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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5 February 2023**

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Reflection

Faithfully following God is a Vocation

We all have a vocation: to be the “light of the world” and the “salt of the earth”; to be contributing members of our communities and of the Body of Christ. God gives us gifts so that we can use them as the faithful stewards did in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew’s Gospel when they came and presented their Lord with the profits of what they had been given.

Today, when we describe a person as being the ‘salt of the earth’ it’s generally meant in a way that says the person is hard working, straight talking and pretty down to earth.

To be salt of the earth and light of the world means to be the one who puts their hand up and steps forward to speak for, work for and act for those who are the least in this world. To have the potential and resources to be a force for good in the world and not act on it is to be like salt that’s used for salting the streets or a lamp that’s under a tub. The whole purpose of being salt and light is to lead others into right relationship with one another and with God.

Today’s gospel passage immediately follows the Beatitudes that we heard in last week’s gospel. The imperative for justice in the images of salt and light of the world becomes even clearer when we remember that these words follow the blessings on those who are poor; who mourn; who are merciful and fight for justice. Jesus has blessed all these who are least in the world and then charges the disciples to be salt and light for them.

To faithfully follow God is a vocation.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter, & *Monks & Martyrs*, by Archbishop Angaelos

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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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Parish Picnic

The annual parish picnic

Will be held on Sunday

26 February

51st Anniversary

of the parish

Place: John Knight

Memorial Park

Time: 11:00am

Meat will be provided.

Please bring a salad or
dessert to share.



Lenten Program

Copies of the Wollongong Diocese Lenten program *Triumph* will be available for purchase from the SJA Shop from 1 February.

Books \$10.00 each

CD \$10.00 each

22 FEBRUARY Ash Wednesday

Mass times: 9:30am & 6:00pm

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2023

Formation Sessions for parents

Sacrament of Penance	6 February
Sacrament of Confirmation	27 March
Sacrament of the Eucharist	19 June

To register or for more information please contact the parish office: 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Fr. Kimi will be attending the Provincial Council meeting from 6 – 10 February.

Wednesday 8 – Friday 10 February will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion.

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 9:30am Mass on Monday 6 February.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK WITHIN MASS

Dates for 2023

Friday	24 February
	30 June
	24 November

At 11:00am

Followed by lunch served in the church foyer.

Outreach to parishioners who are housebound and need help to come to mass.

SJAShop

The Shop is now open before and after Masses on the weekend.

POS machine available or cash.

Word of God Sunday

5 February @ 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

The Word of God Sunday is devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Word of God Sunday when issuing the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis*. The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

We will celebrate it in Australia for the first time on 7 February. So our podcast, *The Revolution of Tenderness*, will consider the Word of God in Catholic Social Teaching. With help from Scripture scholars, we will explore passages of Scripture that are quoted in Catholic Social Teaching documents.

Episode 1 features Professor Mary Coloe.

<https://anchor.fm/office-for-social-justice>

FUNERAL NOTICE

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of

Marie Murphy

Will be celebrated at 11:00am

Monday 6 February 2023

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax



FUNERAL NOTICE

Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of

Fr. Neville Drinkwater

Will be celebrated at 11:00am

Tuesday 7 February 2023

St Thomas Aquinas Parish Charnwood

CHRISTIANS FOR AN ETHICAL SOCIETY
2023 FORUM SERIES

**Hope, Truth, and Integrity
BEYOND SELF-CENTEREDNESS: IS
ECONOMICS BUILT ON THE RIGHT
FOUNDATION?**

Speaker - Peter Martin AM

Chair - Clive Rodger

TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 7:00 PM

NOTE - CHANGE FROM OUR USUAL VENUE
7pm Chambers Pavilion, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street (near Kings Ave), Barton ACT

For details see the flyer below or see our website at <http://ces.org.au/economics-foundation/>

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

The Sacred Heart revealed God's mercy on earth

The Heart of Jesus is essentially merciful, because it is the Heart of God; mercy is his very nature. The Blessed Trinity put in his Heart for our sake all the treasures of its tenderness and love, and so the Sacred Heart poured them out profusely on every misfortune he came across.

His role on earth was not to condemn but to forgive; not to spurn those who suffer but to comfort them; not to alienate sinners, but to enlighten and convert them; not to turn away the sick, but to heal them; not to abandon a lost sheep, but to bring it back to the sheepfold; not to quench the smoking wick, but to make it burn brightly; not to break the crushed reed, but to strengthen it. That is the Sacred Heart. What kindness, what mercy.

Jules Chevalier msc,
Méditations II, p, 641. Issoudun 1891.

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

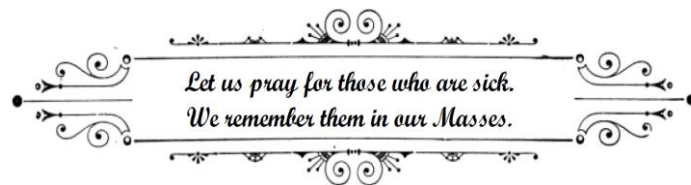
Stewardship

We Must Act

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavour if allowed to go stale — light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. Therefore, we must act! We must live our lives so that others will see the things that we do — the ways that we serve others, care for the vulnerable, prioritize our family relationships and above all, our love for God — and then give Him glory.

This is the stewardship way of life. Let's give it our all!

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Recently Deceased:

Fr. Neville Drinkwater, Nicholas Roots

Anniversary: Alexander Powell, Alice Tonna, Robert Thomas, Nola Newton, Doreen Kennedy, Salvatore Nasca, Julian Oakley, Violet Duve, Annie McCreath, Clements Cox, Bruce Walker, Carmelia Godfrey, Maria Carrusca, Victoria Wilkinson, Kenneth Vella, Faye Menegazzo, Stella Bell, Margaret Ephgrave, Margaret Davis, Elias Kiki, John Maher, Peter Moore, Roberto Millucci, Robert Haverfield, Robert Galliano, Rene Stubbs, George Griffiths, Trent Foster, Glenn Foster, Nellie Bannon, Henry Moulis, Edward Blake-Smith, Philip Babic, John Thompson, Vincent Mawson, Raychell Nolan, Charlotte Lansdown.

Mass Intentions the week of 6 – 12 February

Mon 06/02	Santiago Peter Francis
Wed 08/02	Liturgy of the Word with Communion]
Thur 09/02	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Fri 10/02	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Sat 11/02	
6:00pm	Vincent Mawson
Sun 12/02	
8:30am	Available [contact the office]
10:00am	Rosario Orejana & Agustina Gomez
6:00pm	Parish Intention

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

St John the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC needs new members. If you would like to serve our parish through being a member of the PPC please contact the parish office. We thank Carl Madsen and Kirsty Vera who have retired from the Pastoral Council. Carl has completed his term on the Council and Kirsty has moved to the Finance Council.

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 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

St Johns Friendship Group	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm 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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
The man who follows me will have
the light of life.
Alleluia

Readings – 12 February 2023

First Reading	Sir 15:15-20
Psalm	Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
Second Reading	1 Cor 2:6-10
Gospel	Matthew 5:17-37

ROSTERS

12 Feb

Lector Roster

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

12 Feb

Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Maria Catanzariti, James Nield
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Frank Colley, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	John McGee, Chitra Jayawardena

12 Feb

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor
10:00am	Judy Kenny
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy

12 Feb

SJAShop

6:00pm	
8:30am	Fay Stephenson
10:00am	
6:00pm	John McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	5 Feb	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	11 Feb	Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard, David Momi
Church Cleaning:	5 Feb	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie and Ted Milne

On a Lighter note

