

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
26 January 2020

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## Reflection

### Jesus calls us all to discipleship

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

Jesus called his first disciples from the middle of their daily lives to follow him. While they were initially enthusiastic, they eventually discovered that the path they were called to follow was not one of gaining earthly power and prestige. Quite the opposite: Jesus was calling them to follow the path of being servants to others culminating, in the Way of the Cross. (Matthew 20:27-28) For most of the disciples the shock of Jesus' arrest, torture, and crucifixion was too great to endure and they abandoned him on the way to Calvary.

As Jesus did with the first disciples, the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) teaches that we are called to holiness in our daily lives and tasks. The sure way to holiness and honest discipleship is in discerning how we may witness to the risen Christ in the course of our day, with the people we encounter, with the tasks that we do.

Jesus calls us all to discipleship. The Second Vatican Council teaches that the call to holiness is universal, and all are called to be saints in whatever local environment God has called us to. We are all called to be disciples today.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSA & *The Way of Discipleship*, by James P. Campbell, D.Min. <https://www.loyolapress.com>

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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

### Baptisms:

1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass

Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm - 5:30pm



**Hearing Loop:** in the central body of the church.

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

## VINNIES FEBRUARY DOORKNOCK

Vinnies won't be door knocking this February. **Instead**, Vinnies volunteers will set up in indoor locations around Canberra and Queanbeyan, collecting for the **Vinnies Bushfire Appeal**.

St John the Apostle Vinnies will be collecting at the Kippax Fair on Saturday's and Sunday's in February.



We need volunteers for a couple of hours on any Saturday or Sunday.

Please enter your contact details on the sheets in the foyer, contact James Cox on 6254 8450 or 0432 563 299.

## Parish News.....

### Blessing of Candles

#### The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord 2 February 2020

You are invited to bring your prayer candle to mass. The "blessing of candles ceremony" will take place during all of the masses. Your candle can be placed on the table provided in front of the altar before mass. You will then collect your blessed candle at the conclusion of mass.

# SENIORS RETREAT

## WHEN

**Thurs 20 Feb 2020  
10am – 3pm**

## WHERE

### St John the Apostle Catholic Church

25 Blackham Street HOLT ACT 2615

*Journeying into the Heart of Jesus through St John's Gospel with Jean Vanier*



## FACILITATOR

**Sr. Lorraine Cupitt**  
Sister of Mercy

## REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

Ph. 6254 3236  
Email: [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

## RSVP

**Monday 17 Feb 2020**

**Lunch, tea/coffee will be provided.**

Jean Vanier, who passed away in 2019, was the founder of the L'Arche Community, and has left us a wonderful legacy of love and acceptance.

Jean defines the Gospel of St John, as the Gospel of Relationship and of Transformation, explaining how we are gradually transformed into the Fullness of God's Love.

Through the use of beautifully filmed presentations, Jean Vanier will guide us through John's Gospel, drawing us into the world of Jesus by taking us to places where He ministered.

**Parish Office Closed  
Monday 27 January 2020  
Australia Day Public Holiday**

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is celebrated on the last Friday of each month after the 9:30am mass. **Next anointing will be 31 January.**

*RCIA will re-commence on Tuesday 4 February.*

*Please continue to keep our RCIA candidates;*

*Louise Bulfin, Iain Forsyth, David Graham, Rebecca Neiberding & Jennifer Wheatley, in your prayers.*



**Over 45's** will meet on **Wednesday 29 January** for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre.

Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries phone Margaret 6254 4048

## **St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast**

*The next breakfast is*

**28 January 2020  
7:30am Tuesday**

*Lucky Shot Espresso Bar*  
Hardwick Crescent KIPPAX



## **SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB**

We are reading

***Bridge of Clay, by Markus Zusak***

Sunday 16 February  
3:00 pm Parish Library



**Eucharistic Adoration  
First Friday Monthly  
8pm - 9pm  
starting 7th February.**

Everybody is welcome and encouraged to come along to spend time with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving to refresh our souls.

There will be periods of reflective music (Taizé) and silent adoration.

## **We're Going Back To School**



## **PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION ENROLLING NOW**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February after 6pm Mass

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> February after 10am Mass

Enrolments in the Church Foyer

**Classes will commence on 16 February**

# **Heart Spirituality**

## **The Importance of Fervour**

Jesus says, is yours the disposition of the Apostles, my child? The more closely you seek to follow their example, the more good you will do to souls. Looking back into the past, you will notice that people of average knowledge, but full of the Spirit of God, have rendered better service to their neighbour than learned people without devotion, who are proud of their intellectual gifts. Souls are not saved "by persuasive words of human wisdom" [1 Cor, 2:4] but by the influence of virtue and the effectiveness of grace. If people run away from sacrifice, seek their own comfort and make no effort to become holy, how will they be effectively able to invite others to practice virtue? "If salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing any more, but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot" [Mt. 5:13]. So work at your improvement; make generous efforts to grow continuously in virtue. Then what you say and do will be useful in obtaining for your neighbour all the good you want for him.

Jules Chevalier msc  
(Ecole du Sacré-Coeur p.86f, Issoudun 1892)

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

## **Stewardship**

There is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait!

In this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "immediately left their boat and followed him." They put our Lord and His will first.

This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do. It's who we are.

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

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

**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversary:** Claudine MacDowell,  
Danielle Sykes, Brendan Gibson, Chris Thamer,  
Bernadette Davis, Emanuel Grech, Joan Casey,  
Nicholas McInerney, James Fitzgibbon, Kyall Green,  
Maxwell Lewis, Geoffrey Fisher, Michael Sweeney,  
Armando Arugay, Jane Packard, Frank Ripszam,  
Michael Ryan, Desmond Jones, Janelle Sykes,  
Margaret Hill, Declan Morris, Rupert Waterford,  
Jehanne Thelland, Alexander Powell, Alice Tonna,  
Robert Thomas, Doreen Kennedy, Salvatore Nasca.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus preached the Good News  
of the kingdom  
And healed all who were sick.  
Alleluia!

**Readings – 2 February 2020**

First Reading Mal 3:1-4  
Psalm Ps 23:7-10  
Second Reading Heb 2:14-18  
Gospel Luke 2:22-40

**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
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

**2 Feb Reading Roster**

6:00pm	Michael Horan, Lesley Givens
8:30am	John O’Heir, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Matthew Garton, Margaret Luck

**Becoming Catholic**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]**  
please contact the parish office for more information.

**2 Feb Ministers of Communion**

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Janet Almond, Judy Netting, Joe & Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp, Maria Scarr, Victoria Scarano, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Jenny Howarth, Priscilla Gonsalves, Pat Sheppard, Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Eoin Garton, Saraid Garton, Emily Gill, Liam Stewart, John McGee

**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

**2 Feb Hospitality Roster**

6:00pm	Joe & Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Judith O’Neill, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Emily Gill, Saraid Garton, Liam Stewart

School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term
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**Weekly Rosters**

Altar Society:	27 Jan	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	1 Feb	VACANT
Counting:	2 Feb	Group 2

Church Cleaning:	27 Jan	Joseph Lê Văn Hải Sam Van Nguyen
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On a lighter note

Knock knock  
Who’s there?  
Tick!  
Tick who?  
Tick ‘em up! I’m a tongue tied towboy!



**LIBRARY NEWS:**

Three novels on display at present which are set in the time of Christ and which bring his story alive for the reader are “Two Women of Galilee”, “The Silver Chalice” and “The Big Fisherman”.