

## Reflection

### God's Love is Infinite

To fully understand this week's gospel passage, it is important to take the first reading into consideration as well. The account from 2 Chronicles describes the way in which the people began to neglect their relationship with God. Despite prophets and messengers being sent to them, they turned their backs on God. At about this time the Israelites were conquered, the Temple in Jerusalem destroyed and the survivors taken into exile in Babylon.

For many, this was seen as a punishment from God because of their neglectful and selfish behaviour. But the reading demonstrates God's infinite patience with humankind. God gives the people another chance and calls on them to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. God is willing to wipe the slate clean and start afresh. It is in this context that we must understand the gospel passage. In yet another attempt to demonstrate love and forgiveness, God's only Son – the Word made Flesh – is sent into the world to lead the people from darkness to light. Despite the many, many attempts by God to demonstrate love and foster a relationship with humankind, the people have repeatedly rejected the relationship with God and preferred to live a life of selfishness and darkness. Yet we see through both of these readings the unquenchable nature of God who keeps giving humankind one more chance.

In our day to day relationships, it is true that we often seek to test the limits of the love that is expressed. Young people in particular often test the boundaries of their parents' love and the boundaries of others who care for them. It is often a test to reassure themselves of this love – will you still love me, even if I do this? Today's readings portray the people of God as adolescents constantly testing out the limits of God's love. In a remarkable act, God's own Son is sent into the world to die as a sign of the lengths to which God will go to assure humanity of the love that is theirs for the taking.

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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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## Time Talent and

**Treasure forms** are available in the foyer.

Please give your prayerful consideration to partaking in a ministry and return your form on Commitment Sunday 27/28 March 2021.

### COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Time

Talent

Treasure

**27/28 March 2021**

## Vinnies Knock On Effect



One of the aims of the Vinnies KOE campaign is to RECRUIT new members and volunteers. **On the weekend of 20 and 21 March** Conference members and volunteers

will tell you about Conference work and how rewarding it is to help others. Refreshments will be available after all Masses, but we need some help from parishioners to serve food and drinks. If you can help, please contact James on 0432563299 or Mike on 0419818410.

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### 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

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### PALM SUNDAY REFUGEE RALLY

The Canberra Refugee Action Campaign has received approval to hold its annual Palm Sunday rally in support of more compassionate policies towards refugees.

**Sunday 28th March,  
1 pm in Garema Place in Civic.**

Speakers will include Roberta Hamilton (Anglican priest from Goulburn) and Jack Waterford (columnist and former editor of The Canberra Times).

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### SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly

6:00pm – 8:00pm



**Next gathering: Friday 19 March**

**St John the Apostle Parish Centre**



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**

## Anointing of the Sick within Mass

**Friday 26 March at 10:00 am**

The elderly, sick and housebound of our parish are invited to participate in this special liturgy that celebrates the healing love of Christ.

As we care for each other the way Jesus cares for us, we are asking for your assistance with the following:

1. Identifying parishioners who would like to attend this special Mass.
2. Assistance with transportation

Please contact the parish office.

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There will be **NO LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION** on **Tuesday 23 March**, as there is maintenance work being done to the Sanctuary floor.

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### Pins & Needles Craft Group

**Monday 15 March**

**7:15pm Parish Library**



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## 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 –  
21 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](mailto:Grace.Braybon@cg.org.au) or [Diane.Magnocavallo@cg.org.au](mailto:Diane.Magnocavallo@cg.org.au)

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



**Bean Origin**

**5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen**

# Heart Spirituality

## What does reparation involve

We will pray to him with all the fervor of which we are capable. Prayer consoles, prayer disarms, prayer obtains all things. At times it takes the form of petition or praise, at time thanksgiving or gratitude. Prayer, even by itself so efficacious, becomes as it were all powerful when united with the sentiments of Jesus' Heart, and when we imitate the example he gave us; because then God sees in us the image of his Son, through the reproduction of his virtues in us; "I have given you an example so that you will do just what I have done to you" (Jn. 13:15, Phil 2:5). And then God will show himself well-disposed towards whatever we desire. We shall feel ourselves burning with zeal to promote the glory of the Heart of Jesus, to extend his kingdom, to win souls, to make him reign everywhere. In this way we shall repair the offenses committed against him.

Jules Chevalier msc  
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p.224. Paris, 1900

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

## Stewardship

Our readings today identify the most unlikely individuals for the most extraordinary tasks. These individuals are examples to us in our lives.

In our First Reading, the Lord appoints Samuel to declare the next king of Israel. The Lord's words to Samuel about who should become king cut right to the heart of what matters in God's eyes, "man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." God clearly states that it is what is in our hearts that matters most. Cultivating a heart worthy of God starts in prayer — giving God undivided attention each day.

Our Gospel resounds what was proclaimed in our First Reading, "not as man sees does God see." Jesus heals a blind man who people assumed was born blind as a punishment from sin. Jesus often worked through the most vulnerable people to show His greatest works.

During these final weeks of Lent, let us ponder God's words, "not as man sees does God see." May we become dependent on our Lord so that He might work through us and transform us.

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

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

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Alan Leach, Eileen Luke, Berndard Fitzgerald, Brendan Patterson, Michael Hamilton, Caelan MacKenzie, Nicola Torelli, Eugene De Rose, Helen Murphy, Jill Wilson, Richard Kingsford, Richard Corr, Peter Roache, Marijan Cavlovic, Wal Kulesza, Generoso D'Ambrosio, Brian Weston, Jack Ranson.



## Feast Day of St Joseph– 19 March

### Year of Saint Joseph Prayer

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil

## 2021 Calendar

### March

Monday 15	Pins & Needles
Thursday 18	<i>Children receiving the Sacrament of Penance</i>
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

**Claim the Date: 2 May 2021**  
**Parish Picnic**

**"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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <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 Bean Origin Belconnen
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

### 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:

Let my tongue be silenced,  
if ever I forget you!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much,  
he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him  
might have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Readings – 21 March 2021

First Reading	Jer 31:31-34
Psalm	Ps 50:3-4, 12-15
Second Reading	Jn 12:26
Gospel	John 12:20-33

## 21 March 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 March Ministers of Communion

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

## 21 March Hospitality Roster

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	14 Mar	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	20 Mar	VACANT

Church Cleaning:	15 March	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams
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## On a Lighter note

