

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
21 March 2021**

**Year B
#17.21**

Reflection

I will be your God and you shall be my people

This week's first reading from Jeremiah is a very powerful image and a foreshadowing of the message and ministry of Jesus. In the Jeremiah reading, the Lord announces that (yet again) a new covenant will be made between the people and their God. This time, however, the covenant will not be a collection of rules written in stone as was the case with the covenant of the Ten Commandments after the people had been led out of slavery in Egypt. The people have demonstrated that they are not able to uphold that covenant. This time, God declares that the covenant will be 'planted deep within them' and 'written on their hearts'. This is a wonderful image: I will write my covenant on your heart! It is the message that Jesus tried to convey over and over again – the Law of God is not to be found in a multitude of rules and regulations but it is a Law of the heart, calling for compassion and love.

This message is no better demonstrated than in this week's gospel passage. Jesus declares that, 'unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.' He is speaking of course about his own life, but he is speaking also to those around him and those of us who read the words today. Unless we are prepared to let go of our ego, our status, our 'reputation', for the sake of others and respond to them from the heart then we can never experience the breadth and depth of what it means to belong to a community. When we are prepared to let go of our hang-ups and reservations to make a difference in the lives of others then the 'harvest' that will be gathered from those actions will be great indeed!

Resources used: *Gospel Reflection*, by Greg Sunter, 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

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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

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.

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).

CONCERNED CATHOLICS Canberra-Goulburn warmly invite you to a **ZOOM Public Forum**, Thursday 8th April 2021 – 7.30 to 9pm.

Subject: **A Diocesan Pastoral Council for the Archdiocese: Why Not?**

Speakers: **Fr Richard Lennan**, Professor of Systematic Theology, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Andrea Dean, President of Women and the Australian Church (WATAC)

No need to register. For more in info and to **connect to the Zoom meeting** visit:

www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events

Contact Mark Metherell 0417 603 697

St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

Tuesday – 23 March - 7:30am



5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen

Vinnies Knock On Effect



The third aim of the Vinnies KOE campaign is REVENUE to support the works of the Society. This weekend after Mass, Conference members and volunteers will tell

you about Conference work and other Vinnies works. Refreshments are available. Various options are available for donating to Vinnies to support their good works. Contact James on 0432563299 or Mike on 0419818410 for more information.



Please continue to keep our RCIA candidates; Valentina Farzan, Derren Shea, and Scott Bailie in your prayers

Sacrament of Penance

We congratulate the 27 children of the parish who received the Sacrament of Penance on Thursday 18 March.

May they continue to be filled with God's Spirit as they prepare for Eucharist later this year.

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please bring your Project Compassion donations to the Holy Thursday Mass.

Alternatively, you can return your Project Compassion donations to the parish office



Heart Spirituality

The Protection of St Joseph

On earth Saint Joseph watched over and protected Jesus and Mary. That is why the Church has made him the Protector of the great Christian family. We too should have full confidence in him; he is willing and able to protect us. He knows that we are privileged children of his virginal wife. *Behold your Mother.* So he regards us as his own children. He surrounds us with the ineffable tenderness of a real father. He knows we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ and destined for the happiness of heaven. How then could he forget us? He distributes the treasures of the Heart of Jesus and wishes to enrich us with them. So let us go to him with confidence and ask him for all the help we need. He will give it to us.

Jules Chevalier msc
Meditations 1, p.723f. Issoudun, 1891

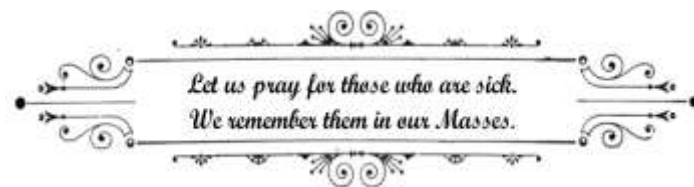
St Joseph's feast day is 19 March 2021 is the "Year of St Joseph"

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

Stewardship

Our readings today remind us of the goodness that our God has to offer us. We are called to detach from our own desires and entrust our lives to all that God has in store for us. Without self-denial, we might miss occasions God has given us to produce good fruit. We have been practicing this throughout our Lenten season through fasting. God presents us with countless opportunities to sacrifice our desires for something much greater — whether waking earlier to spend time in prayer, fasting from a favourite comfort on a weekly basis or taking the time to check in on a friend or family member instead of turning on the TV, just to name a few. It is important that we continue to make room for God and the good things He wants to produce in us all year long. As our Lenten journey soon concludes, may we consider the ways in which we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.

www.catholicsteward.com



Recently Deceased:

Br. Harold Baker msc,
John O'Neill (husband of Judy)

Anniversary: Helen Murphy,
Jill Wilson, Richard Kingsford, Richard Corr,
Peter Roache, Marijan Cavlovic, Wal Kulesza,
Generoso D'Ambrosio, Brian Weston, Jack Ransom,
Michael Lowe, Ludvik Koren, James Broderick,
Ella Greig, Alexander Van Audenaerde,
Clement King, Andrew McEvoy, Stanislaw Bitner,
Victoria Huntley, Mark Markham, Moira Leader,
Jennifer Adamik, John O'Brien, Jack Lenihan,
Catherine Wheelaghan, Sybil Lazaro.



PRAYER

St Joseph, head of the Holy Family, you worked with Jesus and for him. Together you knew the hardships and demands of a daily routine.

Help us to work cheerfully with one another, make good use of the gifts God has given us, so that we may model our lives on you and grow in a spirit of service and commitment to our vocation.

Amen

2021 Calendar

March

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:

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

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Lord Jesus Christ!!

Readings – 28 March 2021

First Reading	Is 50:4-7
Psalm	Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Second Reading	Phil 2:6-11
Gospel	Mark 14:1 – 15:47

28 March Reading Roster

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

28 March Ministers of Communion

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

28 March Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	21 Mar	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	27 Mar	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	22 Mar	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Nguyen

On a Lighter note

