of the position description and additional information is available at

www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au

Applications close at 5pm Monday 25 June 2018.

For more information contact Jane Bashiruddin on 0447 238 432 or email oadvisor@catholic.org.au

Reflection

Being Unique and Fitting In!

The idiosyncratic character of John the Baptist's life caught the attention of the crowds, but he did not keep this attention upon himself. Instead, he used it to point to Jesus, who appears to have been so commonplace that he might have been overlooked had not John cried out.

At the centre of our lives there is an innate tension.

On the one hand, something in us wants to be different, wants to stand out, be separate, show itself to be unique and independent. From the minute we're born, our independence and uniqueness begin to make their protest. We don't want to be the same as everyone else. And this isn't just a mark of pride or ego. Nature intended it that way. If no two snowflakes are meant to be the same, how much more so human beings?

We are meant to individuate, develop a uniqueness, and grow into a woman or man such as there has never been one on this planet. Our uniqueness is part of our gift to others and so one element of growing into maturity is having the strength to let that uniqueness emerge.

But we have an equally strong, almost contradictory, impulse inside us. As much as we want to be separate and stand out, we want too to be connected, to fit in, to take our proper place. Baptism calls us into family, community, and the Body of Christ. Thus, baptism sets us apart and calls us into solidarity with others, both at the same time.

Jesus, it seems, set himself apart, through the integrity of his life. Where he showed himself to be different was by not sinning, by praying for whole nights, by fasting and going off by himself into the desert, by forgiving his enemies, by constant intimacy with God, and by being morally faithful when everyone else betrayed.

Resource used: *Set Apart or One-With?* by Ronald Rolheiser OMI

Heart Spirituality

Holy Communion

God is love, says the beloved disciple. God proved this by creation, but more so by the mysteries of his life and death.

He never showed it more forcibly than in the institution of the Blessed Eucharist, for he summed up all his marvels in this divine sacrament, "Making it a memorial of his marvels". St Thomas Aquinas calls the Eucharist the sacrament of love; Saint Bernard, the love of loves. Since a self-giving love wants to be repaid only by love, I shall go to this Holy Table, pouring out my gratitude and I shall say to Jesus: Come, dwell in my heart. Purify it by your presence and make it holy. Kindle in it the fire of your love. My heart is yours; make it love you ever more and more.

Jules Chevalier
(Retraite, p. 95 Issoudun 1904)

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

Thankyou I wish to offer my sincere thanks to the wonderful family of St John the Apostle, who prayed for me and offered help in so many ways before and during my recent spell in hospital. May God bless you in all your needs. Maresa Laird

Reconciliation Action Plan [RAP] – In conjunction with St John the Apostle Primary school our parish is embarking on developing a Reconciliation Action Plan. A RAP program provides a framework for organisations to support the national reconciliation movement. If you would like to be part of this team please contact the parish office by 6 July 2018.

Blessed Peter To Rot Feast Day

PNG Catechist and Martyr
1912 – 1945

Ecumenical Eucharistic Mass

Where: St. John the Apostle Church

When: Saturday 7th July 2018

Time: 11:00am

Followed by PNG/Islands Luncheon

Please bring a dish to share

For more information contact

Francesca Deklin Ph. 0437 405 052

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

Recently Deceased: Br. Dan Geary msc

Anniversaries: June Henshaw, Adrian Uhr, Giovanni Scalora, Jason Murray, Arthur Yee, Kevin Maloney, Suzie Katavic, Nathan Jones, Daniel O'Connor, Eileen Schmich, John Lazaro, Mildred Holland, William Edmunds, Rohan Murphy, Noral Keneally, Rebecca Malone, Jan McDonough, Stanley Howell, Narelle Karling, Lynne Williman, Philip Connolly, Daniel Worner, Catherina Farrugia, Gilbert Hall, Patrick Salmon, Jean Irvine, Jack Synnott, Elizabeth Dennison, John O'Brien, Steven Argy, Rosalie Callaghan.

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 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
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre

School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term
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LIBRARY NEWS: "Basic skills for Christian counsellors", "Grieving through rejections", "The Life factor" and "Intimacy and solitude" are some of the books on display this week.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You, child, will be called the prophet of
the Most High;
you will go before the Lord
to prepare his ways.
Alleluia!

Readings – 1 July 2018

First Reading	Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Psalm	Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13
Second Reading	2 Cor 8:7.9.13-15
Gospel	Mark 5:21-24. 35-43

1 July Reading Roster

5:00pm	Michael Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O'Heir, Violet Duve
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	TO BE ADVISED

1 July Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Maria Catanzariti, Helen Kennedy, Janet Almond, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Maria Scarr, Victoria Scarano, VACANT, VACANT
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Jenny Howarth, Nunga Umaru, Bonnie Benedictos, Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	James Cox, Toni Cox, Margaret Curry, Maria Devine, Anthony Dunnicliff-Hagan

1 July Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Mercia Needham
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Agnes Pham

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	25 June	Margaret Stanford
Grounds:	30 June	5 TH Saturday – All groups
Counting:	1 July	GROUP 1

Church Cleaning:	25 June	Joseph Lê Văn Hải, Sam Van Nguyen
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On a Lighter note

A priest was about to baptise a baby. Turning to the father, he inquired the name of the child. "William Patrick Arthur Timothy John MacArthur" the father announced. The priest turned to the Acolyte and said, "A little more water please."