

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**29 March 2020**

**Year A**  
**#18.20**

### From Fr. Gerard.....

I enjoyed my visit to Kippax last weekend, albeit under extraordinary circumstances surrounding the pandemic. Because of the restricted numbers at Mass I was not able to catch up with most parishioners, but you are all in my prayers in these difficult times.

Since my visit, church services have been curtailed and even churches locked - harsh but necessary measures in order to combat this extremely virulent disease.

The necessary precautions that the government has placed on church services will affect parishes financially. We all know that there is a financial cost as well as a health cost to this emergency. It is inevitable that many parishioners will feel the financial strain in various degrees, some more severely than others. The parish is not immune. Like households the parish has ongoing bills such as utilities etc. With a reduced income it goes without saying that the parish itself will struggle.

The Australian Government has announced a \$17.6 billion economic plan to stimulate the economy. The focus is on keeping Australians in jobs and helping small and medium sized businesses to stay in business. The number of unemployed is growing as businesses close their doors. With our church doors closed and no Sunday offering we do not want to see our staff unemployed.

As a religious non-profit organisation the parish does not qualify for any monetary stimulus from the Government. To remain economically viable and meet all of our economic responsibilities we need your support. For this reason, I am asking parishioners to continue as best you can with your financial contribution to the parish

While the days ahead will be challenging for individuals, our nation, and our global community, we will eventually come through this crisis when we will be able to resume our normal parish life.

Love and prayers,  
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

**18 April 2020**

to

**3 October 2020.**

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

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

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# Reflection

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## The Tombs we are locked in

On this last Sunday in Lent Lazarus is given to us to help us think about the tombs in which we lie hidden and the life to which we are called. The bad spirit seduces most of us into having some form of secretive life. It might be a secret we can't tell, a sin we can't confess or a memory we want to bury. At its worst it can be a lifestyle or a pattern of unethical behaviour we have divorced from the rest of our lives. We may even con ourselves into believing that all of this is normal and 'not so bad'.

These tombs often look similar. They seem small on the surface, but as we get away with our secrets we bury ourselves in them more deeply. We jealously guard the entrance, displacing energy to defend our tombs and we're ashamed if anyone rolls away the stone and sees the mess inside.

But this Sunday Jesus stands at the entrance of our tombs and calls us out of them. We're asked to face down the bad spirits that keep us locked in secrecy, to move away from shame, embrace repentance, recognise the price to be paid for being true to what's best in ourselves and we're invited to know the light and life of Christ's healing and forgiveness.

No one can pretend that this journey is easy, but it's what Lent is all about: the journey from the tomb of our own particular deaths, through penance to the new life of Easter. May this Eucharist allow us to see the Lord stand at our tomb and gently call us by name, 'Come forth'. And at His word may we be unbound and let go free.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ. at [LiturgyHelp](http://LiturgyHelp)

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# Heart Spirituality

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## Grace

Grace is the life of God communicated to our whole being, soul and body; it penetrates and permeates us to divinize us; the supreme gift of the Heart of Jesus on earth. The name grace is well chosen; it means gratuitous gift.

The greater the grace. What a gift is God! An infinite good.

Who could ever merit it?

How beautiful is grace!

For grace is God, beauty itself.

To live from grace, through grace, in grace; to dwell in it; to possess it habitually, in a world to be in the state of graced is to exist and live in a higher, supernatural and divine order.

Jules Chevalier msc  
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.284f, Paris 1900)

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

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## Stewardship

How can we please God by putting Him first? Our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, gives us good instruction. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you." To be "in the flesh" means that we allow our own selves — our whims, our pleasure, our comfort-seeking — to determine our daily decisions. To be "in the flesh" is to spend our time, talent and material gifts primarily on ourselves. When we are in the flesh, we leave no room for the Spirit of God to fill our thoughts, our hearts and our souls.

The disciplines of Lent and the disciplines of a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make in a particular way during this holy season, and every day when we truly embrace a stewardship way of life, are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary — they are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God. In fact, the more we allow God to take over every aspect of our lives, the freer and more joyful we become.

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

## Parish News.....

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

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Monday – Friday

9:00am – 3:00pm

## CLOSED

Following directives from the Government and the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn our Church is closed.

## Mass Intentions

*Although there are no public celebrations of Mass, Fr's Kimi and Michael continue to celebrate mass privately. They can offer Mass for your intention. If you have a mass intention, please send your request in via email or phone call.*

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We are keeping in touch daily. To receive the daily mail out send us your email address or access it at <http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au/index.php?page=kit-keeping-in-touch>

## 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.

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

## Recently Deceased:

Betty Blyth [mother of Mike].

**Anniversary:** Ludvik Koren, Ella Greig, James Broderick, 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, John Henshaw, Helen McGee, Harold Allester, Vivienne Montgomery, Jordan Matthews, John Napier, Caitlin Brice, Alyssa Brice, Betty Kerekes, Janelle Brice, Leonard Smith, Trevor Agnew, Elena Guindas, Kenneth Marlour, Jim Curran, Noel Smith, Leon Fernando, Kees Van Rooy, Daniel Cassar.

## Staying Connected



Web Page

[www.stjohnkippax.org.au](http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au)



Facebook Page:

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## Links to the Wider Church

Sacred Space – Daily Prayer online with the Pope  
<https://www.sacredspace.ie/apostleship>

Vatican News

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Australia

<https://misacor.org.au/index.php/e-magazine/latest-news>

Archdiocese Canberra and Goulburn News

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/>



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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.



**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:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life,

says the Lord;

whoever believes in me

will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Readings – 5 April 2020

First Reading	Is 50:4-7
Psalm	Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Second Reading	Phil 2:6-11
Gospel	Matthew 26:14-27:66

## Reading Roster

6:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

## Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

## Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:		
Grounds		
Counting:		
Church Cleaning:		

## On a Lighter note

Why did the tectonic plates break up?

It wasn't her fault, but there was just too much friction between them.