

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

*Celebrating 50 Years*

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**20 February 2022**

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**#13.22**

## Reflection

**'Treat others as you would like them to treat you.'**

Presenting your other cheek when someone has already struck you is usually seen as a pacifist action. However, in first century Palestine if a man were to strike an inferior, it would be as a backhand strike – only equals fought with fists or open hands. Having been struck on one cheek with a backhand, offering the other cheek makes it impossible to again be struck with a backhand. The only option for the striker would be with an open hand – as equals fight. So, turning the other cheek can be interpreted as claiming your status as an equal.

What a powerful message Jesus delivered to people who were subjugated and oppressed by an invading army. It would have been easy, and somehow 'natural', for the people of Palestine to hate the Roman occupiers and to seek revenge upon them. How confronting then for Jesus to say, 'love your enemies'! He tells the people that the way to live God's way in this situation was to be compassionate towards the oppressors; that when they rob you of your cloak to present them with your shirt as well. To do otherwise is to become like the oppressors themselves. Meeting hatred with hatred never ended hatred.

The challenge is to treat people you don't like as you would like to be treated yourself. In a society that had very strict rules about the way to treat different people and clearly established boundaries between different groups, this was a tough ask by Jesus. Bear in mind that the country was occupied by the Roman army and Jesus was encouraging the people to treat even their enemies, the Romans, with love, compassion, and forgiveness. This was a radical and challenging teaching!

Resources used 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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## 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**

## 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.

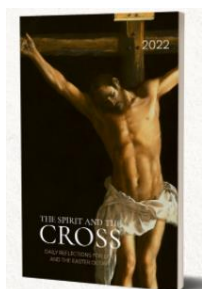
## Taizé with Eucharistic Adoration Thursday Fortnightly Thursday 3 March First week of Lent 7:30pm – 8:30pm



Everybody is welcome and  
encouraged to come along to spend  
time with our Lord in prayer and  
thanksgiving to refresh our souls.  
There will be periods of reflective  
music (Taizé) and silent adoration.

For those who would like to attend, please  
contact the parish office [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

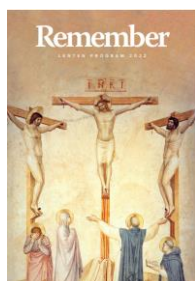
## LENT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE IN THE BOOKSTORE



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

### Remember

From Diocese of Wollongong  
\$10.00 each



## Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 21 February  
7:15pm Parish Library



**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

## Friday 25 February

Mass • 11:00am

Lunch • 12noon

The Sacrament of the  
Anointing of the Sick  
will be celebrated  
during this mass.

Following the mass  
lunch will be served  
in the church foyer.

Parishioners who are  
sick, house bound,  
and have difficulty  
attending Sunday Mass  
are invited to this celebration.



For catering purposes  
please RSVP

RSVP 18 February 2022

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## St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast Tuesday 22 February – 7:30am

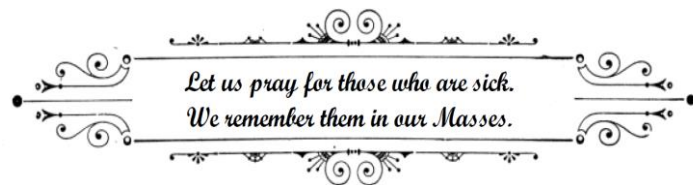


### Bean Origin

5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen

**Offertory collection:** - On the weekend  
of 6 February 2022, there were 2 plain  
white envelopes in the collection from  
the same person, one for the  
1<sup>st</sup> collection and one for the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both  
envelopes contained cash with no  
identifying details of the giver.  
If this was you, please contact the parish  
office.

# Heart Spirituality



## Love Your Enemies

We should not maintain any resentment against our enemies. We have to forgive them (Lk 6:37). Who more than God would be in his rights to keep up his resentment against us because of our daily infidelity? Yet he shows himself full of kindness. Do we conduct ourselves in the same way towards those against whom we have complaints? Often we shun their presence or, speaking to them, only make them feel our coldness.

Jesus commands us to love our enemies (Mt 5:44). Despite its cost, this is essential if we want to be disciples and friends of the Sacred Heart. How many pious people delude themselves on this point. They are content to say: I do not wish trouble upon my enemies, but everything in me resists my seeing them and speaking with them; they have offended me too greatly. If those are our sentiments, we are not Christians.

Jules Chevalier msc  
Méditations I, p. 322f Issoudun 1891.

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

## Stewardship

### Everything belongs to God

A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means “my” cloak, “my” tunic, “my” money, and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive “doormats” to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward’s love!

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**Recently Deceased:** Fr Henry Byrne

### Anniversary:

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, Johanna Garratt, Reg Lazaro, John Marane, Ivan Mikulic, Angeles Arranz, Lillian Luke, Elena Zamora, Adrian Newton, Adrienne Stewart, Ashley Kent, Tony Lay, Eun Cho Shin, Hayden Rickets, James McKay, Dorothy Jeffrey, Leo McDonald, Rachael Netting, Grant Lalor.

## Mass Intentions the week of 21 - 27 February

Mon 21/02	Amy Stephenson
Wed 23/02	Colleen Farrell
Thur 24/02	Bill Hoban
Fri 25/02	Gary's mum
<b>Sat 26/02</b>	
5:00pm	Parish Intentions
<b>Sun 27/02</b>	
8:30am	Felice Collufio
11:00am	Parish Intentions
6:00pm	All Souls

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

## KIT @ Kippax

Contributions for the February edition of KIT. In this year of celebrating 50 years of being parish we would like to hear from you. Please share your stories and memories. Email your contributions to Marian at [marian@stjohnkippax.org.au](mailto:marian@stjohnkippax.org.au)

# FEBRUARY 2022

21 Monday Pins & Needles – Parish Library – 7:15pm

22 Tuesday Women's Breakfast – Bean Origin – 7:30am

23 Wednesday Over 45's – 9:30am mass followed by morning tea

## 50th Anniversary Celebrations

25 Friday 11:00am Anointing within mass Followed by Lunch served in the church foyer

26 Saturday 5:00pm Mass – Followed by dinner at the Labor Club Bookings essential contact the parish office.

27 Sunday Multicultural celebration – Mass celebrated at the later time of 11:00am followed by a Pot Luck Lunch in the Parish Centre. Please bring a dessert or salad.

28 Monday Sacrament of Penance – 2nd Formation Evening for parents 7:00 – 8:30pm

## 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.

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
Love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 27 February 2022

First Reading	Sir 27:4-7
Psalm	Ps 91:2-3, 13-16
Second Reading	1 Cor 15:54-58
Gospel	Luke 6:39-45

## 27 Feb Lector Roster

5:00pm	Erin Trevaskis, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Wendy Wade, Shane Murtagh
11:00am	Keran Niquet, Nunga Umaru
6:00pm	Andrew Luck, Marian Crowley

## 27 Feb Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	John Drury, Anthony Jayawardena
8:30am	Brian Green, Darren Maharaj
11:00am	Francesca Deklin, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Priscilla Gonsalves-Momi, Theresia Suh

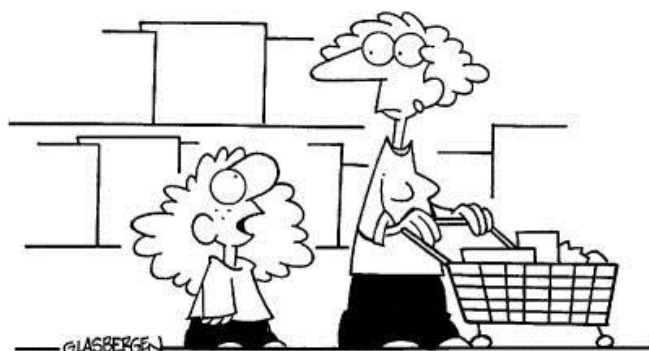
## 27 Feb Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joan Galpin
8:30am	Fay Stephenson
11:00am	Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Prasadi Martinez

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	20 Feb	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	26 Feb	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	21 Feb	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams, Dushyanthi & Nisham Upasena

## On a lighter note



"I don't know how to act my age.  
I've never been my age before!"