

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Third Sunday of Easter
26 April 2020

Year A
#22.20

From the Assistant Pastor.....

When All Hope Seems Lost

Our Scripture lessons for today have one common, encouraging theme: No matter what happens in our lives, the Risen Jesus is always with us. God is near to those who seek Him and who want to live in His presence doing His will. The Emmaus incident is a story of a God who will not leave us alone when we are hurt and disappointed. As Francis Thompson puts it, He is the *Hound of Heaven* who relentlessly follows us when we try to escape from His love. The message of today's scripture is that the followers of Jesus are to maintain contact with their risen Lord through the Eucharist and the Bible. It also reminds us that our belief in Jesus' presence in the Bread and Wine should help us better understand his presence in the Bible and in the believing community.

Do our hearts burn when we listen to the Risen Lord in the Bible? Christ comes to us most clearly in the Word. Our tradition teaches us that the reading of the Scriptures, the study of the Scriptures and the proclamation of the message of the Scriptures are the primary ways in which we meet God.

The good news is you can do plenty of easy things to enhance your family bond and spend more time with each other. Try incorporating these simple tips into your daily life to foster closeness among your family. As your family grows and life progresses, it gets harder to find ways to connect and spend time together. Even recently married couples can find it challenging to carve out space in their schedules for togetherness. But, as is the case with most things in life, if it's important, you will find a way to make time for it. And creating memories and enjoying time together should definitely take priority. We should do what we can to make sure that we do accept the prophetic witness shared with us from our own family members.

Love and Blessings,
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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



Saturday 25 April



ANZAC DAY Public
Holiday

The office is closed for
Monday 27 April

Reflection

Life as a Journey

Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith.

One reason so many people have lost heart today is that we feel both confused and powerless. Every day we have opportunities to reconnect with God through an encounter with nature, whether an ordinary sunrise, a starling on a power line, a tree in a park, or a cloud in the sky. This spirituality doesn't depend on education or belief. It almost entirely depends on our capacity for simple presence.

Our experiences of ordinary life will transform us if we are willing to experience them fully.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSA & *Nature Reflects God's Goodness*, by Richard Rohr

Heart Spirituality

The Heart of Jesus foreshadowed in the Old Testament

We may legitimately see a real foreshadowing of the Heart of Jesus, source of grace, in the rock, situated in the middle of the desert. On it stands the Word [Exodus 17:6] in a way identifying himself with it. Moses, following the order he had received, approached this sacred mountain, struck it and made living water spring from it, which quenched the thirst of the people of God. This mysterious rock is Christ [1Cor. 10:4]. The rod used by the leader of the Hebrews in opening up the rock is the soldier's lance. The opening made is the wound in the Saviour's side, and the water that flow from it represents grace, whose source is the Sacred Heart.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p.8f, Paris 1900)

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

Stewardship

As Christian stewards we know that our lives are a sojourn towards the ultimate destination of heaven. And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples can describe our own walk of faith.

We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, the support of our parish family. Yet, we lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God. The life of a disciple — even for us modern-day disciples — is truly a sojourn, with valleys and mountaintops, wrong turns and course corrections required on a regular basis.

When the disciples eyes are opened once again and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — "the breaking of the bread?" They are transformed! When we become discouraged, when we need our hearts set on fire once again we can turn to Jesus to be transformed.

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

Parish News.....

TIME ● TALENT ● TREASURE

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

Thank you to all the parishioners who have committed to parish ministries for the 2020-2021 period.

You are all invited to participate in the mission and ministry life of our parish with your time, talent and treasure.

We are in need of more ministers, if you are not currently involved in a ministry, please give this your prayerful consideration

**The ministry commitment period is
1st June 2020 to 31st May 2021.**

KIT @ KIPPAX

<http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au/index.php?page=kit-keeping-in-touch>

Perhaps you would like to share a story of what is different in your life during this time of physical isolation. How has it impacted your life? Have there been some surprises on how you have coped? Share them with the SJA community.



DARAMALAN COLLEGE

Enrolments for Year 7 students in the 2021 school year are now open.

Enrolments for Year 7 2021 close on Friday 22 May 2020. Enrolments for

other years are accepted all year and places may be offered as they arise. There is generally more movement towards the end of the year. Please contact the school's Registrar for more information.

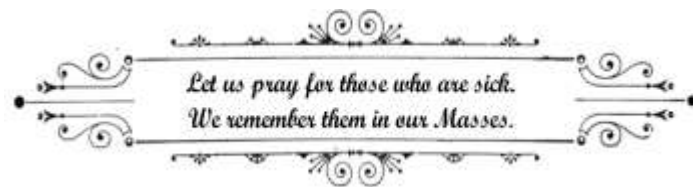
<http://www.daramalan.act.edu.au/enrolments/>



St Francis
Xavier
College

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER
COLLEGE FLOREY
2021 ENROLMENTS**

<https://sfx.act.edu.au/enrolments/enrolment-information-2021/>



Recently Deceased:

Mitchell Williams

(student at St Francis Xavier College)

Anniversary: Joachim Tittlebach, Frederick Hayes, Vladislav Malnar, Josph Kowalski, Miroslav Chodora, Patricia Ticehurst, Andrea Sannazzaro, Michael Quigley, Cyril Harper, Michael Bell, Anna Rodziewicz, Ashley Johnson, Anna Clobus, Neil White, Gertrude Harridence, John Schmich, John Braddon, John Costelloe, Lillian Boyd, Ruth Lloyd.

We **thank you** for your emails and telephone calls, checking in to see how we all are in the parish office. We also thank you for your contributions to KIT which helps keep parishioners in touch with each other.

We hold you all in our daily prayer and mass. The parish team, Kimi, Michael, Marian & Sharon

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.



“Be on earth the Heart of God”

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RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love
when you speak.
Alleluia!

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

Readings – 3 May 2020

First Reading	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm	Ps 22
Second Reading	1 Pt 2:20b-25
Gospel	John 10:1-10

3 May Reading Roster

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

3 May Ministers of Communion

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

3 May Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	27 April	
Grounds	2 May	
Counting:	3 May	

Church Cleaning:	27 April	
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On a Lighter note



working from home can mess with your head