

COMPACT

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
19 May 2019

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From the Pastor's desk.....

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Jesus is not simply saying that love should characterise our way of living, but that we should love in the same manner in which he himself loved. In other words, he offers the template of his own life as the model for us to adopt. That's a tall order! Jesus loved completely, to the point of laying down his life.

Jesus did not start a new religion – Christianity emerged post-resurrection. Jesus lived and remained within the Jewish religion. What he did offer was a new way of interpreting and living out that religious faith that placed love as central.



You may have notice the installation of the ambry, or the place of reservation for the holy oils, on the wall of the church near the sanctuary. The oils themselves are contained in vessels commissioned by the parish and designed and constructed by a local Canberra artist, Rose-Mary Faulkner.

A new font has also been designed by the architect and parishioner of Kippax, Eman Basheer. The floor has been installed and we expect the font to be in place sometime in June.



Congratulations to the young people who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday evening. It was a beautiful event and many thanks to all those involved in preparation the children and in the preparation and celebration of the liturgy.

Peace & blessings,
Gerard

"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
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



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.

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Becoming Catholic Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]

St John the Apostle Parish runs a RCIA program all year. If you know someone who would like to become Catholic, please contact the parish office for more information.

Parish News.....

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TRAINING
Sunday 19 May 11:30am The training for Special Ministers is not for all Special Ministers but for **new** ones. Anyone who is on the current roster and is unsure of procedures is welcome to attend
Elaine Laycock – Co-ordinator

Archdiocesan Clergy Assembly

Frs. Gerard and Kimi will attend the clergy assembly from
Tuesday 21 May to Thursday 23 May.
On Wednesday and Thursday mornings that week the 9:30am mass will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion.

The **Leaving Collection** last weekend to support the MSC novitiate and pre-novitiate raised \$781.45.
Thank you.

Pins & Needles Craft Group



Third Monday Monthly
Next Meeting: 20 May
7:15pm Parish Library

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in years 7 to 12
First and Third Sundays
after the 6:00pm Mass

Next gathering 19 May

This group is a way for young people to learn about the church and deepen their faith together. Contact
Eoin.Garton@sfx.act.edu.au



Pre-Teen Group – (Yr. 3-7) 4:45pm

Youth Mass – (All ages) 6:00pm

Next gathering 25 May

Marian Hall – St Matthew's Page
Every 4th Saturday of the month

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on the last Friday of each month after the 9:30am mass.
Next anointing will be 31 May.

THE CHURCH FOYER IS HEATED

To maintain the heat in the foyer and to conserve energy would you please close the door when entering the church.
Thank you.

Conserve
heat
Please close
the door



This Weekend
Sunday 19 May 2019 11:30am
Cotter Avenue, Cotter Dam

ACU BLACKFRIARS LECTURE SERIES *Future Education – Future Opportunities*

When: Tuesday 21 May 2019
Where: Room 301.1.20 Veritas Building
ACU Campus Watson
Time: 5:30pm registration
6:00pm – 7:00pm Lecture
Cost: Free
RSVP: 17 May 2019
ocd.canberra@acu.edu.au

Freezing night in Canberra Thursday 20 June 2019

our parishioner Ted Kell

is participating in the **SLEEPOUT** this year.
To donate go to www.ceosleepout.org.au and donate using his particular reference.



Calvary Public Hospital Auxiliary 40th Birthday

Thursday 6 June 2019
CIT Restaurant Reid

Calvary Public Hospital Auxiliary has been supporting the hospital for 40 years and has raised over \$2.3m for the purchase of equipment for patients and staff.

All members past, present and future, their guests and friends are invited to join the celebrations and enjoy the CIT's creativity and hospitality. \$40 per head. Tickets and further information from Daphne on 0407 835 846.

Calvary Public Hospital Auxiliary Membership Drive

New members are urgently needed to assist with the Auxiliary's fund raising activities.

When: Thursday 30 May, 10-4pm,
Where: Foyer, Calvary Public Hospital,
Hayden Drive, Bruce.
Please come along for further information, or ring Daphne Ashley on 0407835846.

Reflection

As I have Loved You

When most of us hear the word “commandment,” we likely think of the Ten Commandments. But Jesus speaks of a “new” commandment surpassing and summing up the “ten” of the Hebrew Bible (Ex. 20:1-17; Deut. 5:6-21): “This is *my* commandment: Love one another.” He also says: “The entire law and the prophets is summed up in the two great commandments: to love God and to love one another” (Matt. 22:36-40).

Earlier in his ministry, Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important. He replied that you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and that you must love your neighbour as yourself (Mt 22). The ‘new’ commandment that he issues at the Last Supper is not so much a new commandment as a variation on a theme.

His language conveys an imperative: you must love one another, ‘just as I have loved you’. He tells the disciples – and us – that the way they behave towards one another must be with the same love that Jesus treated them. And the love that Jesus gave was the love of God for all the world.

Perhaps we don’t want to hear this commandment because we can never live up to it through our own efforts. We’d like to whittle it down to a little commandment, like “Come to church on Sunday.” But who of us can say we have really loved yet? We’re all beginners. We’re all starting anew every day, and we’re failing anew every day. We can never fully succeed by ourselves we need to rely upon the mercy, compassion, and grace of God.

It seems God gave us a commandment that we could not obey. Perhaps this is so we would have to depend upon the Holy Spirit. Only by living in love, in communion - God in us and we in God (Jn. 17:20-26) - do we find, every once in a while, a love flowing through us and toward us and from us that is bigger than our own. And we surely know it’s not “we” who are doing it!

Resources used: *The Greatest Commandments*, by Richard Rohr OFM, Reflection, by Greg Sunter

Heart Spirituality

The motive for my creation

God says to me,
I have loved you with
an everlasting love!

Me!

It is specifically me
whom God has so loved,
ungrateful me, sinful me.
God of surpassing majesty,
God of supreme beauty
and limitless perfection,
God has loved me.

God!...me!...

what distance!

The Infinite!...and nothing!
And God has loved this nothing!

Loved!

O God of love,
make me understand this word:
Loved!

He who has always existed has always
loved me, and it is through love
that he decreed my creation
from all eternity.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Retraite, p. 17f, Issoudun 1904)

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

Stewardship

Living a Life of Service

How exactly is Jesus Calling us to love?
As He Himself loved. Jesus loved (and
loves) by serving us and by making a
sacrifice of His very life for us. That is
a tall order.

Living a life of service and self-sacrifice
is not easy because it requires us to
continuously fight against our selfish
inclinations. But the more we empty
ourselves of “self” by serving others,
the more room we make in our hearts
for God to pour His grace into us.

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com

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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I will praise your name for ever, my king
and my God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: *Daphne Parnell, Ella Dimitres, Sandra Miniotas, Anne Ots, Neil MacFarlane, John Loadsman, Bernard Gibson, Gloria Fleming, Edward McGregor, Michael Logan, James Ohlin, June McCall, Hermine Raeuscher, David Pinner, Christopher Boydew, Stan Niemiec, Gloria Harris, Suzana Katavic, Thomas Flynn, Sofie Aver, Adena Hugo, Mary Harrison, Ruby Molloy, Kevin McAlister, Pat Butcher, Brian Durack.*

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	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	Wednesday 4:15 - 5pm

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 Monday 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 Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax
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:

"I'll never tell: Odyssey of a rock and roll priest",
"John XX111 – Pope of the council" and
"Cardinal Hume and the changing face of English
Catholicism" are three biographical books on display
this week.

Readings – 26 May 2019

First Reading	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Psalm	Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8
Second Reading	Rv 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel	John 14:23-29

26 May Reading Roster

5:00pm	Margaret Luck, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

26 May Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Marie McKie, John Drury, Terry O'Brien, Margaret McMahon, VACANT
8:30am	Violet Duve, Judith Deklin, Ted & Clare Kell, VACANT
10:00am	Robin Williams, Libby Costello, Pat Sheppard, Erin Pitt, VACANT
6:00pm	VACANT

26 May Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Marie McKie
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Margaret Ohlin
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	20 May	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	25 May	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Counting:	26 May	Group 7

Church Cleaning:	13 May	John & Jenny Maher, Carol Blyth
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On a Lighter note

A man goes to the doctor and says: "Doctor I
swallowed a key.
Can you please get it out of my belly?"
The doctor asks: "When did you swallow it?"
"About 3 years ago."
"Really? Why are you coming this late?!"
"Well... I lost my spare key."