

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**Third Sunday of Lent
15 March 2020**

**Year A
#16.20**

Reflection

Encountering Jesus Face to Face

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water.

The woman's encounter with Jesus is a moment of transformation for her. At first, she fails to comprehend his reference to 'living water' and never being thirsty again. However, in the end 'the woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town.' Leaving her water jar behind was a sign of the transformation that had taken place within her.

The Samaritan woman's personal encounter with Jesus compels her to start spreading the good news about the amazing man she has met. She meets Jesus face to face and feels compelled to act on what she has felt. Lent is a time for each of us to again – or for the first time – seek out a face to face encounter with Jesus. Through prayer, contemplation on scripture or reflection on encountering Jesus in the face of others, we build a one to one relationship with Jesus. When we acknowledge this relationship, like the Samaritan woman, we are compelled to act on it.

Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

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



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| 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 |

Heart Spirituality

Return to your Heart

Jesus Christ urges us to change our life. Return into yourself, he tells us through his Prophet: Sinners, return to your heart [Is. 46:8]; that is, change your ideas, for most of them are false and contrary to the Gospel. Often you call good what in reality is evil, and evil what in reality is good: Woe to those who call evil good and good evil [Is. 5:20]. If we want to profit from this teaching, we should esteem from now on what we have despised; we should make ourselves a new heart by changing our sentiments: Make yourself a new heart [Ez. 18:31]. How often our ideas turn towards material objects and fasten on to them as though the world was not due to pass away; and far too often, unfortunately, we remain insensitive to the good things of eternity.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Meditations 1, p.347f, Issoudun 1891)

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

Stewardship

Our Gospel passage from John recounts the life-changing encounter Christ has with the Samaritan woman at the well beginning with His words to her, "Give me a drink." Then, He adds, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Christ is speaking the very same words to us to us today. These two verses encapsulate the call to stewardship. Christ asks us to "give him a drink" by sharing what we have with Him and with others for His sake. Yet, it is Christ Himself who provides the water — the living water that is His grace.

God has chosen to include us in His plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, let us resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment.

Let us do our part to quench His thirst.

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

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.

LITURGY OF HEALING

Monday 23 March at 7:30pm

An opportunity for the community to come together and pray.

Reconciliation During Lent –
Saturday 5:00pm – 5:30pm or by appointment.

HEART GROUPS

are coming to

St John the Apostle parish
in 2020

Date: Sunday 5 April

Time: 3:00pm – 5:00pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Formation evening for Parents.

Date: Monday 6 April

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

The Sacrament will be celebrated on Thursday 28 May at 5:00pm



Changing Mass Time

End of Daylight Savings time

The Vigil mass time will move forward to 5:00pm

18 April 2020 to 3 October 2020.

The Easter Vigil Mass on 11 April will be at 7:00pm

Confessions will also move forward one hour 4:00pm – 4:30pm

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**

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.

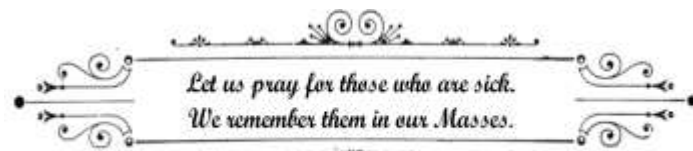
Child Safeguarding Training

(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

Library News: Some of the books on display for the Lenten season are "Oh God why: a journey through Lent for bruised pilgrims," "Opening the treasures", "Penance homilies" and "Year of the Lord, A"



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Eileen Luke, Brendan Patterson, Michael Hamilton, Caelan MacKenzie, Nicola Torelli, Eugene DeRose, Helen Murphy, Jill Wilson, Richard Kinsford, Richard Corr, Peter Roache, Marijan Cavlovic, Brian Weston, Jack Ransom, Generoso D'Ambrosio, Michael Lowe.

The Catholic Diocese of the Australian Military Services invites you to **The National ANZAC Day Mass** at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka ACT at 8:00am on Saturday 25 April 2020. *Guests are asked to be seated by 7:45am as the Ensign Party will enter the Cathedral before 8:00am.* Your presence would be appreciated.



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.



Holy Thursday: 9 April 2020
Mass of the Last Supper 7:00pm

Prayers at the Altar of Repose:
Concluding with night prayer 9:30pm
No 9:30am Mass Thursday Morning

Good Friday: 10 April 2020
Stations of the Cross – 10:00am
The Lord's Passion - 3:00pm

Holy Saturday: 11 April 2020
No confession on Saturday
Easter Vigil – 7:30pm

Easter Sunday: 12 April 2020
8:30am, 10:00am
Mass of the Resurrection
No 6:00pm Mass Sunday night

“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:

If today you hear his voice,
Harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water,
that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Readings – 22 March 2020

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

22 March Reading Roster

6:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Dennis Puniard
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Judy Lane, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

22 March Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Marie McKie, John Drury, Margaret McMahan, VACANT, VACANT
8:30am	Agnes Pham, Gerard Teng, Ted & Clare Kell, VACANT
10:00am	Robin Williams, Libby Costello, Pat Sheppard, Erin Pitt, Maida Kajkic
6:00pm	Raquel Salmeron, Ignatius Rozario, Mark Haureliuk, James and Toni Cox

22 March Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Judy Netting, Marie McKie
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Margaret Ohlin
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	16 March	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	21 March	VACANT
Counting:	22 March	Group 7

Church Cleaning:	16 Mar	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams
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Did you know....

Wedding rings are worn on the fourth finger of the left hand because people used to believe that the vein in this finger goes directly to the heart.

It was widely believed in the Middle Ages that the heart was the centre of human intelligence.