

## Reflection

### The Source of Miracles is God's Grace

In the time of Jesus almost everything the people could not understand was put down to a demon or an evil spirit. Today, it is surprising how this kind of thinking still persists. While most people don't blame evil for their ailments, they can think God has a direct hand in sending an illness or an injury. Such faulty theology cannot be reconciled with the New Testament.

There is not a single instance where Jesus inflicts pain and suffering on others. He regularly tells us we have to carry our cross and bear our burdens, but this is vastly different from personally laying a cross on our shoulders or giving us the burdens in the first place. By contrast, every time that Jesus encounters suffering and pain he works to heal it and restore the person to new life.

The differences between the healing of Peter's mother-in-law and the other healing stories in the first chapter of Mark's Gospel are striking. Rather than in a public space and in front of crowds this personal healing occurs in the privacy of Peter's house. By contrast to the command for the demons to be gone, in his bedside ministry Jesus never mentions a demon and uses no words. Instead, he gently takes her by the hand and helps her to her feet. Unlike the others Jesus heals, of whom we never hear about their response, the healing of Peter's mother-in-law leads her to an act of service.

As Catholics we believe in the power of miracles and that the source of them is always the grace of God. But we do not have to see them as something done to us from without. Rather, we can see them as unlocking something from within. For some people Jesus' word or touch sets free the healing power God has placed in them.

Today's Gospel reminds us that miracles do not happen for show or for the sake of the crowd. They are realisations of faith.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard

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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

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Enrollments will take place in the foyer after the 10:00am Mass this and next Sunday

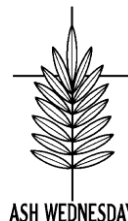
## Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 15 February  
7:15pm Parish Library



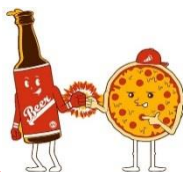
## ASH WEDNESDAY

17 February  
Mass Times  
9:30am and 6:00pm



## SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly  
6:00pm – 8:00pm



For more information  
contact the parish office.

Next gathering: Friday 19 February  
St John the Apostle Parish Centre



links will be emailed  
Tuesday 9 February

## RCIA

[Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult]  
Tuesdays 7:00pm – 8:00pm  
Parish Library

Perhaps you know someone  
who is interested in becoming  
a Catholic?



*Come and See* John 1:39

## SJA Book Club

In February We are reading:  
"One Life - My Mothers Story"  
by Kate Grenville

Parish Library – 21<sup>st</sup> February - 3:00pm

**St John the Apostle  
Women's Breakfast**  
Tuesday – 23 February - 7:30am



**New Venue - Bean Origin**

5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen

**Relax, Review, Reflect**  
**Faith and film**

**Friday 26 February at 7:30pm**



**We are watching: "AN INTERVIEW WITH GOD"**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there are limited  
places. You will need to contact the Parish Office  
to register on 6254 3236 or [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

## KIT – The parishioners forum



Tell us your stories. How is  
life different for you? KIT  
is the parishioner's forum  
– without your contributions it will not  
exist. Please send them in to the parish  
office. Thank you – [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au).

## Michael Galovic Icons & Contemporary Art Exhibition

*A showcase of traditional icons and  
contemporary religious and non-religious  
art cultivated over the last 30 years.*

12-21 March 2021

10:00am – 3:00pm daily

The Chapel, Australian Centre for  
Christianity & Culture, Barton

*All works will be available for sale.*

## Sacrament of Penance

**Formation Evening for Parents**

**Monday 8 February**

*We pray for the children preparing to  
receive the Sacrament of Penance on  
Thursday 18 March. May they continue to  
grow in faith trusting in God's love and  
forgiveness.*

## Contemplation & Formation morning



Members of the PPC, Finance Council, Liturgy  
Team and SJACare team, will meet on  
Saturday 13 February 2021 for a formation  
and planning morning. Would you please  
keep them in your prayers as they discern  
and plan on how to be God's Heart on earth.

# Heart Spirituality

## The importance of commitment

Souls are not saved “by persuasive words of human wisdom” 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 practise virtue? “If salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot”.

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 them.

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

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

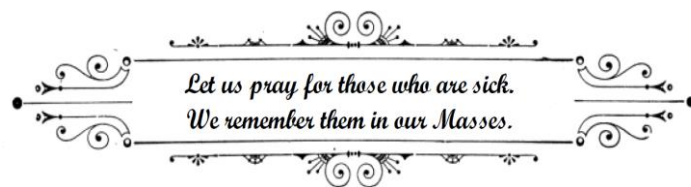
## Stewardship

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission — the salvation of humanity. He laboured for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants.

As Christian stewards, we are also called to be humble servants who labour for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate the Perfect Steward, Who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. For us, this begins right here in our homes, parish and community. We are called to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us.

Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus made the decision to go to the nearby villages to preach, He first went off to pray. It is through prayer that Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer — we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord.

[www.catholicsteward.com](http://www.catholicsteward.com)



## Recently Deceased:

### Anniversary:

Doreen Kennedy, Salvatore Nasca, Julian Oakley, Annie McCreath, Clements Cox, Bruce Walker, Carmelita Godfrey, Maria Carrusca, Kenneth Vella, Victoria Wilkinson, Faye Menegazzo, Stella Bell, Margaret Ephgrave, Margaret Davis, Elias Kiki, John Maher, Peter Moor, Robert Millucci, Robert Galliano, Rene Stubbs, George Griffiths, Trent Foster, Glenn Foster, Nellie Bannon, Henry Moulis, Edward Blake-Smith, Philip Babic, John Thompson, Vincent Mawson, Raychell Nolan, Charlotte Lansdown, Carmel Page, Paulina Jabagat, Colin Waterford.

## 2021 Calendar

### February

Monday 15	Pins & Needles
17	Ash Wednesday
Friday 19	Men's Group
Sunday 21	Bookclub
Tuesday 23	Women's Breakfast
Mon 22- Fri 26	Frs. Kimi and Michael Away
Friday 26	Relax, Review, Reflect

### March

Friday 5	Eucharistic Adoration
Monday 8	Canberra Day Holiday
Monday 15	Pins & Needles
Thursday 18	Children receiving the Sacrament of Penance
Friday 19	Men's Group
Sunday 21	Harmony Day
Tuesday 23	Women's Breakfast
Friday 25	10am Mass Anointing of the Sick
Sunday 28	Palm Sunday
Monday 29	Holy Week

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**



## 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	1st Friday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
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	3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4th 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	3rd 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



**Donations** to the 1st & 2nd Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
He bore our sickness,  
And endured our suffering.  
Alleluia!

## Readings –14 February 2021

First Reading	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
Psalm	Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11
Second Reading	1 Cor 10:31- 1:1
Gospel	Mark 1:40-45

### 14 February Reading Roster

6:00pm	Mary French, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Mariana Rollgejer
10:00am	Erin Trevaskis, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, Joe Ots

### 14 February Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Robert Greig, Anthony and Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Brian Green, Margaret Stanford, Shane Murtagh, Peter Polkinghorne
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Frank Colley, Margaret Gill
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Margaret Curry, Andrew Webster, Andrew Luck

### 14 February Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Kay Dwyer

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	<b>8 Feb</b>	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	<b>13 Feb</b>	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard
Church Cleaning:	<b>8 Feb</b>	VACANT

## On a Lighter note

It's not procrastinating  
if you're drinking coffee,



it's "procaffinating".

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