

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**13 February 2022**

**Year C**  
**#12.22**

## Reflection

### Level Ground

We are perhaps more familiar with the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew in which the kingdom of heaven is promised to those who are 'blessed' because of their afflictions. Rather than the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Luke presents the same event and teaching as the sermon on the plain as it occurs on 'a piece of level ground'.

This version may appear a little more confronting than the Matthew version. Rather than the afflicted being 'blessed', they are to be 'happy'. It seems odd that anybody should be happy to be poor, hungry, mourning or reviled and we would certainly regard these as states of sadness and difficulty; not times for rejoicing at our good fortune! However, this gospel in particular frequently reminds us that God does not think, feel, and behave as we might expect. God's actions are frequently contrary to the expectations of society.

The Gospel of Luke makes it plain that the reign of God will upend the structures of society. The lowly will be raised and the mighty will be brought low. It is in this context that the poor, the hungry and the outcast are regarded as happy. Their happiness comes from the reassurance that although they are rejected and dismissed by society, they are indeed the most favoured of God. Whatever the world dishes up to such as these, they can rejoice in the knowledge that in the reign of God their fortunes will be reversed and they will be favoured.

However, just as the fortunes of the poor and afflicted will be reversed for the better, those who are rich, well fed, happy and well regarded will also have their fortunes reversed. Alas to them! Their comfort and joy leaves no room for the generosity of God!

Resource used: *Gospel 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

### ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

14-18 February –

Fr's. Kimi and Michael will be at a gathering of younger MSC's at Douglas Park.

*A Liturgy of the Word with Communion will be held on Wednesday – Friday 16-18 February*



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

**We are reading: *Treasure and Dirt* by Chris Hammer**

A superb thriller from an acclaimed and award winning Canberra author. Anyone who has read this book and would like to join our group, you are most welcome to attend.

**St Johns Library – 20 February - 3:00pm**

**PARISH WORKING BEE**

To clean up the parish and prepare for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations



When: Monday 21 February  
Time: 10:00am  
Where: INDOORS - Parish Centre  
OUTDOORS – grounds and area outside the Parish Centre

If you can spare an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated.

**National Church Life Survey**

Our parish had elected to do the survey this weekend. However, the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn has decided to postpone the survey.

Fr. Tony Percy VG advised

*“Our Archdiocese, wanting to make the most of the NCLS, thinks it best to delay the NCLS until the second part of the year.“*

We will advise in the future when the Survey will be completed

**Christians for an Ethical Society**

*Topic: Makarrata, Truth Telling and Justice for First Peoples: Is there a way ahead?*

Speaker: Professor Asmi Wood

Wednesday 16 February 2022

7.30pm in the Chapel,

Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture (Blackall Street), Barton ACT

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ces-forum-makarrata-truth-telling-and-justice-for-first-peoples-tickets-229161186277>

**Funeral Notice**

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of

*Bob Haverfield*

Will be celebrated at 9:00am  
Tuesday 15 February 2022



There will be no Liturgy of the Word with Communion that day

**Vinnies Youth Programs!**

Looking to add value to your life? Why not volunteer with Vinnies Youth Programs!

When you volunteer with Vinnies, you become part of a supportive, inclusive team of people who work together to make a meaningful difference in the local community. Our Youth programs offer respite to vulnerable youth and young carers across Canberra in the form of holiday camps and weekend activities. If you are interested in being an inspiring role model, meeting a wide range of people, having fun, and most importantly, making a difference in the lives of young people please email us at [Youth.CG@vinnies.org.au](mailto:Youth.CG@vinnies.org.au)

Our first training session will be Sunday 20 February 9am-3pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parish Celebrations  
25/26 February 2022**

**For the 3 celebration masses  
mass times have changed**

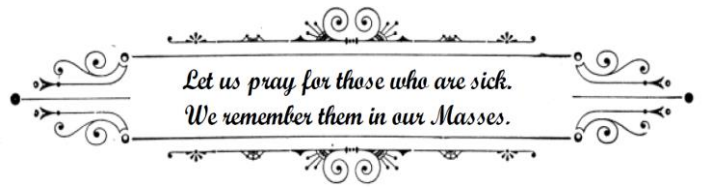
Friday 25 February - Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am **not** 9:30am

Saturday 26 February - Mass will be celebrated at 5:00pm **not** 6:00pm

Sunday 27 February - Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am **not** 10:00am

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

# Heart Spirituality



## The Sacred Heart reveals God's Mercy

The Heart of Jesus is essentially merciful, because it is the Heart of God; mercy is his very nature.

His role on earth was not to condemn but to forgive; not to spurn those who suffer but to comfort them; Not to alienate sinners, but to enlighten and convert them; not to turn away the sick, but to heal them; not to abandon a lost sheep, but to bring it back to the sheepfold; not to quench the smoking wick, but to make it burn brightly; not to break the crushed reed, but to strengthen it.

That is the Sacred Heart

Jules Chevalier msc -  
Meditations II, p. 641f, Issoudun 1891

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

## Stewardship

### Hope

Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)." In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his hope-filled disciples.

It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

**Recently Deceased:** Bob Haverfield,  
Fr. Laurie Blake, Joseph Vella

### Anniversary:

Stella Bell, Margaret Ephgrave, Margaret Davis, Elias Kiki, John Maher, Peter Moore, Robert Galliano, Roberto Mullucci, Rene Stubbs, George Griffiths, Trent Foster, Glenn Foster, Nellie Bannon, Henry Moulis, Edward Blake-Smith, Philip Babic, John Thompson, Vincent Mawson, Raychell Nolan, Charlotte Lansdown, Carmel Page, Paulina Jabagat, Colin Waterford, David Lowe, Ian Bransby, Ondina Finzi, Michael Vella, Giuseppe Mammoliti, Vincas Puzas, Judith Hickey, Rodney Chapman, Eamonn Murtagh, Rudi Meyer, James Wiley

## Mass Intentions the week of 14 - 20 February

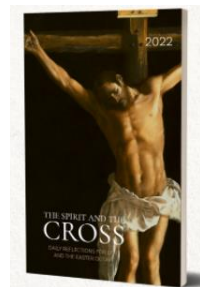
Mon 14/02	Special Intention
Wed 16/02	Available [contact the office]
Thur 17/02	Lily D'Souza
Fri 18/02	Available [contact the office]

<b>Sat 19/02</b>	
6:00pm	Millicent Walpole

<b>Sun 20/02</b>	
8:30am	Eamonn Murtagh
10:00am	Amy Maka
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

**To ensure that a mass time is available please telephone the parish office to make a booking.**

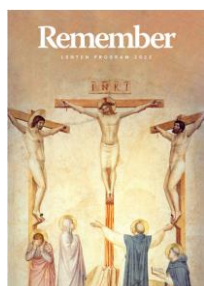
## LENT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE IN THE BOOKSTORE



**The Spirit and The Cross**  
From Evangelisation Brisbane  
\$6.00 each

### Remember

From Diocese of Wollongong  
\$10.00 each



# SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during 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 10:00am
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

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
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**



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

# RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Blessed are they who trust in the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
Your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 20 February 2022

First Reading	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Psalm	Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10 12-13
Second Reading	1 Cor 15:45-49
Gospel	Luke 6:27-38

## 20 Feb Lector Roster

6:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Libby Kain, Joe Ots
6:00pm	Matthew Garton, Terry Fewtrell

## 20 Feb Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Janet Almond, Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Theresia Suh
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, James Cox

## 20 Feb Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Carol Moore, Marie McKie
8:30am	Clyde & Norma Sloan
10:00am	Marie Flint
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	13 Feb	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	19 Feb	VACANT
Church Cleaning:	14 Feb	VACANT

## On a Lighter note

