# COMPACT

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

## Celebrating 50 Years

Second Sunday in Lent

13 March 2022

## Reflection

#### **Coming down off the Mountain**

There are only two major paths by which the human soul comes to God: the path of great love, and the one of great suffering. Both finally come down to great suffering—because if we love anything greatly, we will eventually suffer for it. When we're young, God hides this from us. We think it won't have to be true for us. But to love anything in depth and over the long term, we eventually must suffer.

The disciples first respond to the Transfigured Christ with fear. In our global time of crisis, this is where many of us are today. The disciples mirror the itinerary of the spiritual journey: we start out with many concerns, fears, and worries. Our minds and hearts are all over the place. But Jesus comes, touches them, and says, "Get up and do not be afraid." When the three disciples raise their eyes, they see nothing but one image: Jesus. Their lives have become fully focused and simplified on the one thing that is good, the one thing they desire, and the one thing that is necessary. What a moment of grace and encouragement!

But then Jesus leads them down the mountain, back into the ordinary world to continue his labour of love, healing and nonviolent protest against Empire. We can't stay on the mountaintop forever.

Religious experience has to be experienced firsthand. We can't believe it because someone else talked about it. Sooner or later, we have to go to our own mountaintop. We have to have our own transfiguration, and we have to walk down the mountaintop into the ordinary world, on the path of suffering, and the path of love—which are, in the end, the same. As we experience a suffering world together, I pray that this community will be drawn to centre itself on the cross and bring Jesus' teaching to life.

Taken from: Life coming to a focus, by Richard Rohr OFM



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## Parish Administration

#### Parish Priest

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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

Principal: Matthew Garton Pawsey Circuit Florey Phone: 6258 3592 Email: office.sjaps@cg.catholic.edu.au www.sjaps.act.edu.au

#### LENT PROGRAM AVAILABLE IN THE BOOKSTORE



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

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY 14 March 2022 Canberra Day Public Holiday

## **Funeral Notice**

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of *Jim Grace* 

Will be celebrated on Tuesday 15 March – 10:00am St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

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



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

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



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



5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen

Relax, Review, Reflect



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.

Over 45's will not meet in March. The next meeting will be 27 April 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

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.

## REVISED DATE FOR CHRISTIANS FOR AN ETHICAL SOCIETY DINNER

Speaker: Genevieve Jacobs AM The Role of the Media in Australia Today 6pm Tuesday 15 March 2022 Hellenic Club, Woden. Apollo Room \$55 per person for a 3 course meal (Cash bar)

For those who indicated attendance and paid last year you are already registered for the postponed Dinner and we look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for your patience and support.

Please register by emailing admin@ces.org.au including any dietary requirements.

### Documentary film Sisters For Sale

- on the exploitation of people and human trafficking

Friday 18 March 2022 - 6.30pm hosted by: UC Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra

Presented by: Blue Dragon Children's Foundation. Please book seats early, here: <u>bit.ly/bdcfscreening</u>. There is a small ticket price (\$12) that covers screening costs and any extra will all go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation. Please email me or <u>kim@bdcf.org</u> for more information, if you wish.

## **Heart Spirituality**

#### The excellence of the Heart of Jesus

O Sacred Heart of Jesus! Who will ever comprehend your greatness, the immensity of your love, the ardour of your zeal for the glory of the Most High, your submission to his will. Who will make known the dispositions of this adorable Heart: its love, gentleness, compassion, patience, mercy? Who will ever be able to express to what degree of perfection the Heart of Jesus possesses all the virtues that we customarily admire most, like courage, strength, constancy, generosity? In this divine Heart, everything is ineffable, everything is beyond comprehension, because it is the Heart of God.

Jules Chevalier msc -Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 182f, Paris 1900 May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved......forever!

## Stewardship

#### **Fully Awake**

In last week's Gospel, we followed Jesus into the desert where He fasted and praved. This week, He leads us up a mountain to witness His Transfiguration. Why both of these experiences? Jesus understands our humanity and knows we need desert experiences — times of self-denial and testing - in order to arrive at mountain-top moments. The Apostles experience the transfiguration as an awakening. "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory...." The reason for all of our fasting and prayer and almsgiving during lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity, and to all that He has done for each of us personally. This lent, let us respond with a "Yes" to His will and to offer our lives back to Him in gratitude. In so doing, we, too, will become "transfigured." This is what it means to live fully awake; this is a stewardship way of life.



#### **Recently Deceased:**

Jim Grace, Judy O'Connor

#### **Anniversary:**

Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan, Alan Leach, Bernard Fitzgerald, Eileen Luke, Brendan Patterson, Michael Hamilton, Caelan MacKenzie, Nicola Torelli, Eugene De Rose, Helen Murphy, Jill Wilson, Richard Kingsford, Richard Corr, Marijan Cavlovic, Peter Roache, Wal Kulesza, Generoso D'Ambrosio

# Mass Intentions the week of 14 - 20 March

Mon 14/03	Special Intention	
Wed 16/03	Available [contact the office]	
Thur 17/03	Available [contact the office]	
Fri 18/03	Margaret Curry	
Sat 19/03		

6:00pm	Available [contact the office]	
Sun 20/03		
8:30am	Available [contact the office]	
10:00am	Dominic Dang	
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]	

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



## **MARCH 2022**

**14 Monday** – Canberra Day Public Holiday – Office Closed

**15 Tuesday** – 10:00am Funeral for Jim Grace – no Liturgy of the Word with Communion

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

**19 Saturday** – Funeral Liturgy Planning Session in the Church

20 Sunday-Bookclub - 3pm

21 Monday - Pins & Needles – 7:15pm

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

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

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

25 Friday - Faith in Film - 7pm

**31 Thursday –** Children of the Parish receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

## 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> 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 &	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

#### **RESPONSE TO THE PSALM**:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

#### Readings – 20 March 2022

First Reading	Ex 3:1-8, 13-15
Psalm	Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11
Second Reading	1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel	Luke 13:1-9

#### 20 March Lector Roster

		00am Libby Kain, Joe Ots	
8:30am Carmel Screen, Sigrid Kropp			
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		6:00pm Joe Cata	

20 March		Ministers of Communion		
8:30am Fay Stephenson, Theresi		Janet Almond, Maria Catanzariti		
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		Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds		
	6:00pm	Brian Mahony, James Cox		

#### 20 March Hospitality Roster

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

#### Weekly Rosters

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

### On a Lighter note



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"His music teacher says he has van Gogh's ear for music."