

Reflection

The System

In today's Gospel, Jesus' outrage is not so much with the traders and the money-changers as with the whole religious practice and hierarchical structure that has developed to a point where the only way a person can pray in a 'valid' way is to purchase an animal and hand it over to a priest who goes behind a screened wall to sacrifice the animal. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple. *This* was what outraged Jesus. He could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God.

Jesus does not directly attack the religious and institutional sin systems of his time until his final action against the money changers in the temple. Because of this, Jesus' primary social justice critique and action are often a disappointment to most radicals and social activists. Jesus' social program, is a *quiet refusal to participate in almost all external power structures or domination systems*. His primary action is a very simple lifestyle, which kept him from being constantly co-opted by those very structures.

Jesus seems to have avoided the monetary system as much as possible by using "a common purse". His three-year ministry, in effect, offers *free healing and healthcare* for any who want them. He consistently treats women with a dignity and equality that is almost unknown in an entirely patriarchal culture. At the end of his life, he surrenders to the punitive systems of both empire and religion by letting them judge, torture, and murder him. He is finally a full victim of the systems that he refused to worship.

It is crucial in our understanding of evil as being first of all, a social agreement.

Resources used: Jesus' Social Program, by Richard Rohr & Reflection, by Greg Sunter.

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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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COMMITMENT SUNDAY



27/28 March 2021

Talks on the various liturgical ministries will be held over the coming weekends. Time Talent and Treasure forms will be available on 13/14 March. Please give your prayerful consideration to partaking in a ministry and return your form on 27/28 March 2021.

PRAYER CARDS FOR THE CHILDREN RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

The children's prayer cards are on a table in the foyer. If you would like to pray for a child, please take a prayer card and record your name against the child's name on the list. Once you have registered your name against the candidates name we will then let them know who is praying for them.



As of 6 March 2021 it is mandatory for all people over the age of 16 who enter the church to register their attendance using the Check In CBR App.

<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/business-and-work/check-in-cbr/information-for-businesses#Using-the-app-at-your-business-or-venue>

If you do not have the CBR App, you will need to complete your details on the parish Tablet at the Sign-In desk – see the Hospitality Ministers.

We still require you to use TryBooking to register for Mass.

Registrating your attendance at



mass assists the parish office in the management of numbers allowed to attend Mass within the available space in the church whilst maintaining physical distancing of 2 square metres.

We want everyone not only to be safe but to feel safe. Thank you

BELCONNEN YOUTH

Agape - Youth Group

High school students in Years 7 to 12

First and Third Sundays after the 6:00pm Mass

Our next gathering – 7 March

This group is a way for young people to learn about the church and deepen their faith together. Contact Grace.Braybon@cg.org.au or Diane.Magnocavallo@cg.org.au

Vinnies Knock On Effect



One of the aims of the Vinnies KOE campaign is to inform people of the good works of Vinnies and how a hand up can change a life.

On the weekend of 20

and 21 March Conference members and volunteers will tell you about their work over a drink and snack after all Masses. We will need some help from parishioners, If you can help, please contact James on 0432563299 or Mike on 0419818410.



We encourage anyone interested in joining us to come along for a meeting.

We are reading: Death on the Nile – A Hercule Poirot Mystery by Agatha Christie

St Johns Library – 21 March 3:00pm

Christians for An Ethical Society Neglect or Ageing with Dignity

Speakers: Lin Hatfield-Dodd & Gordan Ramsay
Tuesday 23 March - 7:30pm

Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture Barton
This will be an opportunity to further consider and reflect on the Report from the Royal Commission on Aged Care Quality and Safety being released this week. Bookings via Eventbrite

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY: 1 APRIL

NO 9:30am Mass Thursday morning

MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER – 7:00PM

PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE:

Concluding with night prayer 10:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY: 2 APRIL

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 10:00AM

THE LORD'S PASSION – 3:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY: 3 APRIL

EASTER VIGIL – 7:00PM

No confession on Saturday

These services are at capacity in line with our current COVID-19 restrictions. We are endeavouring to allocate extra seating and have a waiting list for all services if you wish to put your name on the list. They will be live streamed to our YouTube channel, please subscribe to the channel to watch.

Heart Spirituality

Our duty towards the poor

We have to devote ourselves to the poor. Jesus Christ, by his example, obliges us to do this. Generally, the rich are given the bread of God's word while the poor more often than not perish for lack of this food. We must all of us work with zeal to instruct them as much as we can. The poor are also deprived of material help. Do people concern themselves about this? Yet they are the chosen portion of the flock of the divine Shepherd, the privileged friends of his heart. Could we remain insensitive to this twofold need of the poor? If our faith was more alive, we would see in them the living image of Jesus Christ and we would make more efforts to help them. A word, coming from the heart, spoken with love and compassionate kindness, touches them and moves them – it practically always bears fruit.

Jules Chevalier msc
Meditations 1 p. 73f. Issoudun, 1891)

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

Stewardship

Today's readings call us to roll up our sleeves and persevere through the remainder of Lent by committing to a more faithful life with Christ.

Jesus witnessed the way people mistreated the temple — the place to worship God and God alone. He drives out evil and works to purify all that is sinful in that place. We could ask ourselves, what areas of our life need cleansing? Let us name those areas and invite Jesus to purify us. Let us seek to be purified from our sins so that our hearts might be a true temple of the Holy Spirit.

This season of Lent is only halfway done — there is still time to work through our shortcomings and purify our hearts for Easter morning. But let us not waste another moment. Let us name our shortcomings, seek God's mercy and invite Him to transform our hearts.

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

Recently Deceased:

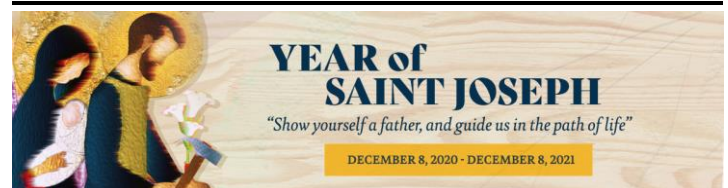
Br. Luke Smythe FMS, Fr. Kevin Barry-Cotter

Anniversary: Sharon Williams, Ian Coffill, Evelyn Swaris, Josephine Hawkins, Liana Rivera, Damien Lamb, Oscar De Jesus Zamora, Darrell Rutter, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan, Alan Leach, Berndard Fitzgerald, Eileen Luke, Brendan Patterson, Michael Hamilton, Caelan MacKenzie, Nicola Torelli, Eugene De Rose.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE

The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday 8 March 2021 for
Canberra Day.

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.



MARCH REFLECTION – by Robert Falzon
<https://catholic.org.au/images/Year of St Joseph Reflection March 2021.pdf>

2021 Calendar

March

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:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much,
he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might
have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

Readings – 14 March 2021

First Reading	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Psalm	Ps 136
Second Reading	Eph 2:4-10
Gospel	John 3:14-21

14 March 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 March Ministers of Communion

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

14 March Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	7 Mar	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	13 Mar	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard
Church Cleaning:	8 Mar	VACANT

On a Lighter note



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