

## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**14 February 2021**

**Year B**  
**#12.21**

## Reflection

### Anger can be a source that rights a wrong

Sometimes translators of the Bible get it wrong for all the best reasons. We are used to hearing in today's Gospel that Jesus was 'filled with pity' when he encountered the leper, but the Greek word Mark uses is more accurately translated 'anger', not 'pity'.

Anger tells us that something is wrong. It is an important and valuable emotion. Anger is value-neutral. It's what we do with it that defines its effect in our lives. Some of us sit on it and stew. Others gain energy from their anger to right the wrong.

People who had any type of skin disease in first century Palestine were called lepers. They were treated shamefully. They had to live outside the villages and towns, call out 'unclean, unclean' when they came near others, could never attend the temple and were considered cursed by God and so excluded from the Chosen People. No wonder Jesus was angry when he encountered a man with leprosy. Here he also confronts a social class system that robbed this man of his human dignity and religious laws that robbed him of hope.

There are two details in this story that are especially important. The man with leprosy feels comfortable enough to go straight up to Jesus, to put his case, and ask for healing. We are told that Jesus touched him. Social and religious laws were being broken in this encounter. But Jesus' healing of the man isn't just about challenging social laws and taboos. Jesus tells the man to fulfil his religious obligations so that he can attend the temple again and re-join the community. Jesus was interested in converting all those he met to the higher laws of love and compassion.

We are challenged this Sunday to trust our anger. This is not only about fighting for our rights when we have been wronged, but more so, it's fighting for the dignity and rights of others.

We need to be the voices of truth.

Resource used: Homily by, Richard Leonard SJ at LiturgyHelp

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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 Sunday



## COVID-19 Safety Plan

The parish has been audited by ACT Health regarding our COVID safety plan. The plan is available on the webpage <http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au/index.php?page=covid-19-guidelines>

### Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 15 February  
7:15pm Parish Library



### 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

### 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

### 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)



### 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.

### Introduction to Christian Meditation in Lent

7.15pm each Tuesday for 1 hour

23 February for 5 successive Tuesdays

St Peter Chanel's Parish room, Yarralumla.

The key to understanding the simplicity of Christian Meditation is within Psalm 46 – "Be still and know that I am God". An opportunity to experience this prayer practice, learn about its origins & discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world. No cost, no RSVP required, just turn up ([wccmaustralia.org.au](http://wccmaustralia.org.au))

Enquire: Rod or Susan: 0401 731 918

### 2021 Men's Cursillo Weekend

25 March - 28 March

St Clement's Retreat Centre Galong

contact Geoff on 0451 013 772 or  
[chantel1997@hotmail.com](mailto:chantel1997@hotmail.com).

The Mass is the source and summit of our faith, but you are called to be a fruitful member of the body of Jesus in your daily life. A cursillo retreat weekend offers the opportunity to explore and enhance your faith life through a program led by local volunteer lay persons and spiritually directed by a priest. This happens in a friendly community atmosphere over a three-day period in the relaxed monastery grounds of St Clements Galong.

### KIT – Keeping in Touch

KIT needs your contributions to keep it going.

### 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

# Heart Spirituality

## No knowledge without love

God is our model. God knows himself and, knowing himself, loves himself. This constitutes his inner life. Love without knowledge is impossible; knowledge without love is a disorder. This is also true for us. When science does not produce love, it goes wrong; it is a flower without fruit. This disorder is the more serious because it touches the deepest part of our being, the most essential feature of our similarity with God. Above all, science should produce love of God. I am talking about all sciences, even earth-bound sciences that seem furthest removed from things of God. Isn't science the knowledge of the causes of things? But God is the ultimate cause: he made all things; he made them for himself; and he found the models for them in himself.

Jules Chevalier msc,  
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.330 Paris, 1900)

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

## Stewardship

Today's readings prepare us for the penitential season of Lent.

In our Gospel, a leper knelt before Jesus and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched this diseased man and healed him.

Lent is a time to offer acts of reparation through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving so that we might be purified in all areas of our life and walk with the Gracious Healer, Who sacrificed His life for our sake.

This holy season of Lent is an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ. Let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.

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



## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Robert Millucci,  
Robert Galliano, Rene Stubbs, George Griffiths,  
Trent Foster, Glenn Foster, Nellie Bannon,  
Henry Moulis, Edward Blake-Smith, Philip Babic,  
John Thompson, Vince Mawson, Raychell Nolan,  
Charlotte Lansdown, Carmel Page, Paulina Jabagat,  
Colin Waterford, David Lowe, Ian Bransby,  
Ondina Finzi, Michael Vella, Giuseppe Mammoliti,  
Vincas Puzas, Judith Hickey, Rodney Chapman,  
Eamonn Murtagh, Rudi Meyer, James Wiley,  
Johanna Garratte, Reg Lazaro, John Marane

## 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<br>Film Night |
|                |                                      |

### March

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| Friday 5    | Eucharistic Adoration                          |
| Monday 8    | Canberra Day Holiday                           |
| Monday 15   | Pins & Needles                                 |
| Thursday 18 | Children receiving the<br>Sacrament of Penance |
| Friday 19   | Men's Group                                    |
| Sunday 21   | Harmony Day                                    |
| Tuesday 23  | Women's Breakfast                              |
| Friday 25   | 10am Mass<br>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<br>10:00am Mass |
| Reconciliation                        | Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm                  |
| Sacramental Program                   | Contact Parish Office                |
| School of Religion<br>(Parish Centre) | Sunday 9.15am<br>during school term  |

## PRAYER LIFE

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| Charismatic Prayer:<br>Maida: 0423 658 326 | Thursday 7:30pm<br>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<br>7:30pm – 8:30pm |
| Adult Choir                                | Wednesday 7:30pm                                       |

## SOCIAL LIFE

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|-------------------|---|
| Coffee Club       | Fourth Sunday<br>after 10:00am Mass   |
| Over 45's         | Last Wednesday of the Month<br>9:30am Mass and morning tea                    |
| Pins & Needles    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month<br>7:15pm Parish Library                  |
| Book club         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month<br>3:00pm Parish Library                  |
| Women's Breakfast | 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am<br>Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax |
| Youth Group       | AGAPE - First & Third Sunday<br>after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre               |
| Men's Group       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm<br>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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 21 February 2021

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| First Reading  | Gen 9:8-15   |
| Psalms         | Ps 24:4-9    |
| Second Reading | 1 Pt 3:18-22 |
| Gospel         | Mark 1:12-15 |

## 21 February Reading Roster

|         |                                |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| 6:00pm  | Bob Raadts, Judy Netting       |
| 8:30am  | Darren Maharaj, Carmel Screen  |
| 10:00am | Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain        |
| 6:00pm  | Terry Fewtrell, Matthew Garton |

## 21 February Ministers of Communion

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| 6:00pm  | Elaine Laycock, Marian England                   |
| 8:30am  | Peter Polkinghorne                               |
| 10:00am | Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane          |
| 6:00pm  | Brian Mahony, Eoin Garton,<br>Chitra Jayawardena |

## 21 February Hospitality Roster

|         |               |
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| 6:00pm  | Marie McKie   |
| 8:30am  | Norma Sloan   |
| 10:00am | Margaret Gill |
| 6:00pm  | Brian Mahony  |

## Weekly Rosters

|                |        |                  |
|----------------|--------|------------------|
| Altar Society: | 15 Feb | Mary Cruickshank |
| Grounds        | 20 Feb | VACANT           |

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| Church Cleaning: | 15 Feb | Carol Blyth,<br>Beatrice Williams |
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## On a Lighter note



"Yes, garlic and herbs can improve your cholesterol...but not garlic and herb potato chips."