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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

The Baptism of the Lord

9 January 2022

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Reflection

Baptism – A proper thing to do

These days there are some young Catholic parents who wonder whether baptism is the proper thing for them to seek for their children. One argument they sometimes offer is that it would be better to defer baptism until their child reaches adulthood and then he or she has the opportunity to choose it. As appealing as this argument might seem on the surface, the problem is that the reasoning behind it is so inconsistently applied.

Young Catholic parents do not give their children any choice about eating vegetables, learning to read or write and living out a moral code. They enforce these things because they know that nutrition, literacy, and ethics are essential for adulthood. If we recognise that, from birth, a child has spiritual as well as educational, moral, and physical needs, it seems inconsistent to relegate this constitutively otherworldly element of a child's character to a 'must be decided on later' category.

Baptism is not brainwashing. Adults can come and go from the practise of their faith as they feel drawn. Sadly, they can even choose against belief. To grow up, however, with no religious foundation or no basis on which to make spiritual choices seems to limit freedom rather than promote it. In our culture baptism of infants by their parents is an entirely proper thing to do.

The Baptism of Jesus and every baptism done in his name ever since, is the moment when we hold together the greatness of God's love, that calls each of us by name to be his son or daughter, with the reality of our human frailty. What more appropriate way of welcoming anyone into the world than having a community of frail, human believers initiate its members by reminding them that Original Sin does not have the last word. For those of us baptised in Christ, the Father's love always and everywhere has the final, appropriate say on every matter.

Resource 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

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26 Feb 2022
Cheers
TO
50
Years

Happenings in the parish office

Fr. Kimi is currently on leave and will return to work Thursday 27 January

Sharon will be on leave Wednesday 12 to Friday 21 January.

Marian will be on leave from Monday 24 to Friday 28 January

Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 17 January

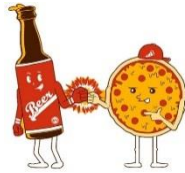
7:15pm Parish Library



SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly

6:00pm – 8:00pm



For more information
contact the parish office.

Next gathering: Friday 21 January

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

St John the Apostle Women's Breakfast

Tuesday

25 January – 7:30am



Bean Origin

5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen

Pope Francis

55th World Day of Prayer for Peace

1 January 2022

Dialogue Between Generations,

Education and Work:

Tools for Building Lasting Peace

Every year on 1 January, the Pope marks the World Day of Prayer for Peace with a special message inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace. In his message Pope Francis invites everyone to 'read the signs of the times with the eyes of faith', so that our response to the needs of the current and future times awakens both new and old questions with which it is right and necessary to be confronted. Pope Francis says, "Peace starts with not hating, not excluding, not discriminating against, not leaving anyone on their own." "We cannot accept resignation to wars being a daily companion of humanity," he says. "We cannot accept that so many children grow up under the shadow of conflict. We must say 'No more' to war."

The full document can be accessed at.....

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20211208-messaggio-55giornatamondiale-pace2022.html>

World Meeting of Families

22-26 June 2022

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness" In our Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn it is envisaged that celebrations will happen in three locations: one in Canberra, one in the Eastern Deanery and one in the Western Deanery.

For more local information contact lara.kirk@cq.org.au
0429 192 869

General information at www.romefamily2022.com



"Be on earth the Heart of God"



I DON'T FEEL
TOO BAD



I'LL STAY HOME
TO BE ON THE
SAFE SIDE



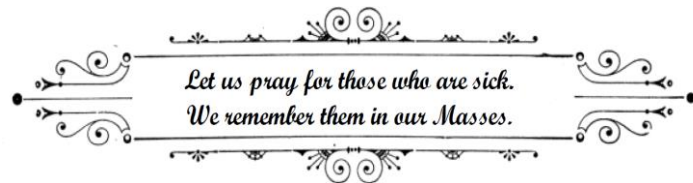
Don't let
your complacency
set us all back

BE
MINDFUL
FOLLOW THE
COVID-19
GUIDELINES

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Heart Spirituality



The Heart of the Mystical Body

Though composed of different members, humanity forms one body and blood. The heart that gives life to all the members of this great body is the Heart of Jesus. He alone unites us together and he alone unites us alo to God. As soon as we separate ourselves from him, we separate ourselves from one another and we lose the true feeling of human fraternity by losing the life of God, which is its source.

This divine heart is the centre around which all hearts gravitate. It is the sacred bridge thrown across the bottomless chasm that separates divinity from humanity.

Jules Chevalier msc -
Article in the Messenger du Sacré Coeur de
Jésus – Tome VII; June 1865 p. 529

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

Stewardship

Lead by Example

As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study Jesus' actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership that is characterized by humility and leading by example.

In response, we should be filled to overflowing with gratitude to such a gracious God — an overflow that must express itself in our own giving back to God through our sharing of time, talents, and treasure. In fact, when we allow the words and actions of Jesus in the Gospel to enter deeply into our minds and hearts, we will be compelled to give ourselves to Him and others out of love for Him.

Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, as well.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

Kathryn Jones, Charles Taylor, Terry O’Gorman, Therese Markham, Barry Dwyer, Ken Lorroway, Pauline Burt, Cooper McDonald, Jamie Bourke, Mary Gorey, John Machin, John Burt, Mary Costelloe, Edna Lydon, Viginia Policarpio, Eamonn Kennedy, Terence Martin, Caterina Fallace, Ann Grannall, Phyllis Morrison, Alexander Beggs, Shaun MacKey, Frederick Felsing, Josephine Fox, Bradley Keenan, Josephine McLaren.

Mass Intentions the week of 10 - 16 January

Mon 10/01	Fallace Family Members
Wed 12/01	Available [contact the office]
Thur 13/01	Available [contact the office]
Fri 14/01	Available [contact the office]
Sat 15/01	
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]
Sun 16/01	
8:30am	Parish Intentions
10:00am	Maria Hue Pham
6:00pm	Jeevaraj Gunaratnam

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

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

KIT @ Kippax

We are looking for your contributions for the January edition of KIT. Share your stories, memories, experiences and what St John's means to you.

Please email your contributions to Marian at marian@stjohnkippax.org.au

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 st 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 & 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
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
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



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.



TAP & GO –

The donation amount is set at \$10. As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt



Donations to the 1st & 2nd Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**



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<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/business-and-work/check-in-cbr/information-for-businesses#Using-the-app-at-your-business-or-venue>

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard;

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Readings – 16 January 2022

First Reading	Is 62:1-5
Psalm	Ps 95:1-3, 7-10
Second Reading	1 Cor 12:4-11
Gospel	John 2:1-11

16 Jan Lector Roster

6:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Libby Kian, Joe Ots
6:00pm	Matthew Garton, Terry Fewtrell

16 Jan Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Janet Almond, Maria Catanzariti
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Theresia Suh
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Brian Mahony, James Cox

16 Jan Hospitality Roster

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	9 Jan	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	15 Jan	VACANT

Church Cleaning:	10 Jan	VACANT
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On a lighter note

Riddle: Mario and Mark are twins. They were born 10 minutes apart. Mario is the eldest and has had 20 birthdays. Mark is the younger but has only had 5 birthdays? Why?

Answer: Mario was born at 11.55 on February 28th in a leap year and Mark was born at 12.05 on February 29th on a leap day so Mark has only had 5 Birthdays.