

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Second Sunday of Lent
8 March 2020

Year A
#15.20

Reflection

NEW VISION

Peter sees the appearance of Elijah and Moses as a confirmation that Jesus has come to continue the work of the great prophets of the past. Rather than placing Jesus in the old tradition of the prophets, the appearance of Elijah and Moses, together with the voice of God, is to endorse the new direction that Jesus' ministry is taking. Jesus' new vision for the world is informed by the relationships forged between God and the prophets of the past, but it is a vision of a completely different way of relating to God: a much more personal relationship that calls us to respond from the heart to those around us.

God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One, and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity.

The only reason we deny ourselves anything or commit ourselves to actions of service for these 40 days is to grow more deeply in love with the God who loves us into life. Penance is not meant to attack our self-esteem, it's intended to help us sort out what really matters, to cast some light in the darkness of our lives and to focus on the relationship which gives meaning and purpose for this world and the next.

During this Lenten season, like the disciples, we are called to consider who Jesus is and what role he plays in our lives.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter, & Homily, by Richard Leonard SJ, 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

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Date calendar



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| 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 5 April | SJAHeart Groups ♥
Launch 3:00-5:00pm
Parish Centre |
| Mon 6 April | Parent Formation
Session for the
Sacrament
of Confirmation |

The Hidden life of Jesus (2)

In the hidden life we are distanced from the seductions of the world, from ambition and bad example, from the temptations that pride and human respect can arouse in us, from the many dangers that those alone know who find themselves exposed to them. And so salvation becomes more difficult and often finds itself in jeopardy. This life hidden in God is a great source of merit, if lived without complaint; if passed in carrying out faithfully all our daily duties; if accepted with resignation and a spirit of faith. By having taught us sacrifice and death to self, a hidden life will have prepared us admirably for public life, if God calls us there, as he did Jesus Christ for the last three years of his life. If so called, let us not forget that the more conspicuous our position, the more we should humble ourselves. It is not the exalted nature of our duties that will sanctify us but the fervor with which we carry them out. Let us never lose sight of this absolutely essential truth.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Meditations 1, p.160f, Issoudun 1891)

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

Stewardship

To “be a blessing” is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

The generous offering to God of our time, talents and treasure at times can feel like the “hardship”. But this way of life is a path to holiness.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses, “Listen to Him,” “Rise, and do not be afraid” to heart. Let us rely on God’s strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God’s gifts to us.

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

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.

TIME ● TALENT ● TREASURE

Through our baptism we are all called to participate in Christ’s Mission.

You are invited to participate in the mission and ministry life of our parish with your time, talent and treasure. Please give your prayerful consideration to how your gifts may be used to best serve God.

Forms for ministry rosters are on the table in the church foyer.

The ministry commitment period is 1st June 2020 to 31st May 2021. Please return by 5 April 2020

Welcome Mass

For new parishioners and new families at the Parish and at the primary school
Sunday 15 March 10:00am Mass
Followed by a sausage sizzle

Archdiocesan Protocols – CoronaVirus

In response to the CoronaVirus, the Archdiocese has developed protocols that are to be implemented at mass. Copies are available on the table in the foyer.

LITURGY OF HEALING

Monday 23 March at 7:30pm

This is a communal ritual of healing.

For those who wish, the opportunity to receive the First Rite of Reconciliation during Lent is available every Saturday 5:00pm – 5:30pm or by appointment.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE

Canberra Day

The parish office will be closed on Monday 9 March 2020

Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought.

CLERGY TRAINING DAY

Frs. Kimi and Michael will be attending a Clergy training day on Thursday 19 March 2020

There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion on that day.

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

Invitation

Members of our Vinnies Conference meet fortnightly. Their main role is home visitation to people who call Vinnies for help. Members visit in pairs and assist with food, bills or household items. If you are interested in helping, please join us at our next meeting on Monday 16 March. Contact Mike 0149818410 for details.

Vinnies Bushfire Appeal

A big thank you to everyone for their generous donations to this appeal and in particular the volunteers who worked on the Kippax Stall.

The total raised was \$3055.15.

Library News: Some of the meditation books relating to Lent which are on display this week are "Bridges to contemplative living – Lent and holy Week", "God with us", "Through Lent with Luke" and "Sunday and holiday liturgies".

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

Recently Deceased: Wally Kulesza

Anniversary: Josephine Hawkins, Liana Rivera, Damien Lamb, Oscar De Jesus Zamora, Darrell Rutter, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan, Alan Leach, Bernard Fitzgerald, Eileen Luke, Brendan Patterson, Michael Hamilton, Caelan MacKenzie, Nicola Torelli, Eugene DeRose, Helen Murphy, Jill Wilson.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of

Wally Kulesza

Will be celebrated at 11:00am

Thursday 12 March 2020

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

PLANNED GIVING

The only way our parish *survives* financially is through the sacrificial giving of our parishioners. This is our only income. For our parish to *thrive* we need the support of all parishioners. If we truly believe that God gives us all that we have, gratitude is one response. Trust is another. When we realize that God has provided for us and will continue to do so, we recognize that our real security lies in God. Our God, who has given us all, will take care of our future. This also holds true for our parish. Please prayerfully discern your sacrificial giving.

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will be holding its

Autumn plant stall

Thursday 12 March,

7.30 am- 4 pm,

near the main foyer Calvary Hospital Bruce

There will be an excellent variety of indoor and outdoor plants for sale.

All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. Contact: Jan on 0437790980

SJASJ MARCH

Social Justice Brochure
in the Church foyer



“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.



TAP & GO - The donation amount is set at \$10.

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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud

the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Readings – 15 March 2020

First Reading	Ex 17:3-7
Psalm	Ps 94
Second Reading	Rom 5:1-2,5-8
Gospel	John 4:5-42

15 March Reading Roster

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

15 March Ministers of Communion

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

15 March Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	9 March	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	14 March	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard
Counting:	15 March	Group 5

Church Cleaning:	9 Mar	Ted and Carol Quade
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Did you know.....

A human sneeze exits the mouth at almost 480km per hour. This is the speed of the wind in a class five tornado.