

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
23 February 2020

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## Reflection

### No one can go to Heaven alone

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.

The goal of the spiritual journey is to discover and move toward connectedness and relationship on ever new levels, while also honouring diversity. We may begin by making connections with family and friends, with nature and animals, and then grow into deeper connectedness with those outside our immediate circle, especially people of races, religions, economic classes, gender, and sexual orientation that are different from our own. Finally, we can and will experience this full connectedness as union with God. For some it starts the other way around: they experience union with God—and then find it easy to unite with everything else.

What we do unto others or to the earth, we really do to ourselves. Without connectedness and communion, we don't exist fully as our truest selves. Becoming who we really are is a matter of learning how to become more and more deeply connected. No one can possibly go to heaven alone—or it would not be heaven.

If we want a sustainable community, we must *always* welcome the "other" and learn to see our neighbour as ourselves.

**Resources used: Reflection, by Greg Sunter, at LiturgyHelp, & Beloved Community by Richard Rohr OFM**

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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

**CLAIM** – put  
**the this in your**  
**Date calendar**



Mon 9 March	Canberra Day Public Holiday Parish Office Closed
Thurs 19 March	Sacrament of Penance 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite
Sun 15 March	10:00am Mass – Welcome to new families plus sausage sizzle
Sat 21 March	Grief & Bereavement Seasons for Growth
Mon 6 April	Parent Formation Session for the Sacrament of Confirmation
Fri 1 May	The Sacrament of Anointing within mass
Sun 3 May	Parish Picnic – Cotter

# Heart Spirituality

## Love your enemies

We should not maintain any resentment against our enemies. We have to forgive them [Lk. 6:37]. Who more than God would be in his rights to keep up his resentment against us because of our daily infidelity? Yet he shows himself full of kindness. Do we conduct ourselves in the same way towards those against whom we have complaints? Often we shun their presence or, speaking to them, only make them feel our coldness. Jesus commands us to love our enemies [Mt. 5:44]. Despite its cost, this is essential if we want to be disciples and friends of the Sacred Heart. People are content to say: I do not wish trouble upon my enemies, but everything in me resists my seeing them and speaking with them; they have offended me too greatly. If those are our sentiments, we are not Christians.

Jules Chevalier msc  
(Méditations 1, p.292f, Issoudun 1891)

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

### Stewardship

The stewardship way of life, giving away the best of our time, our talents and treasure to God for His glory and for the sake of others, is the path to holiness. Yet, it appears utterly foolish in the eyes of many.

If your lifestyle and your priorities look a little foolish to the world around you, know that you're probably doing it right in God's eyes. At the same time, you will be filled with a peace that the world around you desperately needs. And your stewardship way of life may just draw those around you to the heavenly Father and a life of holiness, too. So, with God's grace and the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, we can confidently press on in the stewardship way of life, aiming to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Our all-holy God desires it and deserves nothing less.

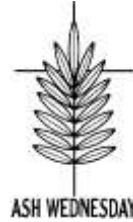
Stewardship Reflections from [TheCatholicSteward.com](http://TheCatholicSteward.com)

## Parish News.....

### Sacrament of Penance

#### Presentation Masses this weekend

We pray for the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance on Thursday 19 March. May they continue to grow in faith trusting in God's love and forgiveness.



ASH WEDNESDAY

26 February

Mass Times

9:30am and 6:00pm

### 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. 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 (2 available)

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

### Relax, Review, Reflect Faith and film

**Friday 28 February at 7:30pm**

**We are watching:**

"The Two Popes"

*Behind the Vatican walls, Pope Benedict and the future Pope Francis must find common ground to forge a new path for the Catholic Church.*

To register your interest or for more information, please contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)



## St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

*The next breakfast is*

7:30am Tuesday  
25 February 2020

*Lucky Shot Espresso Bar*

Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX

## BELCONNEN YOUTH

### Agape - Youth Group

High school students in Years 7 to 12

First and Third Sundays  
after the 6:00pm Mass

Next gathering 1 March

This group is a way for young people to learn about the church and deepen their faith together. Contact [Eoin.Garton@cg.org.au](mailto:Eoin.Garton@cg.org.au);

### Eucharistic Adoration First Friday Monthly 8pm - 9pm - 6th March.



Everybody is welcome and encouraged to come along to spend time with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving to refresh our souls.

There will be periods of reflective music (Taizé) and silent adoration.

## SJA Book Club

The SJABookClub is now aiming to give our readers more titles throughout the year. We encourage anyone interested in joining us to come along for a meeting.

We are reading: *A Sand Archive*  
by Gregory Day

St Johns Library – 15 March 3:00pm



St John's has joined the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and has Tap & Go EFTPOS facilities. The donation amount is set at \$10. If you want to donate more than \$10 you just tap the number of times it takes to reach the amount you want to donate. As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt if one is required.

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

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Giuseppe Mammoliti, Vincas Puzas, Judith Hickey, Rodney Chapman, Eamonn Murtagh, Rudi Meyer, James Wiley, Johanna Garratt, Reg Lazaro, John Marane, Ivan Mikulic, Angeles Arranz, Lillian Luke, Elena Zamora, Adrian Newton, Adrienne Stewart, Ashley Kent, Tony Lay, Eun Cho Shin, James McKay, Hayden Ricketts, Dorothy Jeffrey, Leo McDonald, Rachael Netting, Grant Lalor, Francisca Benedictos, Sharon Williams, Ian Coffill, Evelyn Swaris.

**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 28 February.**



SJA Men's Group  
Meeting Monthly

6:00pm – 8:00pm

**CHANGE OF DATE**

**Next gathering: Friday 28 February**

**St John the Apostle Parish Centre**

### 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>

## SJACare



*Supporting parishioners in our community.*

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.

**LIBRARY NEWS:** More books on the environment which are displayed at present are: "Preaching for our planet", "Edge of the sacred: transformation in Australia", "God's earth: religion as if it really mattered" and "Laudato Si: an encyclical letter on ecology and climate".

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

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## Becoming Catholic

Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]

please contact the parish office for more information.

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

## 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
Eucharistic Adoration	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month 8:00pm – 9:00pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

## 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

### SMOKE FREE ZONE

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



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

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Happy are they who follow  
the law of the Lord!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth;  
You have revealed to little ones  
the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 1 March 2020

First Reading	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18
Psalm	Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
Second Reading	1 Cor 3:16-23
Gospel	Matthew 5:38-48

## 1 March Reading Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O'Heir, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Matthew Garton, Margaret Luck

## 1 March Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Janet Almond, Judy Netting, Joe and Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Victoria Scarano, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Jenny Howarth, Priscilla Gonsalves, Pat Sheppard, Bonnie and Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Eoin Garton, Saraid Garton, Emily Gill, Liam Stewart, John McGee

## 1 March Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joe and Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Judith O'Neill, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Emily Gill, Saraid Garton, Liam Stewart

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	24 Feb	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	29 Feb	ALL GROUPS
Counting:	1 March	GROUP 1

Church Cleaning:	24 Feb	Joseph Lê Văn Hải Sam Van Nguyen
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## On a Lighter note

Q. What is taken before you get it?  
A. Your picture.