

Reflection

The People of God

Christian conversion is not a once-in-a-lifetime moment. It can happen every day in a rich variety of ways. It involves a change in attitude as much as a change in lifestyle.

All three readings show a different facet of conversion. Jonah calls the Ninevites to social conversion. St Paul, who reveals a very strong expectation that the end of time is near, calls the people of Corinth to a conversion of mind. And through relating the call of Simon, Andrew, James and John, St Mark tells us about personal conversion.

These days we regularly hear God's call in a personal dynamic. It's sometimes called 'me and God' theology. Modern hymns reflect it best. We regularly sing about how Jesus died 'for me', or that 'here I am Lord' or that 'I will follow you'. Individually these lines are all true, the problem is that they tend to play down the more ancient and biblical social dimensions of our call to conversion. In the Bible even though God and Jesus call people to conversion through personal relationships, there is no hint that this is where it stops. Every call leads to the wider community, to the people of Israel in the Old Testament, and out to the entire world in the New Testament.

Today's readings provide a litmus test for our conversion. If our faith has become a self-help club, where we talk about 'my' God, 'my' prayers, 'my' Church, 'my' Mass, we are in need of conversion. We don't need to leave God's personal love for us behind, we just need to see it as a necessary preparation for belonging to the people of God as we engage with the world at every level. We are challenged to reject the idea that it's me-and-God-against-the-world, and welcome in the idea that it's US-and-God-IN-the-world.

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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 Office Closed

Tuesday 26 January
2021

Australia Day Public
Holiday

KIT – Keeping in Touch

KIT will continue in 2021 as a monthly production. We are seeking contributions from parishioners. KIT is the parishioner's forum – it is your stories and reflections that keep KIT going. Please send your contributions to kippax@cg.org.au by **Monday 25 January**. Thank you.

RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult] will re-commence on Tuesday 2 February.
7:00- 8:00pm



Perhaps you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?

Come and See John 1:39



Enrollments will take place in the foyer after the 10am Mass on 7th and 14th February

We are experiencing issues with **GRAPEVINE EMAILS**. In the past week when we have sent out emails the **GRAPEVINE** emails have bounced. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on the last Friday of each month after the 9:30am mass.
Next anointing will be 29 January.



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

In February We are reading:
"The Beekeeper of Aleppo"
by Christy Lefteri

Parish Library – 21st February - 3:00pm

Blessing of Candles

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Tuesday 2 February 2021 9:30am Mass

You are invited to bring your prayer candle to mass. The "blessing of candles ceremony" will take place during the mass. Your candle can be placed on the table in the foyer before mass. You will then collect your blessed candle at the conclusion of mass.

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



2021 Calendar

January

Tuesday 26	Australia Day Holiday
Friday 29	Anointing after Mass

February

Monday 1	School Returns
Tuesday 2	The Presentation of the Lord Blessing of the Candles
Friday 5	Eucharistic Adoration
Monday 15	Pins & Needles
17	Ash Wednesday
Friday 19	Men's Group
Mon 22- Fri 26	Frs. Kimi and Michael Away

Wanted: Parish couples interested in deepening their own relationship in order to help other couples deepen theirs.

The Archdiocese is offering The Marriage Course
7-week course delivered via Zoom.
Commences Tues 9th February 2021
cost \$70 per couple.

The course is designed to help couples build strong foundations, learn to communicate more effectively and resolve differences well. For more details and to register visit <https://mailchi.mp/b4c3fdd09d6a/tmc21> or contact Steph Ransom steph.ransom@cg.org.au

Heart Spirituality

Jesus is Religion

Jesus is the supreme and infinite glory of God, the unique revelation of his infinite goodness, the universal Eucharist and the permanent ecstasy of creation in God. To sum up in a word what is itself A summary, we would say that Jesus is religion, religion par excellence, living and infinite. Once more, it is above all to the Heart of Jesus that we have to give this title. Doesn't religion mean a bond? and what bond, if not the bond of love, the only one that can bind spirits together? Isn't it love? Thus, in everything, the Sacred heart is the last word. Everything leads back to Jesus: I am the beginning and the end. And in Jesus, everything leads back to his Heart.

Jules Chevalier msc,
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.76 Paris, 1900)

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

Stewardship

Our readings today focus on the vital attributes of being a disciple of Christ.

Imagine Jesus asking you, "What are you looking for?" We might respond with answers like a better job, more kids, retirement, or any number of things that we think will make our lives better. The things we seek may be righteous, but as disciples of Christ, we should first and foremost seek the Kingdom of God. If we strive to respond to Jesus' question in the same way the first disciples responded, essentially by asking, "Where are you, Lord?" then we will not be disappointed with the outcome.

Our story of Jesus' first disciples concludes with Andrew intentionally sharing the Good News of Christ to his brother Simon Peter. Andrew had the gift of meeting the Lord and did not hoard it to himself. Instead, he sought his brother and proclaimed what he had experienced, which serves as a reminder for us. Our calling is to be missionary disciples — to seek the Lord and share what we have found. Our faith is a gift! We should strive to share this gift with others.

www.catholicsteward.com

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Albert Bingham, Ernest Hackett, Leonard Crowe, Christopher Hemmingway, Tara Ottewill, Claudine MacDowell, Danielle Sykes, Brendan Gibson, Chris Thamer, Bernadette Davis, Emanuel Grech, Nicholas McInerney, Joan Casey, James Fitzgibbon, Kyall Green, Maxwell Lewis, Geoffrey Fisher, Michael Sweeney, Jane Packard, Armando Arugay, Frank Ripszam, Michael Ryan, Desmond Jones, Janelle Sykes, Margaret Hill, Declan Morris, Rupert Waterford, Jehanne Thelland, Alexander Powell, Alice Tonna, Robert Thomas, Nola Newton

**WE NEED YOU
TO DO TWO
THINGS**

1. Use Trybooking to register for mass
2. Use CBR QR App when entering the church



registration for
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.



CBR App helps ACT Health with tracking the spread of Coronavirus.

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

"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 Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax
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:

Teach me your ways, O Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

Believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

Readings – 31 January 2021

First Reading	Dt 18:15-20
Psalm	Ps 94:1-2, 6-9
Second Reading	1 Cor 7:32-35
Gospel	Matthew 1:21-28

31 January Reading Roster

6:00pm	Paul McGrath, Fay Padarin
8:30am	Judith Deklin, Elizabeth McDonald
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Nunga Umaru
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Marg Luck

31 January Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	
6:00pm	

31 January Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Agnes Pham, Rob Breen
10:00am	
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	25 Jan	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	30 Jan	All Groups
Church Cleaning:	25 Jan	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Nguyen

On a Lighter note

