

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A
19 February 2023 #13.23

Reflection

Be Merciful as your heavenly Father is Merciful

In the Beatitudes, the Lord teaches that perfection consists in love, fulfilment of all the precepts of the Law. Saint Luke specifies that perfection is merciful love: to be perfect means to be merciful. Goodness and perfection are rooted in mercy. God is perfect. However, for people being perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect becomes an impossible goal for humanity to strive for. Instead, having God before our eyes as merciful enables us to understand better what God's perfection consists of. It spurs us to strive to be like God, full of love, of understanding, and of mercy.

We ask ourselves: What does it mean for disciples to be merciful? Jesus explains it with two verbs: "forgive" (Lk.6:37) and 'give" (Lk.6:38). Mercy is expressed, first of all, in forgiveness: "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven". To forgive is the first pillar; to give is the second pillar. "Give, and it will be given to you [...] For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Lk.6:38). God gives well beyond our merits, but He will be even more generous with all those who on earth were generous.

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.

Resources used: Be Perfect (Merciful) as Your Heavenly Father Is Perfect (Merciful), by Pope Francis, & Reflection, by Greg Sunter.

Parish Administration

Parish Priest

Fr. Kimi Vunivesilevu msc

Email: kimi@stjohnkippax.org.au

Pastoral Associate/Parish Manager
Marian England

Email: marian@stjohnkippax.org.au

Parish Secretary Sharon Greaves

Email: kippax@cg.org.au

Sacristan

Maryanne Ferguson

Parish Office:

25 Blackham Street HOLT ACT

Office Hours: Mon-Fri

9.00am-3.00pm

Telephone: 6254 3236

Email: kippax@cg.org.au

Web: www.stjohnkippax.org.au

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

Principal: Matthew Garton

Pawsey Circuit Florey

Phone: 6258 3592

Email: office.sjaps@cg.catholic.edu.au

www.sjaps.act.edu.au



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.

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



Pins & Needles

Mon 20 February – 7:15pm
Parish Library

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.

Melanoma March - Sun 5 March

**Raising money for the
Melanoma Institute Australia**

5 kilometer walk at

Black Mountain Peninsula

Belle Trevaskis who is in year 5 at St John the Apostle Primary school is walking in support of her grandfather who is battling melanoma. You can support Belle by donating via the link below.

<https://canberra.melanomamarch.org.au/page/BelleTrevaskis>

Sacrament of Penance

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

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

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Lent



22 FEBRUARY Ash Wednesday

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



LENTEN PRAYER GROUP

Mondays after 9:30am Mass

Parish Library

Parishioners interested in participating in a Lenten program are welcome to join this group



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



VIRTUAL LENT SERIES

Garratt Publishing presents a series of Lent talks by four Australian biblical scholars from *Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity*

Speakers

Prof Mary Coloe PBVM

Dr Mary Reaburn NDS

Dr Chris Monaghan CP

Dr Janina Hiebel

WHEN: Tuesdays February 21 & 28,
March 7, 14, 21 & 28 2023

TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm AEDT*

WHERE: Via Zoom meeting

COST: Free

To register use the link below

THIS IS NOT AN ACCREDITED EVENT.

[https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/q6lptq51cbfmb2/?ct=t\(allseg-lent-2023-virtual-talks-13Feb2023\)&mc_cid=5d37d88e3d&mc_eid=b9827a5911](https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/q6lptq51cbfmb2/?ct=t(allseg-lent-2023-virtual-talks-13Feb2023)&mc_cid=5d37d88e3d&mc_eid=b9827a5911)



Gethsemane

**Every Thursday in Lent
Contemplative Prayer with
the Blessed Sacrament
7:30pm – 8:30pm**

Could you not stay awake with me one hour.

Matt 26:40



Heart Spirituality

Love your enemies

We should not maintain any resentment against our enemies. We have to forgive them. Who more than God would be in their rights to keep up their resentment against us because of our daily infidelity? Yet God shows himself full of kindness. Do we conduct ourselves in the same way towards those against whom we have complaints? Often we shun their presence or, speaking to them, only make them feel our coldness. Jesus commands us to love our enemies. Despite its cost, this is essential if we want to be disciples and friends of the Sacred Heart. How many pious people delude themselves on this point? They are content to say: I do not wish trouble upon my enemies, but everything in me resists my seeing them and speaking with them; they have offended me too greatly. If those are our sentiments, we are not Christians.

Jules Chevalier msc
Méditations I, p. 322f, Issoudun 1891.

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

Stewardship

The Path to Holiness

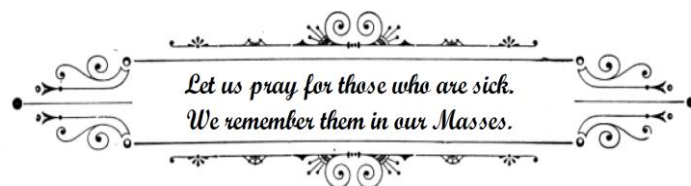
“So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Talk about setting the bar high!

The stewardship way of life, giving away the best of our time, talents and treasure to God for His glory and for the sake of others, is the path to holiness. Yet, it appears utterly foolish in the eyes of many.

If your lifestyle and your priorities look a little foolish to the world around you, know that you're probably doing it right in God's eyes. At the same time, you will be filled with a peace that the world around you desperately needs. And your stewardship way of life may just draw those around to the heavenly Father and a life of holiness, too.

With God's grace, we can confidently press on in the stewardship way of life, aiming to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect.

www.catholicsteward.com



Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Carmel Page, Paulina Jabagat, Colin Waterford, David Lowe, Ian Bransby, Ondina Finzi, Michael Vella, Vincas Puzas, Judith Hickey, Giuseppe Mammoliti, Rodney Chapman, Rudi Meyer, Eamonn Murtagh, Joseph Vella, James Wiley, Johanna Garratt, Reg Lazaro, John Marane, Leone Ashcroft, Ivan Mikulic, Angeles Arranz, Lillian Luke, Elena Zamora, Adrian Newton, Adrenne Stewart, Ashely Kent, Tony Lay, Eun Cho Shin, Hayden Ricketts, Perlita Whitton

Mass Intentions the week of 20 – 26 February

Mon 20/02	Amy Stephenson
Wed 22/02	Available [contact the office]
Thur 23/02	Riley Carberry & Jordan Blanchfield
Fri 24/02	Marnie Dunn & Pam Cohen

Sat 25/02	
6:00pm	Millicent Walpole

Sun 26/02	
8:30am	Grant Lalor
10:00am	Josephine Kelly
6:00pm	Tony Lay

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

CHURCH PROJECTOR & SCREEN

We thank parishioners who have donated toward the cost of the church projector. Every donation no matter the amount contributes to the whole. If you would like to contribute the EFT Bank details are :

BSB 062 786
A/C 13630
Name: St John the Apostle Parish..
Ref: (Your name) Projector

Thank you & blessings

Fr. Kimi msc

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:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia

Readings – 26 February 2023

First Reading	Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Psalm	Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17
Second Reading	Rom 5:12-19
Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11

ROSTERS

26 Feb

Lector Roster

6:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Wendy Wade, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Ann Reynolds, James Nield
6:00pm	Andrew Luck, Marian Crowley

26 Feb

Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	John Drury, Laurine Smeaton
8:30am	Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Bonnie & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi & Marie McKie

26 Feb

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joan Galpin
8:30am	Beatrice Williams
10:00am	
6:00pm	Erin Trevaskis

26 Feb

SJAShop

6:00pm	
8:30am	Norma Sloan
10:00am	Joe Mewburn
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	19 Feb	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	25 Feb	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	19 Feb	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena

On a Lighter note



"Brakes are fine. You need new glasses."