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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Celebrating 50 Years

First Sunday of Lent

26 February 2023

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Reflection

Knowledge is a Gift from God

The Genesis story about the origins of sin in the world rewards very careful reading. The serpent promises Eve two things: that her eyes will be opened to know good from evil and that this will make her like God. Such a temptation was irresistible and nothing has changed.

Knowledge is a gift given us by God. I am always grateful for being a Catholic because, along with other long-standing Christian denominations, we highly value scholarship, rational thought and inquiry. As anxious as the Church has sometimes been about scientific investigations, our best traditions are to see God revealed in human thoughts and scientific achievements that ennoble our human family. It is the application of knowledge, or the way it is abused, that can be harmful.

On the domestic front, many families have a 'know-it-all', the relative who has an extraordinary ability to retain facts and figures and who seems to gain a sense of self-worth by correcting us mid-sentence when we get a number, place or fact wrong. He or she can be very irritating. On the world stage we have seen how scientific knowledge can try and seduce us into believing that all scientific achievements are good no matter how unknown the consequences of these choices might be for future generations. Every new piece of knowledge brings with it wonderful potentialities and serious responsibilities.

Today's Gospel is about knowledge too. Satan knows who Jesus is. His temptations are an attempt to get Jesus to betray his humanity and not endure the limitations of his daily life. Jesus knows that the only way to be true to his divinity is allow us to see it shine in and through his human life. The rejection of the temptation to compromise his frail human frame gives us the hope that we, too, can glimpse the power of God's greatness in every moment we reject the desire to be directors of our own destiny and to see good triumph over evil in the choices we make.

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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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Parish Picnic This Weekend

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.



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

SJAShop

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



POS machine available or cash.

Celebrate Life - Our Golden Links of Friendship 50 Year Reunion of St Christopher's Coffee House

Saturday 25th March, 2023.

For those who were part of the Coffee House
during the years 1973-1977 we would love
you to join us.

Gathering in the Haydon Hall (next to St
Christopher's Cathedral) from 3-10pm

The 5 pm Parish Mass will be celebrated by
Fr Mick Burke

Please RSVP by 11th March 2023

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST 9 MARCH 7.30 am

**Canberra Seniors Centre
10 Watson St Turner**

Canberra's international authority on human
rights, Dr Helen Watchirs, will be the guest
speaker at the annual International Women's
Day Breakfast hosted by the Archdiocese's
Women's Taskforce. Dr Watchirs is both the
President of the ACT Human Rights
Commission and the ACT Human Rights
Commissioner.

The event is free but any monies raised will go
to MacKillop House, a CatholicCare project
and a place of safety for women and children.

Registrations can be made by phone

0487388873 or

online <https://www.cgwomen.com.au>

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 Sacrament of Penance on
Thursday 16 March.*

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

KIT – Keeping In Touch

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

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY – 7:30AM

BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ

NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

Return to your heart

Jesus Christ urges us to change our life. Return into your self, he tells us through his Prophet: Sinners, return to your heart (Is 46:8); that is, change your ideas, for most of them are false and contrary to the Gospel. Often you call good what in reality is evil, and evil what in reality is good: Woe to those who call evil good and good evil (Is :20). If we want to profit from this teaching, we should esteem from now on what we have despised; we should make ourselves a new heart by changing our sentiments: Make yourself a new hear (Ez 18:31). How often our ideas turn towards material objects and fasten on to them as though the world was not due to pass away; and far too often, unfortunately, we remain insensitive to the good things of eternity. Let us live as Christians, let us live as priests and religious according to the situation in which we are.

Jules Chevalier msc,
Meditations I p.347., Issoudun 1891..

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

Stewardship

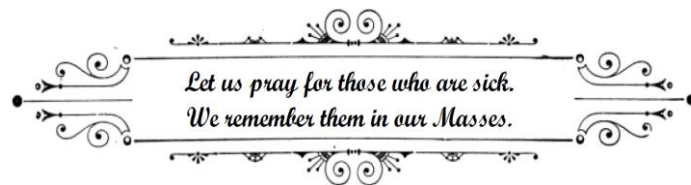
God's Abundant Love

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As we begin the beautiful and challenging season of Lent, our readings this week remind us why we need these 40 days so much.

God created Adam and Eve out of pure love and provided abundantly for them. Life was good in the Garden! Until the first couple allowed just a sliver of doubt in the goodness of God to enter their minds. Swayed by the words of the serpent, they became ungrateful and distrustful despite God's great love for them. These are the same temptations that threaten to pull us away from God today.

This Lent, let us embrace this 40-day spiritual reset. Let us prioritize our use of time by committing to prayerful study of the Scriptures and trusting more deeply in the Father's love. We will surely be better stewards by Easter.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: 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, James McKay, Dorothy Jeffrey, Leo McDonald, Rachael netting, Grant Lalor, Francisca Benedictos, Felice Collufio, Sharon Williams, Ian Coffill, Evelyn Swaris, Josephine Hawkins, Liana Rivera, Dorothy Hornick, Damien Lamb, Oscar Zamora, Darrell Rutter

Mass Intentions the week of 27 February – 5 March

Mon 27/02	William Missingham
Wed 01/03	Steve Smith
Thur 02/03	Lorraine Biden
Fri 03/03	Gilda Martin

Sat 04/03	
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]

Sun 05/03	
8:30am	Doris Galea
10:00am	Jim Grace
6:00pm	Special Intention

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

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Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

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0422 472 567.

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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:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
Alleluia

Readings – 5 March 2023

First Reading	Gen 12:1-48
Psalm	Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22
Second Reading	2 Tm 1:8-10
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9

ROSTERS

5 March

Lector Roster

6:00pm	Fay Padarin, Paul McGrath
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir
10:00am	Robin Williams, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Erin Trevaskis

5 March

Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Joy Mcinerney, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Pat Cowburn
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawaunkula
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

5 March

Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Rob Breen, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

5 March

SJAShop

6:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	Chris Gray
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	26 Feb	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	4 March	
Church Cleaning:	26 Feb	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Van Nguyen

On a Lighter note

