

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

*Celebrating 50 Years*

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**13 November 2022**

**Year C**  
**#51.22**

## Reflection

### Keep Going

In today's Gospel reading, the message to a struggling community is, to 'keep going'. Jesus speaks to a demoralised people who thought, and maybe hoped, that their persecution by the Roman's would be over soon. In such a context people are liable to follow the loudest voice to what appears like the safest place and so Jesus offers us the hope of God's fidelity whatever suffering we may endure. We are challenged to counter despair, and not be afraid and stand up for faith and hope. In the midst of pain, God is with us.

When bad things happen to good people, when they happen to us, we have choices. We can give into desolation, depression and despair. Some of us make a life-long career out of it. This is understandable and tragic. Or we can choose to hope. Christian hope is not about 'pie in the sky when we die'. It is not about 'putting on a happy face, come what may'. St Augustine tells us hope is based on the justice God wants in this world, and will see done in the next. Interestingly, one of the signs Jesus speaks about in today's Gospel is famine. We have known for thirty years that if we all lived justly and shared from our abundance, we could have seen an end to starvation. We choose otherwise and sometimes blame God.

St Thomas Aquinas teaches us that hope, along with faith and love, is one of the prongs in the anchor of Christian belief. No matter how stormy are the waters, how much we are tossed and buffeted by life's winds, this anchor keeps us rooted in God until calmer seas return. Hope is about holding on, come what may.

Today's Gospel is not interested in a timetable for disaster. It's about encouraging us to drop the anchor of hope overboard when the times get tough.

God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save.

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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**Come and celebrate**

**Margaret Ohlin's**

**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on**

**Friday 18 November**

**9:30am mass**

**Followed by morning tea**

## SJAYouth ● YCS

Young Christian Students

### CHANGE OF DATE

20 November 7:00pm – 9:00pm

SJA Parish Centre

*Do you want to meet others and have fun?*

*Do you believe in equality and justice?*

*Do you care about the environment?*

Enquiries please contact the Parish Office – Phone 6254 3236 ● [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly

6:00pm – 8:00pm



**For more information  
contact the parish office.**

Next gathering:

Friday 18 November

**St John the Apostle**

**Parish Centre**

### Becoming Catholic

If you, or if you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic please contact the parish office.

Phone: 6254 3236 or

Email: [marian@stjohnkippax.org.au](mailto:marian@stjohnkippax.org.au)



We encourage anyone interested in joining us to come along.

**We are reading:**

***All that's Said by Tracey Lien***

***A debut novel by an Australian writer - "it pulls apart the intricate bonds of friendship, family, culture and community that produced a devastating crime in Sydney".***

**St John's Library – 20 November - 3:00pm**



**Pins & Needles**

**Mon 21 November**

**7:15pm Parish Library**

## Women's Breakfast



Tuesday 22 November – 7:30am

Bean Origin Café

Nettlefold Street Belconnen

### KIT @ Kippax

We are looking for front cover photos for KIT plus any articles you may have for KIT. If you have a photo that would be a great cover photo, please send it in.

Email your contributions to Marian at [marian@stjohnkippax.org.au](mailto:marian@stjohnkippax.org.au)

### ***Heart Spirituality***

### ***"Called by God"***

**Second follow Up Session to the  
Heart to Heart Retreat**

**Sunday 20 November**

**3:00pm – 4:30pm**

**St John the Apostle Parish Centre**

Even if you did not attend the Heart to Heart retreat you are invited to attend this Heart Spirituality session. Please contact the Parish Office

### **Night of the Witnesses**

23 November - 7pm

St Christopher's Cathedral.

Aid to the Church in Need Australia invites you to a unique and inspirational event to be held in Australia for the first time.

### **Dinner to mark the 60th anniversary of the Goulburn schools strike**

Catholic Education Canberra Goulburn is hosting a dinner to mark the 60th anniversary of the Goulburn schools strike.

Date: 29 November

Venue: Goulburn Workers Club

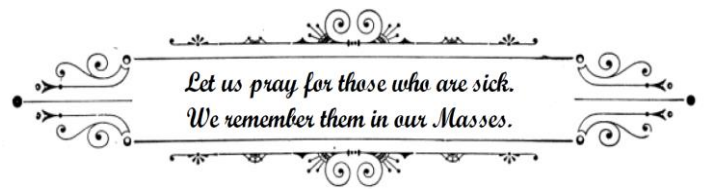
Cost: \$48 plus a booking fee.

The Hon Ursula Stephens is the guest speaker.

The next day is the re-opening of the restored Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral. You can book tickets through the Eventbrite website [gss60.eventbrite.com](http://gss60.eventbrite.com)

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

# Heart Spirituality



## Hope of the Hopeless

Saint Bernard exclaims: "It is to the Blessed Virgin that has fallen the sublime mission of speaking for us to the heart of Jesus." But our century is an extremely difficult case, a cause almost lost, half hopeless. The world is rushing to its ruin. Indifferent to religion, people move away from God. Error and falsehood are rife, corruption abounds. In response Saint Ephrem says "It is of no importance that evil seems incurable. That is precisely why Mary will take this cause in hand, if you commit it to her. You know surely that she is the hope of those we consider beyond hope; the hope of those who are losing hope, and the hope even of those who here below have lost all hope.

Jules Chevalier msc -  
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, p. 196f.

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

## Stewardship

### The struggle is worth the joy that awaits

Today's readings remind us that this life is not our aim and that God's justice will triumph in the end. Now is the time to get our priorities in order, putting God above all else as his faithful stewards.

However, we will be tried and tested. Sounds scary. But if you are living a stewardship way of life, there is nothing to fear. You have a plan in place. All you need to do is stick with it. Put our Lord first in your time, with your talents, and through your use of treasure. This way of life is not easy. But Jesus promises it will lead to eternal salvation and the joy of union with Him. "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance, you will secure your lives."

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

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Marie-Jeanne Shatzman, Veronica Tippett, Gary Williams, Frances Stow, Maria Van Audenaerde, Brenden Keir, Cornelia Onstenk, William Castle, Richard Witzens, Gloria Hunter, Jordan Blanchfield, Maria Wegener, Jamie Gruber, Kathleen Randall, Garry Marsh, Fransien Ashauer, Nell Clarke, Matthew Biggs, Joey Griffiths, Marie Corr, Nelson Canas, Irene Collbourne, Corstianus Slusser, Patrica McGee, Honorio Arranz, Dorothy Lenihan, Mary-Ellen Roots, Krissy Thomas, Peter Hayes, Phyllis McAllister, Herbert Gallagher, John Welfare, John Patterson, Allan Cockroft, Winifed O'Neill

## Mass Intentions the week of 14 - 20 November

Mon 14/11	Amy Stephenson
Wed 16/11	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Thur 17/11	Tran Van Thanh
Fri 18/11	Margaret Ohlin
<b>Sat 19/11</b>	
6:00pm	Anne Taylor
<b>Sun 20/11</b>	
8:30am	Francisco de la Torre
10:00am	Available [contact the office]
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

## PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

**There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion at 9:30am on Wednesday 16 November.**

Fr. Kimi will be attending a Provincial Council meeting from Sunday 13 November to Wednesday 16 November.  
Fr. Michael will be attending the Clergy Retreat from Monday 14 November to Friday 18 November

## 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 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

## SOCIAL LIFE

Youth Group Sunday Monthly	<i>Next Meeting – 13 November</i> 7:00pm – 9:00pm Parish Centre
St Johns Friendship Group	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month</i> 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month</i> 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month</i> 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am</i> Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm</i> Parish Centre

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Lift up your heads and see;  
your redemption is near at hand.  
Alleluia

## Readings – 20 November 2022

First Reading	2 Sm 5:1-3
Psalm	Ps 121:1-5
Second Reading	Col 1:12-20
Gospel	Luke 23:35-43

## ROSTERS

20 Nov

**Lector Roster**

6:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharj
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Matthew Garton, Anna Cirocco

20 Nov

**Ministers of Communion**

6:00pm	Janet Almond, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Theresia Suh
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

20 Nov

**Hospitality Roster**

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

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	13 Nov	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	19 Nov	Vacant
Church Cleaning:	13 Nov	Christine Lancaster, Shovin Weerawaunakula

## CHRISTMAS STALL

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding its annual Christmas Stall in the foyer of Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce.

**Wednesday 30 November and  
Thursday 1 December 2022,  
8am-4pm both days**

All proceeds go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital Patients and staff.

On a Lighter note

