



# PARISH NEWS

**Over 45's** will meet on  
**Wednesday 26 September** 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

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

“Extinctions”

by Josephine Wilson

Sunday 21 October - 3:00 pm  
Parish Library.

*New members are always most welcome*



**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 28 September**

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE  
**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB**

The next breakfast is:



**Tuesday 25 September 7:30am**

Little Chef Café  
Nettlefold Street Belconnen

**Saturday Vigil Mass Time**

will revert to 6:00pm on

**Saturday 13 October 2018.**

## Sunday Scripture Readings

The Sunday readings for mass with a  
commentary are available for  
parishioners who are interested in  
praying with the Scriptures for the  
upcoming weekend. They are on the white  
table in the church foyer.

## Social Justice Sunday 30 September

This year's Social Justice Statement is titled:  
***Place to Call Home:***  
***Making a home for everyone in our land.***

The Statement confronts the growing  
challenge of homelessness and housing  
insecurity in Australia.

For further details about the Social Justice  
Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social  
Justice Council website  
([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au))  
or call (02) 8306 3499

## Ozanam Sunday 29/30 September Gold Coin Appeal

Our St Vincent de Paul Conference supports  
twin conferences in Lembata in Eastern  
Indonesia and Tamil Nadu in Southern India. In  
memory of our founder Frederic Ozanam, this  
weekend we are seeking donations for our twin  
conferences. If you can help please place a  
donation in the Poor Box at the back of the  
church near the Sacristy. All money received this  
weekend will go to supporting our twin  
conferences. Thank you. For more information  
contact Mike on 0419 818 410.

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

*Listen to what the Spirit is saying while  
engaging in the question -*

*What do you think God is asking of us in  
Australia at this time?*

Our first plenary session will be held on  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 7:00pm  
and repeated on  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 3:00pm

### ***Sharing our Stories***

Pope Francis calls for a listening church at  
all levels of church life.  
Where everyone's voice is heard!  
What is your vision for the Church  
in Australia?

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# Reflection

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## Being of Service

Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people.

Jesus takes the smallest and most vulnerable of people in their society and teaches the disciples that greatness comes through care of the least. This is a powerful lesson. Greatness in the world – power, connections, wealth, influence, reputation and learning – only counts for something in the Kingdom of God when put at the service of the most vulnerable of our society. Greed, riches and pride are so alluring, so seductive for us in the Church, as much as for those outside it, that we need to regularly examine our consciences to assess the motivations and results of what we are doing, and why we are doing it.

Today, most of us try to find personal and individual freedom even as we remain inside of structural boxes and a system of consumption that we are then unable or unwilling to critique. Our mortgages, luxuries, and privileged lifestyles control our whole future. Whoever is paying our bills and giving us security and status determines what we can and cannot say or even think. Self-serving institutions that give us our security, status, or identity are considered “too big to fail” and are invariably beyond judgement from the vast majority of people. Evil can hide in systems much more readily than in individuals.

Putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than yourself. Mature religious people develop an actual inner life of prayer and an outer life of service.

Resources used: Reflection, by Dianne Bergant CSS, Homily, by Richard Leonard SJ, & Structural and Personal Freedom, by Richard Rohr OFM

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# Heart Spirituality

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## Fraternal love

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart will have for one another much affection, regard, care, a very great charity and a deep respect. They will speak to one another with kindness, openness and cordiality, but without taking liberties.

They will avoid all that savours of affectation and self-conceit, as also all heated and out-of-place arguments. In no way will they seek to dominate or to show off. They will flee all boasting and talkativeness. They will make every effort to practise the virtues of the Heart of Jesus, his gentleness, his humility.

Règles after 1877  
Jules Chevalier

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

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BECOMING CATHOLIC  
**RCIA**

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

*The personal example of our lived lives can be the catalyst that helps lead someone into the Church. One of the most profound ways to affect others is to radiate joy and let people see Christ at work in us.*

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

**Invite them to the enquiry night  
Monday 15 October 2018 - 7:00pm**

*Come and See* John 1:39

To Register: Parish Office on 6254 3236 or  
Email Marian England: [marian@stjohnkippax.org.au](mailto:marian@stjohnkippax.org.au)

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## PARISHIONER CONTACT DETAILS

*With the NBN rollout, you may have changed your contact details (email, phone, mobile phone). If you have updated or changed your contact details, or are not receiving any emailed information from the parish, please contact the parish office. Thank you.*

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

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Edmond Sarrah, Joseph Sciberras, Vic Puzas, Patricia Tyers, Antonia Prieto, Antonella D'Ambrosio, Victor Bitterman, Robert Smith, Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy, Anne Bynum, Fred Aschenberger, Patricia Richardson, Gaeto Vella, Renee Tozer, Wendy McCarthy, Frederick Jackson, Norma Hall, Anita Clobus, Charlie McLaren.

## 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 4:30 – 5:10pm

## 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:** "From a Roman window – 5 decades – the world, the Church and the Catholic laity", "Confronting power and sex in the Catholic Church", "The Catholic Church at the end of an age" and "Sacred silence: denial and the crisis in the Church" are books currently on display.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord upholds my life.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 30 September 2018

First Reading	Nm 11:25-29
Psalm	Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14
Second Reading	James 5:1-6
Gospel	Mark 9:38 – 45. 47-48
Answer to Riddle	successfully unsuccessfully

## 30 September Reading Roster

6:00pm	Dennis Puniard, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Andrew Luck

## 30 Sept Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Chitra Jayawardena, Janet Almond, Marie McKie, Patrick Corr
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Carmel Screen, Jean Tierney, Clyde Sloan, VACANT
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Robin Williams, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos, VACANT
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Margaret McMahon, VACANT, VACANT, VACANT

## 30 Sept Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	VACANT
10:00am	Joe Pisciotta
6:00pm	VACANT

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	24 Sept	Margaret Stanford
Grounds:	29 Sept	VACANT
Counting:	30 Sept	Group 9
Church Cleaning:	24 Sept	Joseph Lé Văn Hải, Sam Van Nguyen

## On a Lighter note - Riddle

Can you think of a common word that contains double C, double S and double L? Can you think of a second one?

Answer somewhere in Compact