

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

*Celebrating 50 Years*

**First Sunday in Lent**

**6 March 2022**

**Year C**

**#15.22**

## Reflection

### Embrace life and live it to the full

In today's Gospel we are told that Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days. Numbers are never randomly used in the Bible. 1, 3, 7, 12 and 40 all have specific meanings. 40 indicates a time of formation. Luke tells us that Jesus confronts evil head-on and is tempted in every way that we are.

We often feel alone when faced with difficult choices and temptations. However, temptation is not sin. Only when we freely and knowingly choose to act on temptation is sin involved. Though one may like to talk about the temptations one has during the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we never have to 'confess' them as though they are sinful actions.

When we look at our temptations they often appear as good things, but often they have a sting in the tail which is destructive. We need to be very alert to all the consequences of what we do and say, and learn from our experiences.

The more we give into temptation, the more immune we become to seeing that there's anything wrong with what we are doing. We can develop whole habits in our living, deceiving ourselves that what we are doing is 'not that bad'.

St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, tells us in The Spiritual Exercises that the worst temptations are greed, pride and riches. This comes as a surprise to Catholics who have been told for too long that sex is number one. Ignatius says that we should be wise in how we deal with temptations: name what's going on, and attend to the pattern of the temptation quickly and consistently.

There is no path of temptation along which Jesus has not gone ahead of us to show us we can choose life ahead of death. That's what Lent is always about – a yearly season where we are encouraged to keep embracing life and live it to the full.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ

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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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### Contemplative Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament Every Thursday during Lent - 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Come for 15 or 30 minutes – whatever time you can spare – there is no requirement to stay for the whole hour.

The lord invites .... ***“can you not stay awake with me for one hour?”***

Mt. 26:40



And promises to refresh our soul  
.... ***“From His Heart shall flow streams of Living Water”*** Jn. 7:38

We thank all the people who attended one or all of our celebrations last weekend. We remember all the people who wished they could attend but were unable.

As we progress through 2022 we will continue to celebrate.

Thank you for your support – without parishioners these celebrations would not be possible.



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**SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week 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>

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**menALIVE** meet every Thursday evening at 7:00pm for about an hour.

St Monica's Parish Meeting Room - 18 Deffell Street Evatt

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founded in Brisbane in 2003 **menALIVE** is a Christ-inspired group who meet up to discuss the Gospel, and talk about our lives. All are welcome, we would love to have you join us. For more information <https://www.menalive.org.au>

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## Relax, Review, Reflect Faith in film



*Come and relax, (re)view a contemporary film and reflect and share how you would approach issues raised in the film in light of your own life's experience.*

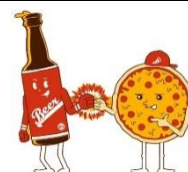
*We will be watching  
"Don't Look Up"  
Friday 25 March at 7:00pm  
in the parish library.*

## Sacrament of Penance Presentation Masses:

*The children preparing for their First Holy Communion will be presented to the parish this weekend 5/6 March. They will give their prayer card to a parishioner who is asked to pray for them during this preparation time. Would you please hold all the children and their families in your prayers. Thank you.*

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**SJA Men's Group**  
Meeting Monthly  
6:00pm – 8:00pm



*For more information contact the parish office.*

*Next gathering: Friday 11 March  
Fish and Chips on the presbytery deck*

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**Pins & Needles Craft Group**  
21 March 2021  
7:15pm Parish Library



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



**Bean Origin**

5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen

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**SJA Book Club**

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

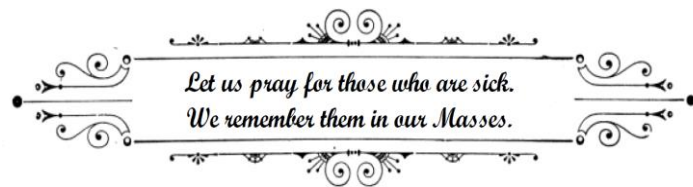
**We are reading: Rebecca  
Daphne du Maurier**

St Johns Library – 20 March - 3:00pm

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**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

# Heart Spirituality



## The enemy within

Our most formidable enemies, those that should inspire the greatest fear, are not those outside ourselves but those within.

Our nature is a centre of concupiscence that ceaselessly bears us towards evil. The passions, the bad habits that fill our hearts are the greatest obstacle to salvation. How many Christians, how many priests and religious, after having lived in fervour, slackened and abandoned the way of virtue because of the fickleness that is natural to us. "Those who think they stand should take heed lest they fall" (1 Cor. 10:12).

Jules Chevalier msc  
Méditations 1, p. 218 Issoudun 1891

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

## Stewardship

### 40 Days of Lent

We have now commenced the holy and, for some, daunting, season of Lent. This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to help us enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord's Passion and Death and to celebrate more fully His Resurrection.

Throughout the 40 days of lent we must ask the Holy Spirit to show us where we need to grow, and then rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance for this growth.

If these spiritual exercises hurt a little, that means we are doing them right! At the end of this season, we will be prepared to enter into the grace-filled days of the Triduum and we will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be resurrected as a new creation with our Lord come Easter. Let us begin!

[www.catholicsteward.com](http://www.catholicsteward.com)

**Recently Deceased:** *Perlita Ciudad*

### Anniversary:

Francisca Benedictos, Felice Collufio, Sharon Williams, Ian Coffill, Evelyn Swaris, Josephine Hawkins, Liana Rivera, Damien Lamb, Oscar Zamora, Darrell Rutter, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan, Alan Leach, Bernard Fitzgerald, Eileen Luke, Brendan Patterson, Michael Hamilton, Caelan MacKenzie, Nicola Torelli.

## Mass Intentions the week of 7 - 13 March

Mon 07/03	Available [contact the office]
Wed 09/03	Alan Leach & Belinda Clements
Thur 10/03	John and Joan Walpole
Fri 11/03	Available [contact the office]
<b>Sat 12/03</b>	
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]
<b>Sun 13/03</b>	
8:30am	Available [contact the office]
10:00am	Nellie Bannon
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

**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 1st collection and one for the 2nd. Both envelopes contained cash with no identifying details of the giver. If this was you, please contact the parish office.

**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 25 March.**

# MARCH 2022

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

### 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:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,  
But on every word that comes from the  
mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory.

## **Readings – 13 March 2022**

First Reading	Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18
Psalm	Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14
Second Reading	Phil 3:17-4:1
Gospel	Luke 9:28-36

## **13 March Lector Roster**

6:00pm	Bob Raadts, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Mariana Rollgeyser, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Dennis Puniard, Margaret Luck
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Brian Mahony

## **13 March Ministers of Communion**

6:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Marian England
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Agnes Pham
10:00am	Frank Colley, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	John McGee, Chitra Jayawardena

## **13 March Hospitality Roster**

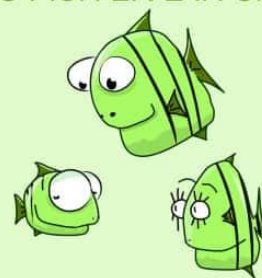
6:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor, Mercia Needham
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	6 Mar	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	12 Mar	Allan Laycock, Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard
Church Cleaning:	7 Mar	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne

## On a Lighter note

Q: WHY DO FISH LIVE IN SALT WATER?



A: BECAUSE PEPPER MAKES THEM SNEEZE!

