

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**First Sunday of Lent
1 March 2020**

**Year A
#14.20**

Reflection

TRUSTING GOD

Lent is a season of invitation. It is an invitation to step into the desert with Jesus; to confront our own purpose and ministry and to renew our trust in God's vision for the world and for us individually. Seen in this light, Lent is so much more than fasting from meat and giving up ice cream for a few weeks. The whole idea of fasting and sacrifice is an attempt to simplify our lives. Through simplifying our life and removing some of the daily distractions, we can share in the desert experience of Jesus and then truly celebrate the hope reborn in the Easter season.

The temptation that faces Jesus relates to his purpose and ministry – will he trust God's vision of the suffering servant who will bring about a change of heart in the people, or will he be the sort of Messiah that the people hoped for: a triumphant, glorious victor over all who stood in his way. He is tempted to break his self-imposed fasting, to test God's promise of nurture and security, and to seek glory and personal power.

The testing and temptation of Jesus echoes the plight of the people of Israel as they wandered in the desert for forty years. They relied on God to provide them with food and protection and ultimately lead them into the land that was promised to them. They had to trust that God would deliver these things in God's own time and way. Jesus is tempted to ignore God's time and ways by seizing for himself food, protection and ownership of the land. The temptations of Jesus and the people of Israel are all about trusting God.

As we look to Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. There will certainly always be human limitations, human weaknesses that will open the door to temptation. But Jesus shows us that we are not thereby doomed. Jesus is a model for our own journey to new life.

Resources used: 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

CLAIM – put
the this in your
Date calendar



Mon 9 March Canberra Day
Public Holiday
Parish Office Closed

Sun 15 March 10:00am Mass –
Welcome to new
families plus sausage
sizzle

Thurs 19 March Sacrament of Penance
2nd Rite

Sat 21 March Grief & Bereavement
Seasons for Growth

Sun 29 March SJAHeart Groups ♥
Launch 3:00-5:00pm
Parish Centre

Mon 6 April Parent Formation
Session for the
Sacrament
of Confirmation

Heart Spirituality

No cowards in the Kingdom

Jesus says, When I proposed to you the way of perfection I expressed myself very clearly. What is at stake is complete renunciation of self. You have to take up your cross and walk along that road with courage and generosity. No timid and cowardly disciples here! I need people ready for any sacrifice, able to endure all, even death if necessary, rather than abandon me.

Such a decision requires a will that is deeply convinced by powerful motives that inspire it. In order to persevere, this conviction must be based on a faith that reveals the nothingness of human things and the need to assure one's salvation at any price.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Ecole du Sacre-Coeur, p.19f, Issoudun 1892)

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

Stewardship

Today's Gospel shows us by the example of Jesus Himself one way that we can attain spiritual strength and grow to become more effective disciples and stewards. In this passage we find our Lord in the desert, fasting for 40 days and 40 nights.

This Lent, let's embrace this 40-day spiritual reset. Let's commit to prayerfully studying the Scriptures. This could take the form of a daily family Gospel reflection, a few moments with the Psalms at the beginning of a lunch break or any other countless ways. If this requires a bit of "fasting" from social media or a favorite TV show in order to find the time, all the better since Jesus Himself fasted for 40 days, too. As faithful stewards, we are called to prioritize our use of time to seek relationship with our loving God. Let's get to know Him better by studying His Word this Lent!

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com

Parish News.....

Sacrament of Penance

*Please continue to pray for the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance on Thursday 19 March.
May they always know the depth of God's infinite love for them.*

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@cq.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.



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

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Shirley, thirty-six, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province of the Philippines. She is a mother of four and the sole breadwinner of the family as her husband is sick. But Shirley was struggling to support the whole family and keep her children in school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed.

Child Safeguarding Training

(The Gift of our Children)

is being held as follows:

Date: Thursday 26 March
Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Venue: St John the Apostle Church
Presenters: Maria Hicks and Brenda Foley

The training is designed to assist members of the Parish Pastoral Council and volunteers, to understand their civil and moral responsibilities when it comes to safeguarding and protecting children. The training will focus on:

- **Safe practices:** how to recognise harm to a child, what to do if it's disclosed, and how do you report it
- **Safe people:** why employee and volunteer screening (including Working with Vulnerable People registration, WWVP) is so important, appropriate and inappropriate behaviours around children (as per our Child Protection Code of Conduct)
- **Safe places:** keeping our children safe through all parish activities (both online and within the physical environment).

The training is intended to be interactive and allow for discussion. A handbook will be provided.

Uniting Care Kippax

Face-to-face bill advice & a meal on us

Wednesday 4 March 10:00am – 12:30pm

Welcome café lunch 11:30am – 1:30pm

Bring your bills, letters and concession cards and get **FREE** advice on how to reduce your bills, energy saving tips and discounts.

- ActewAGL, Evoenergy, Actsmart-Reps
- Financial counsellors from **Care and Street Law** for free legal advice on a range of issues.
- Housing ACT – supporting public housing tenants.

Amicus ", a support group (created by Monsignor John Woods and Father Mick MacAndrew in 1992) for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering for 2020 at the Bread 'n Putter Bistro Queanbeyan Golf Club on SAT 14th March meeting at 7PM for DINNER. To join us please call LYN 0400 265 926.

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

Recently Deceased: Peter Robson, Paula Corcoran [Peter & Elvira McCann's sister & sister in law], Don Furner.

Anniversary: Adrienne Stewart, Ashley Kent, Tony Lay, Eun Cho Shin, Hayden Ricketts, James McKay, Dorothy Jeffrey, Leo McDonald, Rachael Netting, Grant Lalor, Ian Coffill, Francisca Benedictos, Sharon Williams, Evelyn Swaris, Josephine Hawkins, Liana Rivera, Damien Lamb, Oscar De Jesus Zamora, Darrell Rutter, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan, Alan Leach, Bernard Fitzgerald.

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.

TAP & GO

St John's has joined the 21st 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.

LIBRARY NEWS: A collection of prayers, meditations and commentaries on the Lenten season are on display this week including some selections of homilies which can be a useful source of prayer.

"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 st 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 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
Men's Group	3 rd 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:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

Readings – 8 March 2020

First Reading	Gn 12:1-4a
Psalm	Ps 32
Second Reading	2 Tm 1:8b-10
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9

8 March Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mary French, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgejser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Ann Reynolds, Libby Kain/Colleen Reed
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Anna White

8 March Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena, Robert Greig, Margaret Conlon, Marian England,
8:30am	Brian Green, Fay Stephenson, Shane Murtagh, Margaret Stanford, Peter Polkinghorne
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Cathy Madsen, Frank Colley, Francesca Deklin, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck, Margaret Curry, VACANT

8 March Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor, Mercia Needham
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer, John McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	2 March	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	7 March	VACANT
Counting:	8 March	Group 3

Church Cleaning:	2 Mar	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie and Ted Milne
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On a Lighter note

Where are the Andes?

At the end of your armies.