# **COMPACT**

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

## Celebrating 50 Years

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 February 2022

# Reflection

#### Our Words Reflect the State of our Hearts

At Rome, during the 16th Century, the most famous confessor in town was St Philip Neri. Popes and paupers sought his counsel and spiritual direction.

One day a famous Duchess came to him and confessed the sin of gossip. Philip Neri told her to go home and get a feather pillow and return to the steps of the Church. Sometime later he met her there and produced a small knife. He told the noblewoman to rip open the pillow. As she did, the swirling wind in the square picked up the loose feathers and they danced around the square and down the lanes.

St Philip and the Duchess watched in silence as the feathers went everywhere. He then turned to her and said, "Now, go and collect all the feathers." To which she protested, "They have gone everywhere, I couldn't possibly find and regather them." "So too with your tongue, Madam," St Philip scolded her, "You have no idea where your gossip goes and you can never unsay it."

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us that our words reflect the state of our hearts. Psychologists tell us that there are three main reasons why people habitually gossip: power, envy, and boredom. The most malicious gossip often comes out of envy. Envious gossip often sees people make things up about others and pass it off as though it were true. The worst of tabloid newspapers, television, and radio trades on this destructive vice. There is no place for the 'rumour file' in the Christian life.

Jesus does not tell us today that there is no place for criticism, challenge, confrontation, and correction in the Christian life. Just that we have the responsibility to very careful about what we say about others and how we criticise and condemn them. Jesus reminds us that most of our condemnation of others, is what we now call, "projection", where we ignore similar failings in ourselves, but roundly condemn them in others.



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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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#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES 26/27 February 2022 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

Saturday 26 February 5:00pm

Sunday 27 February 8:30am 11:00am 6:00pm



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.

#### Synod of Bishops Submissions close on February 27

Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? You still have three weeks to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at: https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

ASH WEDNESDAY 2 March Mass Times 9:30am and 6:00pm



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#### **LENT PROGRAM AVAILABLE IN THE** BOOKSTORE

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

Over 45's will not return in February. We will confirm later in the month if the March meeting will take place.

# Kľľí (@Kippax

February edition of KIT will be emailed out in the coming week. There will be a special edition of KIT commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. We would appreciate any contributions you may have for this edition. Email your contributions to Marian at marian@stjohnkippax.org.au

We Welcome our priests who have come to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the parish – Chris McPhee, Michael Fallon, Frank Dineen, John Bosman, Gerard McCormick, Mark Hanns, and Stephen Hackett

#### 50th Anniversary Celebration-Saturday 5:00pm Mass

This Mass will be live streamed to our YouTube channel for those are unable to attend.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYwp~ XCPKwNNGbAj3G 145A

#### **COVID Protocols Update**

As of 6:00pm Friday 25 February, it will no longer be mandatory to wear a face mask indoors. If you would like to continue to wear your face mask for your safety and the safety of others, please continue to do so.

Congregational singing will also return this weekend.

# HANKYOU

To all the parishioners who came and helped tidy up the parish centre and grounds in preparation for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

#### **Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Plant Stall**

The Auxiliary will hold a plant stall on

Thursday 3 March 2022

8am- 4pm,

On the lawns - Main Entrance,

**Calvary Public Hospital** 

A huge range of succulents, perennials, indoor plants and more, will be available at bargain prices. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. For more information: Jan 0437790980.

#### "Be on earth the Heart of God"

# **Heart Spirituality**

#### The Sacred Heart revealed God's mercy on earth

The Heart of Jesus is essentially merciful, because it is the heart of God; Mercy is his very nature. The Blessed Trinity put in his Heart for our sake all the treasures of its tenderness and love, and so the Sacred Heart poured them out profusely on every misfortune he came across. 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. What kindness, what mercy!

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

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

## Stewardship

#### Our gifts are for honour and glory of God

Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves — mind and heart — in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honour and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, Twitter, Facebook, and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, reflects what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift which we must steward well.

The more time we spend with Jesus, our teacher, through regular prayer and a strong sacramental life, the more we will become like Him.

#### Recently Deceased: Leone Ashcroft

#### **Anniversary:**

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, Francisca Benedictos, Felice Collufio, Ian Coffill, Sharon Williams, Evelyn Swaris, Josephine Hawkins, Liana Rivera, Damien Lamb, Oscar Zamora, Darrell Rutter

# Mass Intentions the week of 28 February – 6 March

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Mon 28/02 Grant Lalor			
Wed 02/03	Ash Wednesday		
Thur 03/03	Family of Maresa Laird		
Fri 04/03	Tony Lay		
Sat 05/03			
6:00pm	Doris Galea		

Sun 06/03	
8:30am	Niven Family
10:00am	Violet Duve
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]

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

#### Contemplative Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament 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 <u>kippax@cg.org.au</u>

## FEBRUARY 2022

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

## **MARCH 2022**

**2 Wednesday** Ash Wednesday– Mass Times: 9:30am and 6:00pm

3 Thursday Eucharistic Adoration – 7:30pm

**5/6 Saturday Vigil/Sunday Masses** Presentation Masses for the children preparing for the Sacrament of reconciliation.

11 Friday Mens Group - Presbytery Deck 6:30pm

14 Monday - Canberra Day Public Holiday - Office Closed

**17 Thursday** Contemplative Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament – 7:30pm

21 Monday Pins & Needles - 7:15pm

22 Tuesday Womens Breakfast - 7:30am

**25 Friday** Anointing of the Sick after 9:30am Mass

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion	Sunday 9.15am
(Parish Centre)	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> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the
	Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

## SOCIAL LIFE

Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month
Over 45 s	9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins &	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month
Needles	7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month
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Women's	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am
Breakfast	Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm
Group	Parish Centre

**SMOKE FREE ZONE** There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



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Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.

#### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

#### Readings – 6 March 2022

First Reading	Dt 26:4-10
Psalm	Ps 90:1-2, 10-15
Second Reading	Rom 10:8-13
Gospel	Luke 4:1-13

# 6 MarchLector Roster6:00pmPaul McGrath, Fay Padarin8:30amElizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir10:00amRobin Williams, Frank Colley6:00pm

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6	March	Ministers of Communion
	6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Judy Netting
	8:30am	Carmel Screen, Pat Cowburn
	10:00am	Pat Sheppard, Arie de Bear
	6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck
6 March Hospitality Roster		Hospitality Roster
	6:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena

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8:30am	Rob Breen, Carmel Screen	
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill	
6:00pm Christine Lancaster		

#### Weekly Rosters

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Altar Society:	27 Feb	Margaret Stanford	
Grounds	5 Mar	VACANT	
Church Cleaning:	28 Feb	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Nguyen	

### <u>On a Lighter note</u>

