

First Sunday of Lent
21 February 2021

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Reflection

Creating a New Mind

The Jordan Valley was a relatively fertile area. However, Jesus would not have had to travel too great a distance to find himself in very arid, desert-like wilderness. Crossing the River Jordan and climbing out of the Jordan Valley to the east, Jesus would have emerged onto the northern part of the TransJordan Plateau and the edge of the Syrian Desert. The area was not only geographically rough but it was also full of bandits and rebels. It was a dangerous place to be. However, the desert wilderness holds great significance in the Bible as a place of preparation for a new stage of life or a new relationship with God.

Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God's transformative dream of right relationship with one another and with our world. To accept this call requires a change of heart and mind (a metanoia) and the adoption of a new orientation, a new worldview based on living the kingdom of God. This is a challenge to be counter-cultural – to go 'against the flow' of the majority attitudes at times. It is certainly not an 'easy option' that we are called to live.

Jesus didn't focus on individual sin *outside* or *over there*, where we can point to it, punish it, and try to change it. That is too easy and mostly ineffective. Without making light of evil, he showed how to actually overcome and heal it. Sin, for Jesus, was *the very act of accusing* (Satan means "the accuser"). Whenever we try to expel and accuse others, and somehow leave ourselves or our group out of the equation, we end up "sinning." We must first recognize our own complicity in evil before we can transform it. We see this pattern when Jesus himself was faced with three temptations to power. Until we face our own demons, none of us are prepared to fight evil elsewhere.

Jesus' call to 'repent and believe' is a very appropriate call to begin the Lenten season.

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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

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PARISH NEWS

23 – 26 February

There will be no Masses on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday next week. However, there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion at 9:30am on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week.

Fr's Kimi and Michael will be attending the Younger MSC's gathering.

During the season of Lent, an instrumental piece of music will be played at the end of each mass. This music will liturgically connect us to the Easter Triduum. Please remain standing in silence until the celebrant and acolytes have reached the Sacristy.

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



New Venue - Bean Origin
5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen

KIT – Keeping in Touch

KIT needs your contributions to keep it going.



Taizé with Eucharistic Adoration
7:30pm – 8:30pm – 5 March
Confession will be available

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.

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding three major fund-raising events in March. All proceeds go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients. We thank you for your support during 2020 and encourage your ongoing support.

Plant Stall - Thursday 11 March, 8am-4pm, Jamison Centre. A wide variety of indoor and outdoor plants, herbs, succulents, natives and more.

Plant Stall - Saturday & Sunday 20 & 21 March, 8am-5pm, Belconnen Markets. A wide variety of indoor and outdoor plants, herbs, succulents, natives at bargain prices.

Crafts Stall - Saturday & Sunday 27 & 28 March, 8am-5pm, Belconnen Markets. Home-made cakes, jams, pickles, knitted goods, gifts and more.

Accommodation Available:

Furnished room in family home in Holt.
Suitable for mature lady.
Contact 02-6254 1816 for details.

RAISING FATHERS

A SPECIAL EVENING EVENT
WITH ROBERT FALZON EXPLORING
FATHERING FROM THE FRONTLINE.

TUESDAY 2 MARCH
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Haydon Hall, Ground Floor,
St Christopher's pastoral Centre.
55 Franklin Street Forrest

Register online by 26 February

<https://cgatholic.org.au/raisingfathers>

2021 Men's Cursillo Weekend
25 March - 28 March

St Clement's Retreat Centre Galong

contact Geoff on 0451 013 772 or
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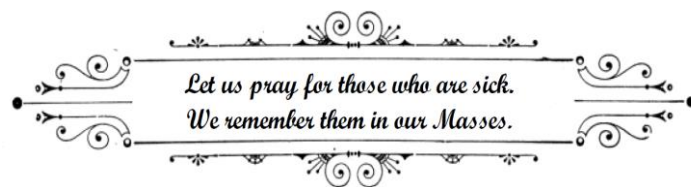
2020 left many of us despondent and looking for meaning. A Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the opportunity to develop your faith life in a safe, comfortable environment over a three-day weekend. A program of talks, meditations, discussion and prayer will form you while allowing you to establish last friendships. Enjoy the restful atmosphere of St Clements monastery retreat centre.



Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra-Goulburn Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on **6239 9813** or email tribunal@cg.org.au

Heart Spirituality



The enemy within

Our most formidable enemies, those that should inspire the greatest fear, are not those outside ourselves but those within.

Our nature is a centre of concupiscence that ceaselessly bears us towards evil. The passions, the bad habits that fill our hearts are the greatest obstacle to salvation.

How many Christians, how many priests and religious, after having lived in fervor, slackened and abandoned the way of virtue because of the fickleness that is natural to us.

“Those who think the stand should take heed lest they fall” (1Cor. 10:12).

Jules Chevalier msc,
(Méditations 1, p.218 Issoudun, 1891)

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

Stewardship

Today's readings remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey — to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on Easter.

In order to more readily receive the blessings from Christ's passion, death and resurrection, we too are called endure 40 days “in the desert.” In our Gospel, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan. Jesus was called to face trials and to confront evil. During this time, He committed to intense prayer and fasting.

We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by Whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in the desert, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer.

www.catholicsteward.com

Recently Deceased:

Raymond Meere – John Drury's brother-in-law

Anniversary: 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, Ivan Mikulic, Angeles Arranz, Lillian Luke, Elena Zamora, Adrian Newton, Adrienne Stewart, Ashley Kent, Tony Lay, Eun Cho Shin, Hayden Ricketts, James McKay, Dorothy Jeffrey, Leo McDonald, Rachael Netting, Grant Lalor, Francisca Benedictos.

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.

2021 Calendar

February

Tuesday 23	Women's Breakfast
Mon 22- Fri 26	Frs. Kimi and Michael Away
Friday 26	Relax, Review, Reflect Film Night

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	1 st 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	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 Bean Origin Belconnen
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



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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

Readings – 28 February 2021

First Reading	Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
Psalm	Ps 115.10, 15-19
Second Reading	Rom 8:31-34
Gospel	Mark 9:2-10

28 February Reading Roster

6:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Joe Ots
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Ann Reynolds, Colleen Reed/Libby Kain
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

28 February Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	John Drury
8:30am	Ted Kell, Agnes Pham
10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Ruth Blackwell
6:00pm	James Cox, Matthew Garton, Priscilla Gonsalves-Momi

28 February Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Judy Netting
8:30am	Fay Stephenson
10:00am	Libby Kain
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	22 Feb	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	27 Feb	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton,
Church Cleaning:	22 Feb	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Nguyen

On a Lighter note

