

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B

4 March 2018

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**“To be on earth the Heart of God”**

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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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### From the Pastor's desk.....

In today's gospel there are wild scenes where Jesus, driven by righteous indignation, overturns the moneychanger's tables and decries the sacrilege of turning God's Temple into a market place. There is nothing wrong with commerce, but it is out of place in the Temple precincts. What seems to stir Jesus to the very bones is the seemingly indifference to the holy.

The Temple was not only a place of pilgrimage and sacrifice but the place of God's abiding presence. It was a place where heaven and earth touched. And the inner chamber of the Temple was described as the Holy of Holies.

In this gospel passage what Jesus seems to rail against most is *forgetfulness*. In the reading from the Book of Exodus God tells his people to *remember*, that he, and no other, was the One who delivered them from the yoke of the Pharaoh. Remembering this liberating event was to be the basis of their faith – a faith that was ratified in the law of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

Among these commandments is the injunction to “remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy”. Again, the emphasis is on remembering. When Jesus calls us into communion he asks us to *do this in memory of him*.

Yes, commerce and the everyday transactions of life are important and necessary. But everything has its time and place. In our own time the “market place” has become the dominant paradigm displacing the centrality of religious faith and practice. Materialism, consumerism and instant gratification have become the drugs of forgetfulness.

Coming to Mass is meant to remind us of who we truly are. We are the body of Christ and our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. This is our dignity. This is what truly liberates us.

**Peace & blessings,**  
**Gerard**

# PARISH NEWS

## Lenten Reconciliation – 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite

St John the Apostle Parish  
Thursday 8 March – 7:30pm

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursdays Weekly – Parish Church

Next Practice: 8 March

4:00pm – 5:00pm

The Children sing at the 10:00am Mass  
on the second Sunday of the month.



## March Baptisms

*We welcome into our community:*

Oliver Stefopoulos,  
son of Steven and Natahsa;

Emma Forsyth  
daughter of Gregory and Haylee.

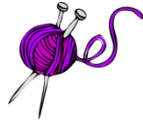


### Pins & Needles Craft Group

Third Thursday Monthly

Next Meeting: 15 March

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 4<sup>th</sup> March**

### MINISTERS FOR THE EASTER CELEBRATIONS

We are looking for readers, ministers of communion and hospitality ministers for the Easter celebrations. If you are available for any of the Easter Liturgies please contact your ministry coordinator.

**Readers** - Mary French:

[hillmouse@grapvevine.com.au](mailto:hillmouse@grapvevine.com.au)

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Elaine Laycock

[layhawk@bigpond.com](mailto:layhawk@bigpond.com)

**Hospitality** – Judy Netting

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## REFLECTION

### ANGER

Anger is a natural emotion and is hardwired into our brains from birth. Not all anger is bad. Anger can give us the energy to fight for a cause, to right a wrong, as we witness with Jesus in cleansing the temple. Without our anger, we may feel weak and vulnerable, like doormats and ready victims for anyone's boots.

This gospel passage must be one of the most commonly misused passages in the Bible. So often it is used as justification for someone losing their temper, or worse, an outrageous temper tantrum, or 'dummy spit'. People will declare in their defence, 'Well, Jesus lost his temper and got angry in the Temple!' They fail to appreciate the difference between their own hot-headedness and the outrage against injustice that was being expressed by Jesus. They also seem to miss the significance of the fact that this was a 'one off' for Jesus!

Jesus' outrage is not so much with the traders and the money-changers as with the whole religious practice and hierarchical structure that has developed to a point where the only way a person can pray in a 'valid' way is to purchase an animal and hand it over to a priest who goes behind a screened wall to sacrifice the animal. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple. *This* was what outraged Jesus. He could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God

The Paschal Mystery is the path to liberation from the crippling vice of anger. Taking up His cross, rather than fighting it, Jesus allowed Himself to be crucified. "Perfect love drives out fear" he says, "so one who fears is not yet perfect in love. We love because He first loved us. If anyone says he loves God, but hates his brother, he is a liar, for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen." (1 Jn 4:18-20)

Resources used: *Reflection*, Greg Sunter & Jeri Holladay Catholic Online

# Heart Spirituality

## Spiritual Storms

Our most formidable enemies.

Those that should inspire the greatest fear, are not those outside ourselves but those within.

Our nature is a centre of concupiscence that ceaselessly bears us towards evil. The passions, the bad habits that fill our hearts are the greatest obstacle to salvation.

How many Christians, how many priests and religious, after having lived in fervour, slackened and abandoned the way of virtue because of the fickleness that is natural to us.

"Those who think the stand should take heed lest they fall" [1 Cor 10:12]

Meditations 1, p. 218 1891

Jules Chevalier

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

## "Getting on the RightTrack to

### Building a Welcoming Community!"

When: Thursday 8 March - 7.30 – 9.30pm

Where: Quakers Meeting Room  
(Cnr Bend and Condamine Streets, Turner)

Are you interested in hosting conversations in your community about the human impact of government policies on people seeking asylum?

The #RightTrack Community Conversation Project will be explained and participants invited to facilitate or host community conversations.

For registration or enquiries

[cath.blunt@hotmail.com](mailto:cath.blunt@hotmail.com) 0431 451622

## Concerned Catholics of Canberra – 22 March 2018

3<sup>rd</sup> public forum of Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn. Francis Sullivan, CEO, Truth Justice and Healing Council, will provide an analysis of the Royal Commission's final report **Contact: Rod Page**  
[concerned.catholics.cnagbn@gmail.com](mailto:concerned.catholics.cnagbn@gmail.com)

## SJACare

The SJACare Committee met on Friday 16 February. Currently we have 24 ministers registered to participate in the ministry of pastoral care. Ten of the ministers take Holy Communion to 18 of the sick or housebound parishioners. Nine ministers visit 22 parishioners in nursing homes or in their homes. If you, or if you know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or a pastoral visit please contact the parish office.

**SJACare** also offers Care for the Carer sessions three times a year – the first session for 2018 will be held in April – date to be confirmed.

## International Women's Day - 8 March

A new initiative to support and encourage women of all ages will be launched at Merici College on International Women's Day, March 8. The national program was devised and is being developed by women, inspired by the words of St Catherine of Siena: "Be who God wants you to be and you will set the world on fire."

Find out more at:

[www.catholicwomensmentoring.org.au](http://www.catholicwomensmentoring.org.au)

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

### St John the Apostle Primary School

Please help the School

earn points towards sporting equipment.

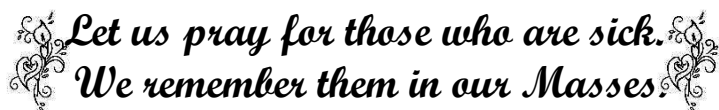
Please collect your Coles sport for school

vouchers and leave them in the box in the church near the bookstall or drop them off at St John the Apostle School. Even one voucher can make a difference. Thank you



## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during lent after the 9:30am Mass.



## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** *Hayden Ricketts, James McKay, Dorothy Jeffrey, Leo McDonald, Rachael Netting, Francisca Benedictos, Sharon Williams, Ian Coffill, Evelyn Swaris, Josephine Hawkins, Tony Lay, Damien Lamb, Oscar De Jesus Zamora, Darrell Rutter, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan, Alana Leach. Bernard Fitzgerald, Eileen Luke, Brendan Patterson*

## 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 we continue with our Lenten theme in the books we have on display. Some are meditations on the readings for the day/week while others are books of prayer.

## NEW PARISHIONER BOOK

*If you are newly arrived in the parish you are invited to enter your name and contact details in the new parishioner book. The book is on a table in the foyer. Thank you.*

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!  
God loved the world so much,  
he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him  
might have eternal life.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!

## Readings –11 MARCH 2018

First Reading	2 Chor 36:14-16. 19-23
Psalm	Ps 136
Second Reading	Eph 2:4-10
Gospel	John 3:14-21

## 11 Mar

## Reading Roster

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

## 11 Mar

## 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 Witzens, Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck, Maria Devine, Marian Crowley, Anthony Dunnicliff-Hagan

## 11 Mar

## Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	5 Mar	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds:	10 Mar	Group 2
Counting:	11 Mar	Group 3

Church Cleaning:	5 Mar	Vacant
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## On a Lighter note

Q. What do you call an alligator detective?

A. An investi-gator

Q. What starts with "e" ends with "e" and contains one letter?

A. An envelope