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## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

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14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B

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8 July 2018 #32.18

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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.

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### 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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### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## From the Pastor's desk...

“Familiarity breeds contempt.” This aphorism might well apply to today’s gospel in which we read of Jesus’ rejection by his hometown – and even more shockingly, by his own family. This causes Jesus to declare: “Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.”

The sad reality of the people of Jesus’ hometown is that they had set expectations of who Jesus was: “Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary...” In other words, they had Jesus boxed. Their imaginations were not able to accommodate that one of their kith and kin could be God’s prophet, let alone the Messiah; and so Jesus left, “amazed at their unbelief”, and unable work many miracles.

Miracles cannot happen if our imaginations will not allow us to grasp possibilities that lie beyond our usual expectations. This was the case in Jesus’ healing ministry. It is also the case in our own time. We need to be open to the unexpected, and then we might be able to grasp the exceptional grace that is constantly offered to us. And this grace is usually mediated through the familiar – our families, friends, parish community, and so on. The flip side of this is that we are meant also to mediate the grace of God to others. Imagine how things might be if we were continually open to this grace – to receive and give – then our lives would be rich indeed, abounding in untold miracles.

Jesus is not confined to history. He walks today in our shoes. In baptism we are called to share in Christ’s prophetic mission. We are baptised as prophets. Yes, this will mean that we will inevitably experience rejection and the pain that this carries. But if we truly exercise our prophetic mission – especially when our words are healing, life-giving and hope-filled – then will truly witness the coming of God’s kingdom among us.

**Peace and blessings**  
**Gerard**

## NAIDOC WEEK 8 - 15 July 2018

**Because of Her, We Can!**

As pillars of our society, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played – and continue to play – active and significant roles at the community, local, state and national levels. They have marched, protested and spoken at demonstrations and national gatherings for the proper recognition of our rights and calling for national reform and justice. Their achievements, their voice, their unwavering passion give us strength and have empowered past generations and paved the way for generations to come.



### LOCAL EVENTS

#### NAIDOC 2018 FAMILY DAY

Sunday, July 8, 2018 - 11:00am to 4:00pm

Cost of Entry: Free

University of Canberra Concourse

Canberra & Districts NAIDOC Aboriginal Corporation

[actnaidoc@yahoo.com](mailto:actnaidoc@yahoo.com)

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#### Corroboree Beats Exhibition

Belconnen Community Gallery

9:00am – 3:00pm Finishes 13 July

Entry FREE

[ben.drysdale@bcsact.com.au](mailto:ben.drysdale@bcsact.com.au)

For more events go to the website.

<http://www.aidoc.org.au/get-involved/2018-theme>

#### Combat Human Trafficking

Presentation 29 July - 7.00pm.

St Christopher's Pastoral Centre

Presenter: Heather Moore

*Come and join the discussion about what the Australian Government is doing to combat human trafficking through the introduction of an Australian Modern Day Slavery Act.*

#### Pilgrimage - St Mary MacKillop Pambula PARISH

**Where:** Eden NSW **When:** 11th August.

Starting with a short Pilgrims walk from the Eden Whalers Football ground to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Mass at 12.00pm followed by a provided lunch.

Come and honour Australia's first Saint, Should you require any further information please feel free to contact us.

The Parish email is [Pambula@cg.org.au](mailto:Pambula@cg.org.au) or our website <http://cg.org.au/pambula/Home>



## PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving tax receipts for the 2017-2018 financial year were emailed to givers during the week if you did not receive yours please contact the parish office.

There are still some Planned Giving envelopes for 2018-2019 on the table in the foyer that have not been collected. If you asked for envelopes and haven't picked them up please check on the small table.

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### SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading   
"The New York Trilogy"   
by Paul Auster

Sunday 15 July - 3:00 pm

Parish Library.

*New members are always most welcome*

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### Pins & Needles Craft Group



Third Thursday Monthly

Next Meeting: 19 July

7:15pm Parish Library

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### CALVARY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AUXILIARY TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISING EVENT

#### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Date: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Canberra Labor Club Belconnen

Tickets: \$20per person (EFTPOS available)

All money raised goes to the hospital.

Prizes for Best Dressed and Best Dressed Table Front Door Raffle.

Tickets: Daphne 0407 835 846.

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### St John the Apostle Primary School

is selling entertainment books for only \$60. If you would like to save yourself lots of \$\$\$ on your grocery shopping, dining and movies, entertainment for the kids, and even your Christmas shopping, please order your 2018-19 book online at

[www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2323z3](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2323z3)

You can even purchase a digital copy and load it on two smartphones so you always have your discounts with you!

For more information contact the SJA fundraising coordinator Belinda Duke at [belinda.duke@hotmail.com.au](mailto:belinda.duke@hotmail.com.au)

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# Reflection

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## Prophetic Wisdom

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation.

One of the great surprises on the human journey is that we come to full consciousness precisely by shadowboxing, facing our own contradictions, and making friends with our own mistakes and failings.

Our success-driven culture scorns all failure, powerlessness, and any form of poverty. Yet Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount by praising "the poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3)! Just that should tell us how thoroughly we have missed the point of the Gospel. When Jesus does oppose human sinfulness, it is the sins of malice with which he has no patience; the sins of weakness are always patiently healed.

The experience of rejection, misunderstanding and frustration is also a reality in many of our lives. As a community we can run the risk of acting like the residents of Nazareth. No matter how much wisdom, authority or goodness some people demonstrate in our Christian community, it seems some people are told they are not acceptable, we take offence at them and drive them away.

When we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes through us, it comes from God.

Resources used: *Reflections* by Dianne Bergant CSS, & Richard Leonard SJ. & *Falling Upward*, by Richard Rohr

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# Heart Spirituality

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## Be gentle, be strong

Two attributes seem to dominate in God: mercy and power:

The *suaviter* and *fortiter*

Of which the Bible speaks (Wis. 8:1).

The heart of Jesus possesses them to an eminent degree. They govern all our Saviour's actions; they are the distinctive mark of his mission: Learn from me for I am gentle of heart (Mat 11:29).

From the cradle to the cross, gentleness and strength appear in him.

In an incomparably striking way:

I am the good shepherd (John 10:11); mercy went with him everywhere (Acts 10:38); and strength never abandoned him (Luke 24:19).

Made like him, all the children of Adam must be marked by this twofold quality.

St. Paul tells us the same thing:

God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power and love (2 Tim. 1:7).

I can do all things in him who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13). Gentleness assures us

possession of the earth (Mat. 5:4) and

strength the kingdom of heaven (Mat. 11:12).

In a word, be gentle (Sirah 4:10), be strong (Deut. 31: 7, 23).

Jules Chevalier

[Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus

Quatrième ed. Paris 1900 p. 194f]

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

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## Consultation – for Women of the Archdiocese

Date: September 8 2018

Time: 10.00am to 3.00pm

Venue: Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton

Women from across the Archdiocese are invited to gather to share their story of faith with other women. The occasion will be an opportunity for women to name their reality, concerns and dreams for the Church in a safe and supportive environment.

It will be an opportunity for women to shape a response to the listening sessions for the 2020 Plenary Council.

Register your interest: Jacinta (02) 62019861 or catholic.women@cg.org.au

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

**Recently Deceased:** Hortencia Cid

**Anniversaries:** Constance Crowe, Gertrude Czarnik, Conner Cooke, Anne Patterson, Christopher Davis, Mary Ryan, Josephine Allester, Mollie Paterson, Marie Richards, Chris Penders, John McEnaney, Laurence Swift, Linda Dawson, Victoria Norton, Bede Stinson, Lionel Carberry, Jan Kurzynski, Catherine Raadts, Josephine O’Kane, Joan Ferguson, Gayle McGoogan, Veronica Hannah, David Leonardo, Paul Kurylowicz, Mona Castle, Stephen Carson, Stephen Gorst, Leo Williams, Naomi Slater, Rudi Weiss, Joseph Myatt, Rita Riddle, Isabella Backhaus, Gwendoline White, Sheila Marshall, James Patterson, Queenie Solomonsz

## 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
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**LIBRARY NEWS:** Try some of these books – “Intimacy and Solitude”, “The Invisible partners”, “Bring out the best in people”. All are on display this week.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News  
to the poor!  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 15 July 2018

<b>First Reading</b>	Am 7:12-15
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 84:9-14
<b>Second Reading</b>	Eph 1:3-14
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 6:7-13

## 15 July Reading Roster

<b>5:00pm</b>	Bob Raadts, Judy Netting
<b>8:30am</b>	Judith Deklin, Elizabeth McDonald
<b>10:00am</b>	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
<b>6:00pm</b>	Terry Fewtrell, Joe Ots

## 15 July Ministers of Communion

<b>5:00pm</b>	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Patrick Corr, Laurine and Daryl Smeaton
<b>8:30am</b>	Jean Tierney, Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
<b>10:00am</b>	Marie Flint, Maida Kajkic, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane, VACANT
<b>6:00pm</b>	Peter Polkinghorne, Brian Mahony, Matthew Garton, Kerry Yard, Stephanie Stewart

## 15 July Hospitality Roster

<b>5:00pm</b>	Mary Barrett, Lesley Givens
<b>8:30am</b>	Norma Sloan, Clyde Sloan
<b>10:00am</b>	Marie Flint, Olivia McMahan
<b>6:00pm</b>	Brian Mahony

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	<b>9 July</b>	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds:	<b>14 July</b>	VACANT
Counting:	<b>15 July</b>	Group 5

Church Cleaning:	<b>9 July</b>	Ted & Carol Quade
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## On a Lighter note

Freddie, in church for the first time, watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the boy piped up, “Don’t pay for me, Daddy, I’m under five.”