

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
22 March 2020**

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From Fr. Gerard.....

Dear Parishioners, while I continue to enjoy my sabbatical, I am also aware of the challenges the parish is facing in response to the pandemic which has now affected all our lives.

As we have witnessed nationwide and across the world, drastic measures have had to be put in place to curb the rapid rise in transmission of the Covid 19 virus.

In Australia, Federal, State and Territory governments have been working together to ensure a national response. Regrettably, the Catholic Church has not followed this example. Instead, each diocese has separately issued protocols with regard to attending public worship. While the majority of dioceses have taken the wise and responsible step of cancelling all public Masses, our Archdiocese has not.

Therefore, Masses will go ahead in the Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocese under certain provisions which includes complying with government directions to limit public gatherings to 100, and to apply social distancing at these gatherings.

It is important to note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended during this crisis. Parishioners should not in any way feel guilty about not attending Mass. This is crucial as we not only have an obligation to look after ourselves and our families, but also to exercise social responsibility.

Our faith does not immune us from the virus. But our faith does call us to compassion and courage in these exceptional times. My prayers go out to all parishioners, especially those who may be affected through job insecurity and other financial stresses. My thoughts and prayers are also with our parishioners who are health care workers and are therefore on the front line of this crisis. May God's love and protection be always present to you.

Peace and blessings,
Gerard

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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



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

Reflection

Love Alone Overcomes Fear

It is shocking to think how much the world has changed in such a brief time. Each of us has had our lives and communities disrupted. Of course, I am here in this with you. I feel that I'm in no position to tell you how to feel or how to think, but there are a few things that come to mind I will share.

A few days ago I was encouraged by the Franciscans and by the leadership team here at the CAC to self-quarantine, so I've been in my little hermitage now for three or four days. I've had years of practice, literally, how to do what we are calling "social distancing." I have a nice, large yard behind me where there are four huge, beautiful cottonwood trees, and so I walk my dog Opie every few hours.

Right now I'm trying to take in psychologically, spiritually, and personally, what is God trying to say? When I use that phrase, I'm not saying that God causes suffering to teach us good things. But God does use everything, and if God wanted us to experience global solidarity, I can't think of a better way. We all have access to this suffering, and it bypasses race, gender, religion, and nation.

We are in the midst of a highly teachable moment. There's no doubt that this period will be referred to for the rest of our lifetimes. We have a chance to go deep, and to go broad. Globally, we're in this together. Depth is being forced on us by great suffering, which as I like to say, always leads to great love.

But for God to reach us, we have to allow suffering to wound us. Now is no time for an academic solidarity with the world. Real solidarity needs to be felt and suffered. That's the real meaning of the word "suffer" – to allow someone else's pain to influence us in a real way. We need to move beyond our own personal feelings and take in the whole. This, I must say, is one of the gifts of television: we can turn it on and see how people in countries other

than our own are hurting. What is going to happen to those living in isolated places or for those who don't have health care? Imagine the fragility of the most marginalized, of people in prisons, the homeless, or even the people performing necessary services, such as ambulance drivers, nurses, and doctors, risking their lives to keep society together? Our feelings of urgency and devastation are not exaggeration: they are responding to the real human situation. We're not pushing the panic button; we are the panic button. And we have to allow these feelings, and invite God's presence to hold and sustain us in a time of collective prayer and lament.

I hope this experience will force our attention outwards to the suffering of the most vulnerable. Love always means going beyond yourself to otherness. It takes two. There has to be the lover and the beloved. We must be stretched to an encounter with otherness, and only then do we know it's love. This is what we call the subject-subject relationship. Love alone overcomes fear and is the true foundation that lasts (1 Corinthians 13:13).

A Message from Richard Rohr about COVID-19, Center for Action and Contemplation. Thursday 19 March 2020.

Heart Spirituality

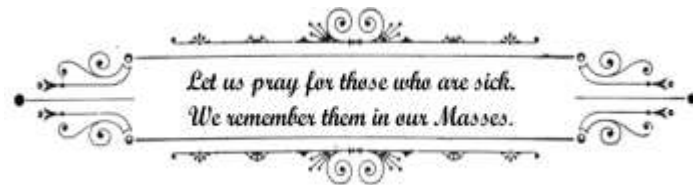
The Sovereignty of Our Lady

O Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, how happy we are to be part of your kingdom and to have you as our Queen!
For all the treasures of God's mercy are in your hands to be shared out to us.
Grant us all the graces we need.
Reign over our minds to enlighten them;
reign over our hearts to purify them;
reign over our wills to direct them;
lead us along the ways of salvation;
grant that one day we may share your glory where you reign in heaven.

Jules Chevalier msc
(OLSH, p.207f, Issoudun)

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

"Be on earth the Heart of God"



COVID-19 CoronaVirus

Due to COVID-19 the following parish events have been suspended

19 March	Sacrament of Penance
23 March	Liturgy of Healing
24 March	SJA Women's Breakfast
25 March	Over 45's
26 March	Child Safeguarding Training
27 March	<i>Relax, Review, Reflect - Faith and film</i>
5 April	HEART GROUPS
6 April	Confirmation Formation Session for Parents

If you are not receiving updates via SMS and email please contact the parish office kippax@cg.org.au

Online Mass is available at.....

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne Sunday Mass

On Sundays, the 11.00am Mass is streamed and it is also available as a recording on demand.

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, at 9.30am each day with Adoration and Benediction on Saturdays following 9.30am Mass.

<http://www.dbb.org.au/parishes/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=354>

Library News: "This is the Gospel of the Lord," Sunday preaching," "As rain that falls: homiletic reflections for the weekdays of Advent and Lent" are some of the books for meditation on display in the library this week.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Richard Kinsford, Richard Corr, Peter Roache, Marijan Cavlovic, Brian Weston, Jack Ransom, Generoso D'Ambrosio, Michael Lowe, Ludvik Koren, James Broderick, Ella Greig, Alexander Van Audenaerde, Clement King, Andrew McEvoy, Stanislaw Bitner, Victoria Huntley, Mark Markham, Moira Leader, Jennifer Adamik, John O'Brien, Jack Lenihan, Catherine Wheelaghan, Sybil Lazaro, Bill Corby, Francesca Fernando, Kay Haworth, Katherine Jones.

The Parish Office is open if you need help with anything please contact us.

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Monday – Friday

9:00am – 3:00pm

Stewardship

The blind man responds to the Pharisees who question him about his healing by declaring to them that Jesus "opened my eyes." These Lenten days are an excellent time for us to ask Jesus to open our eyes, too. Let us ask Him to show us where we may be suffering from spiritual blindness, perhaps even in subtle ways.

Are we truly reflecting His light in our use of **time** by giving first priority to our prayer lives, regularly attending Mass and Confession, giving our full and consistent attention to our loved ones?

Are we reflecting His light in the sharing of our **talents** by supporting the ministries in this parish, by community involvement, by being good neighbors to those near us who may be in need?

Are we reflecting His light by sharing our **material blessings** in a committed and intentional way as an act of gratitude to the God Who has given us all that we have?

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let's intensify our efforts in any of these areas where we have become a little blinded so that by Easter, we are truly living as children of the light.

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

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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:

The Lord is my Shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the
light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!

Readings – 29 March 2020

First Reading	Ez 37:12-14
Psalm	Ps 129
Second Reading	Rom 8:8-11
Gospel	John 11:1-45

29 March Reading Roster

6:00pm	Therese Kercher, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Judith Deklin, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Judy Lane
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Meg Millband

29 March Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Chitra Jayawardena, Janet Almond, Marie McKie, Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Carmel Screen, Clyde Sloan, Darren Maharaj, VACANT
10:00am	Nunga Umaru, Barbara Witzens, Colin Fox, Bonnie and Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Margaret Curry, Marian Crowley, Gerard Teng, James and Toni Cox

29 March Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena, Judy Netting, Marie McKie
8:30am	Agnes Pham, Rob Breen
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	VACANT

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	23 March	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	28 March	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Counting:	29 March	Group 9
Church Cleaning:	23 Mar	Joseph Lê Văn Hải, Sam Van Nguyen

On a Lighter note

What do you call a rock that never goes to school?

A skipping stone!