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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

**Third Sunday in Lent
20 March 2022**

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Reflection

Truth, Beauty and Patience

Today's gospel taps in to the vexing question: 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' The question implies that God is punishing good people. One only has to watch news coverage of a tragedy to hear someone ask, 'How could God let this happen?' The very question suggests a belief in a God who interferes in our lives and manipulates events.

God defends himself only by his patience and his beauty! This statement is significant for our understanding of power! The way we understand power is invariably bound up with how we see power exercised in our world. Our world understands power precisely as a force that can lord it over others, a force that can compel others to obey. In our world, power is understood to be real only when it can forcibly assert itself to make others obey it. For us, political rulers have power, economic systems have power, billionaires have power, the rich and the famous have power, muscular bodies have power, and the playground bully has power; power that can make you buckle under.

However, real power is moral. Real power is the power of truth, beauty, and patience. Paradoxically, real power generally looks helpless. Ultimately, it's the baby. At the end of the day, the baby's helplessness overpowers physical muscle, economic muscle, and charismatic muscle. That's the kind of power God revealed in the incarnation. Against almost all human expectation, God was born into this world, not as Superman or a Superstar, but as a baby, helpless to care for its own needs. And that's how God is still essentially present in our lives.

God is always present, but unlike ordinary human power, present in a way that is completely non-manipulative and fully respectful of your freedom. God's power, like that of a new born, like the power of beauty itself, fully respects you.

When we look at the struggles within our world and within our private lives, it often seems like divine power is forever being trumped by human power. But we know how these stories end.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter, &
God's Power as Powerlessness, by Ronald Rolheiser OMI.

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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

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



Bean Origin

5/32 Nettlefold St,
Belconnen



TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Through our baptism we are all called to participate in Christ's Mission.

You are invited to participate in the mission and ministry life of our parish with your time, talent and treasure. Please give your prayerful consideration to how your gifts may be used to best serve God.

Forms for ministry rosters are on the table in the church foyer.

**The ministry commitment period is
1st June 2022 to 31st May 2023.
Please return by 3 April 2022**

Daylight Saving Time Ends 3 April 2022

Commencing Saturday
9 April - Saturday
VIGIL will be
celebrated at 5:00pm
Confession will be held
from 4:00pm - 4:30pm



“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Gethsemane - 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

Pins & Needles Craft Group

21 March 2021

7:15pm Parish Library



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.*

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.

St Matthew's School Page

50th anniversary Mass 27 March 10:00am

To mark the occasion an Anniversary Mass will be held at St Matthew's Church. The mass will be held in compliance with COVID regulations. If you would like to attend please call our Front Office on 62542653

Heart Spirituality

The Lord has looked on his lowly handmaid

Why has God heaped such great gifts on Mary? And predestined her for so many marvels? Because the Lord has looked upon the humility of his servant (Lk 1:48). The Virgin's humility is the reason for all her greatness. Humility is the constitutive element in the transcendent destiny of Jesus' humanity; it is the virtue that brings about his greatness. Humility is the foundation on which God builds the supernatural destiny of a creature. From childhood Mary practised humility to a heroic degree. Because she possessed and loved this virtue, she became the mother of the Word incarnate whom she gave to God and to the human race. She had always before her eyes the majesty of God and her own nothingness. Thus she regarded herself as most unworthy of the smallest favour from God; and if there is no creature after Jesus Christ of greater dignity than she, it is because no one was ever more humble.

Jules Chevalier msc - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart p. 95f.

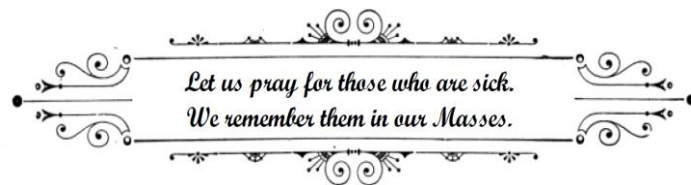
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

Stewardship

Life is a Gift

Today's Gospel passage reminds us that life is precious and a gift. The parable of the fig tree illustrates this truth. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, the owner instructs the gardener to cut it down. The gardener pleads for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in the hope it would bear fruit in the future. During Lent we carefully reflect on the way we spend our time. Do we make God our first priority, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give the next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let us ask God to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

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Recently Deceased:

Kimberley Kitching [niece of Kay Gallegos]
Judy [sister of Rosemary DeBear]

Anniversary:

Eugene De Rose, Helen Murphy, Jill Wilson, Richard Kingsford, Richard Corr, Peter Roache, Marijan Cavlovic, Wal Kulesza, Brian Weston, Generoso D'Ambrosio, Jack Ranson, Judith Davidson, Michael Lowe, Veronica Brennan, Ludvik Koren, James Broderick, Ella Greig, Clement King, Alexander Van Audenaerde, Andrew McEvoy, Stanislaw Bitner, Victoria Huntley, Mark Markham, Moira Leader, Jennifer Adamik, John O'Brien

Mass Intentions the week of 21 - 27 March

Mon 21/03	Veronica Brennan
Wed 23/03	Marie Prince
Thur 24/03	Available [contact the office]
Fri 25/03	Available [contact the office]

Sat 26/03	
6:00pm	John O'Brien

Sun 27/03	
8:30am	Available [contact the office]
10:00am	Jack Lenihan
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will be the featured charity at

Canberra Theatre Centre's Music at Midday Concert at 12pm,
Tuesday 12 April 2022.

The Band of the Royal Military College Duntroon will play their take on modern hits as well as some old favourites. Entrance by gold coin donation. All proceeds go towards the purchase of medical equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. Patrons are advised to book their free tickets from the Canberra Theatre Centre Box Office, phone 62762700. All welcome!

MARCH 2022

21 Monday - Pins & Needles – 7:15pm

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

24 Thursday – Gethsemane - 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 – Gethsemane - Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament – 7:30pm

APRIL 2022

1 Thursday – Gethsemane - Prayer with the Blessed Sacrament – 7:30pm

2 Saturday/ 3 Sunday – Commitment to Ministry Weekend. Return of Time Talent and Treasure Forms– all Masses

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
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

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



RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Readings – 27 March 2022

First Reading	Jos 5:9-12
Psalm	Ps 33:2-7
Second Reading	2 Cor 5:17-21
Gospel	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

27 March Lector Roster

6:00pm	Erin Trevaskis, Elaine Laycock
8:30am	Wendy Wade, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Keran Niquet, Nunga Umaru
6:00pm	Andrew Luck, Marian Crowley

27 March Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	John Drury, Anthony Jayawardena
8:30am	Brian Green, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Francesca Deklin, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Priscilla Gonsalves-Momi, Theresia Suh

27 March Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joan Galpin
8:30am	Fay Stephenson
10:00am	Francesca Deklin
6:00pm	Prasadi Martinez

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	20 Mar	Angela Boreham
Grounds	26 Mar	David Pigram, Matthew Garton, Mike Lavis

Church Cleaning:	21 Mar	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams, Dushyanthi & Nisham Upasena
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On a Lighter note

