

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9 February 2020**

**Year A  
#11.20**

## Reflection

### Light of the World

The job of faith is to enable us to live out and build Christ's reign of justice and love in this world as a foretaste of what awaits us in heaven. Prayer, being generous to the poor, being discerning about whom we spend time with and what we see and hear, and, going without things we often consider essential, are helpful to living a faith-filled life.

Jesus tells us that a hollow attachment to the letter of the law, unbridled anger, an inability to forgive, being unfaithful in marriage, seeking revenge on our enemies, not being true to our word and being enslaved by money are all examples of bad faith. People trapped by any of these vicious forces use a lot of energy to remain angry, greedy, legalistic, fraudulent and unforgiving.

Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt. All disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

Gandhi, the great leader of the Indian independence movement, is credited with saying, 'You must be the change you want to see in the world.' He sought a life free from tyranny and violence and so led a movement of non-violent resistance. It's tempting to think that he may have been influenced by some of the teachings of Jesus because so much of his approach reflected Jesus' call for justice. The charge to be the light of the world that shines in the sight of all and sets an example for all is echoed succinctly in Gandhi's words.

**Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ, *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter, *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSA, AT LiturgyHelp**

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### MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

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 5:00pm – 5:30pm



**Hearing Loop:** in the central body of the church.

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



# Heart Spirituality

## **The depths of the Heart of Jesus**

O Jesus, I believe you when you show your adorable Heart and say:

Behold this Heart

that has so loved you all!

Yes, I believe you, when you affirm with the Church and the saints that

what you feel comes from your

Heart, the centre of your love, the

inspirer of your self-giving, the

throne of your mercy, the treasure of heaven and of earth, the abyss of all

virtues, an ocean of goodness, a

fountain of life, the source of all

graces, the refuge of sinners, the

strength of the weak, the

perseverance of the just, the hope of

the dying, the terror of demons, the

sanctification of hearts, the house of

God and the gate of heaven and a

furnace of love.

Jules Chevalier msc

(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p.194f, Paris 1900)

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

## **Stewardship**

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world.” But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavour if allowed to go stale, and light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. Therefore, we must act! We must live our lives so that others will see the things that we do — the ways that we serve others, care for the vulnerable, prioritize our family relationships and, above all, our love for God — and then give Him glory.

This is the stewardship way of life. Prayer without action is not prayer. Let's give it our all!

Stewardship Reflections from [TheCatholicSteward.com](http://TheCatholicSteward.com)

## *Parish News.....*

Our response to the Archdiocesan Bushfire Appeal raised \$1,634.10

We are supporting

Sacred Heart Parish Moruya.

As our commitment is \$3,000 the parish will make up the shortfall of \$1365.90.

### **ACOLYTE INFORMATION AND DISCERNMENT SESSION**

Will be held on Monday

10 February at 7:30pm in the Parish Library.

Registration form for you

to provide your contact details is available in the foyer. For more information, contact

Sabina Van Rooy: 0428 329 951.



### **SENIORS RETREAT**

Date: Thursday 20 Feb 2020

Time: 10am - 3:00pm

Venue: St John the Apostle Catholic Church

Facilitator: Sr Lorraine Cupitt rsm

Registration Essential

RSVP 17 Feb 2020

Ph: 6254 3236 or

Email: [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

Lunch, tea/coffee will be provided

### **We're Going Back To School**



### **PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION ENROLLING NOW**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February after 6pm Mass

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February after 10am Mass

Enrolments in the Church Foyer

**Classes will commence on 16 February**

### **Men's Weekend Retreat**

*“Lord, where are you going?”*

St Mary's Towers Guided Retreat

Retreat Presenter: Fr. Thang Nguyen msc,

The Retreat Team and Paul White

27-29 March

Cost :\$250

<https://towerstreat.org.au>

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Thurs 20 Feb	Seniors Retreat
Tue 25 Feb	Women's Breakfast
Wed 26 Feb	Ash Wednesday
Sat 21 March	Seasons for Growth - Grief & Bereavement
Fri 1 May	Anointing within mass
Fri 30 Oct	Anointing within mass

## Vinnies February Bushfire Appeal

*Thank You!*

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Kippax Stall. If anyone would like to put their names on the list as back-up please put your name on the list in the foyer or contact James Cox on 6254 8450 or 0432 563 299.

## BELCONNEN YOUTH

### Agape - Youth Group

High school students in Years 7 to 12

First and Third Sundays  
after the 6:00pm Mass

Our first gathering for this year  
16 February

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](mailto:Eoin.Garton@sfx.act.edu.au);



## SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We are reading

*Bridge of Clay, by Markus Zusak*

Sunday 16 February

3:00 pm Parish Library

## Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 17 February  
7:15pm Parish Library



SJA Men's Group  
Meeting Monthly  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Next gathering: Friday 21 February

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

## Lenten Prayer Program "Grace"

This year our Lenten Prayer Program is from the Wollongong Diocese. The program starts on Ash Wednesday 26 February and concludes with Easter Sunday, 12 April 2020. It is perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, Gospel readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions for prayer groups.

Available in the Bookstore

Book - \$10.00

Book and CD Pack - \$18.00 (3 available)



## Values and Voices in the Public Sphere

**When:** Wed 19 Feb 2020 - 7.30pm

**Where:** The Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Blackall Street, Barton ACT.

**Presenter:** The Hon. Dr Ken Crispin QC

**"Be on earth the Heart of God"**



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

**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:**

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversary:** Julian Oakley, Annie McCreath, Clements Cox, Bruce Walker, Carmelita Godfrey, Maria Carrusca, Faye Menegazzo, Victoria Wilkinson, Kenneth Vella, Stella Bell, Margaret Ephgrave, Margaret Davis, Elias Kiki, John Maher, Peter Moore, Roberto Millucci, Robert Galliano, Rene Stubbs, George Griffiths, Trent Foster, Glenn Foster, Nellie Bannon, Henry Moulis, Edward Blake-Smith, Philip Babic, John Thompson, Vincent Mawson, Raychell Nolan, Charlotte Lansdown, Carmel Page, Paulina Jabagat, Colin Waterford, David Lowe, Ian Bransby, Ondina Finzi, Michael Vella.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
The man who follows me  
will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!

**Readings – 16 February 2020**

First Reading Sir 15:15-20  
Psalm Ps 118-1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34  
Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10  
Gospel Matthew 5:17-37

**PRAYER LIFE**

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

**Becoming Catholic**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]**  
please contact the parish office for more information.

**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> Monday 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 Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
Men's Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term
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**LIBRARY NEWS:**

This week we have a timely display of some of our books on the environment.

**16 Feb Reading Roster**

6:00pm	Mary French, Bob Raadts
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Kerry Yard
10:00am	Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain
6:00pm	Terry Fewtrell, Joe Ots

**16 Feb Ministers of Communion**

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Elaine Laycock, Laurine Smeaton, Maresa Laird, Gerard Teng
8:30am	Margaret Conlon, Pat Cowburn, Clyde Sloan, Peter Polkinghorne, VACANT
10:00am	Marie Flint, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane, Sugi Mohanadas, Bernadette Madsen
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Matthew Garton, Rod Gardiner, Stephanie Stewart, Anthony Dunncliff-Hagan

**16 Feb Hospitality Roster**

6:00pm	Lesley Givens
8:30am	Norma and Clyde Sloan
10:00am	Marie Flint
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

**Weekly Rosters**

Altar Society:	10 Feb	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	15 Feb	VACANT
Counting:	16 Feb	Group 6

Church Cleaning:	10 Feb	Ted & Carol Quade
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On a lighter note

What do you call two rows of vegetables?  
A dual cabbageway.

What do you call a well behaved goose?  
A proper-ganda