

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

*Celebrating 50 Years*

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**12 February 2023**

**YEAR A**  
**#12.23**

## Reflection

### Live with Integrity

Throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication. His constant complaint is against those who live by the letter of the Law and ignore what we would call the spirit or intention of the Law. This is the root of his swipe at the shallow virtue of the scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel. The criticism that Jesus levelled at these two groups was that their adherence to the Law made no room for the compassionate heart that the writings of the Prophets demanded.

Jesus cites several examples of the Law to demonstrate the way in which he has come to fulfil those teachings, rather than to abolish them. He reinterprets the teachings on killing, adultery, divorce and oath-breaking. When there is an attitude of observing the very literal meaning of law, there is a tendency to look for loopholes wherever possible. This attitude had become the norm in Jesus' day. His reinterpretations are designed to challenge people to think about the law in a broader context and to take the law into their heart rather than looking for ways to get around it.

Jesus demonstrates the crucial nature of interpretation. It is easy for us today to look at something like the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes and dismiss them as irrelevant. Taken literally, they may seem to have fairly limited application to our modern lives. However, interpreted in a broader context and within the context of our own lives, such ancient codes of behaviour can take on new significance. Jesus points us towards the importance of looking beyond the surface and searching out the truth of such statements. Interpretation of scripture for our modern lives and modern world is vital to living life to the fullest.

Resource used: *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter

## Parish Administration

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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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Pawsey Circuit Florey

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[www.sjaps.act.edu.au](http://www.sjaps.act.edu.au)



## Parish Picnic

The annual parish picnic

Will be held on Sunday

26 February

51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

of the parish

Place: John Knight  
Memorial Park

Time: 11:00am

Meat will be provided.

Please bring a salad or  
dessert to share.

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



For more information  
contact the parish office.

Next gathering: Friday 17 February

St John the Apostle Parish Centre



Pins & Needles

Mon 20 February –

7:15pm

Parish Library

**22 FEBRUARY Ash Wednesday**

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

**St John's Friendship Group**

next meeting on

**Wednesday 22 February**

for Mass at 9:30am, followed by  
morning tea in the parish centre.

Please come and join us, you are all  
most welcome.

Please bring a plate to share.

*Relax, Review, Reflect*

*We will be watching*



*"Witness"*

**Friday 24 February at 7:00pm**

*in the parish library.*

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**



**TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY – 7:30AM**

**BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ**

**NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN**

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

## FUNERAL NOTICE

A service to farewell

*Nicholas Roots*

Will be celebrated at 3:30pm

Monday 13 February 2023

Norwood Park Crematorium

***Sacrament of Penance***

***Presentation Masses this weekend***

*We pray for the children of the parish  
who have commenced their preparation  
for the Sacrament of Penance on  
Thursday 16 March.*

*May they continue to grow in faith  
trusting in God's love and forgiveness.*

## CHURCH PROJECTOR & SCREEN

A new projector and screen has been  
installed in the church. The cost of this  
project was just under \$10,000. This was an  
unexpected expense. If you would like to  
make a donation towards the cost it would  
be gratefully received. Donations no  
matter the amount make a difference and  
eases financial pressure on the parish.

Bank details are :

BSB 062 786

A/C 13630

Name: St John the Apostle Parish.

Thank you.



**Lenten Program**

Copies of the Wollongong

Diocese Lenten program

*Triumph* is available for purchase from the  
SJA Shop from. Books \$10.00 each

CD \$10.00

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK  
WITHIN MASS**

**Friday 24 February 11:00am**

Followed by lunch served in the church foyer.

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

# Heart Spirituality

## Our actions show what we are

The authentic way to make ourselves known to others and also to know ourselves is through good works. The tree is judged by its fruits. Words may be as charming as possible, clothes as striking as can be, a state of life more holy than one can imagine – all this could beguile us, bring about a wrong judgement or deluded us; but right actions and good conduct cannot lead us into error. Can we say that our way of doing things and of acting is that of a true Christian, a follower of Jesus? How far we are from possessing the sentiments of the Heart of Jesus!

Jules Chevalier msc,  
Méditations I. p 67f. Issoudun 1891.

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

## Stewardship

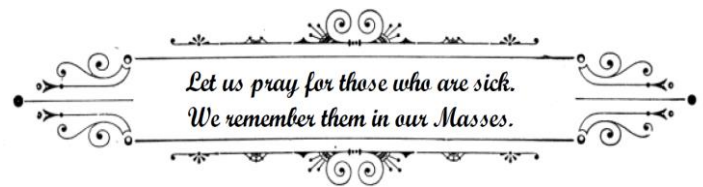
### The Choice is Ours

Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card — or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day?

The concept of stewardship helps us to live out the fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is meant to be embraced as a way of life a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart. In today's Gospel Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart.

In the week ahead, let us examine the state of our hearts knowing that our way to God is through the Heart of Jesus.

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



## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Maria Carrusca, Kenneth Vella, Victoria Wilkinson, 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, Carmel Page, Paulina Jabagat, Colin Waterford, David Lowe, Ian Bransby, Ondina Finzi, Michael Vella, Vincas Puzas, Giuseppe Mammoliti, Judith Hickey, Rodney Chapman, Eamonn Murtagh, Rudi Meyer, Joseph Vella

## Mass Intentions the week of 13 – 19 February

Mon 13/02	Carmel Page
Wed 15/02	Maryanne McGrath
Thur 16/02	Theresia Suh
Fri 17/02	Magadalen & Kevin Suh & Peter and Donald

Sat 18/02	
6:00pm	Lily D'Souza

Sun 19/02	
8:30am	Eamonn Murtagh
10:00am	Edward Kelly
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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 is looking to renew itself with 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.

Email [marian@stjohnkippax.org.au](mailto: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 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1st 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 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Happy are they who follow the law  
of the Lord!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth;  
You have revealed to little ones the  
mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia

## Readings – 19 February 2023

First Reading	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18
Psalm	Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
Second Reading	1 Cor 3:16-23
Gospel	Matthew 5:38-48

## 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)

## ROSTERS

### 19 Feb

### Lector Roster

6:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Matthew Garton, Anna Cirocco

### 19 Feb

### 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

### 19 Feb

### Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Carol Moorie, Marie McKie
8:30am	Clyde and Norma Sloan
10:00am	
6:00pm	Erin Trevaskis

### 19 Feb

### SJAShop

6:00pm	Laurine Smeaton
8:30am	Caroline Gibbons
10:00am	Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	12 Feb	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	18 Feb	
Church Cleaning:	12 Feb	Christine Lancaster, Shovin Weerwaunakula

## KIT

If there are any budding photographers out  
there we are always looking for photos for  
the cover page of KIT.

Our theme this year is our local area – so if  
you have any photos of landmarks around  
our parish we would love to receive them.

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

## On a Lighter note

