

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

Established 1972

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Second Sunday of Lent
5 March 2023

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#15.23

Reflection

We are called by God

Abraham is called from among the nations to bring God's blessing to the nations. We are called by God, however the one called is free to accept or reject it. But the one who hears God's call and responds is called to trust God to bring it to fulfilment.

A vocation is primarily about the fulfilment of God's purpose rather than personal satisfaction. Following a vocation involves leaving one's familiar and established world for a new and as yet unknown one, the challenge is to obey and trust God as one steps out into the unknown.

God's promise is that when we trust God and embark on our vocation then our lives will be blessed. The blessings promised by God are undeserved gifts from God. They are not earned they are God's gifts of grace. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings.

Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God.

God blesses us so that we can bless each other.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Dianne Bergant CSA

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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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SUNDAY
2 APRIL
2023



Daylight Savings
Time Ends

Set your clocks back 1 hour

Commencing
Saturday

8 April - Saturday VIGIL
will be celebrated at
5:00pm

Confession will be held from
4:00pm - 4:30pm

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>

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

Thursday 9 MARCH 7.30am
Canberra Seniors Centre
10 Watson St Turner

Guest Speaker: Dr Helen Watchirs,
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>



TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

Through our baptism we are all called to participate in Christ's Mission.

You are invited to participate in the mission and ministry life of our parish with your time, talent and treasure.

Please give your prayerful consideration to how your gifts may be used to best serve God.

Forms for ministry rosters are on the table in the church foyer.

**The ministry commitment period is
1st June 2023 to 31st May 2024.**

**Please return by 19 March 2023
Commitment Weekend**



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

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.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

The Heart of Jesus is the source of grace

Through sanctifying grace, we live the very life of God; and this life of God is communicated to us through Jesus Christ, grace being an extension, a prolongation of the Incarnation. God has stored all grace, absolutely all, in Jesus. And this grace is centred above all in his Heart. Why in his heart? Isn't it in the Heart of Jesus that two loves meet: the love of God descending to the whole of creation, and the love of the whole of creation rising to God? Isn't this divine Heart, the love of God par excellence? Grace is love. How could it not be love? For God is love itself, and grace is the life of God communicated to us.

Jules Chevalier msc
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 80. Paris 1900.
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
everywhere loved.....forever!

Stewardship

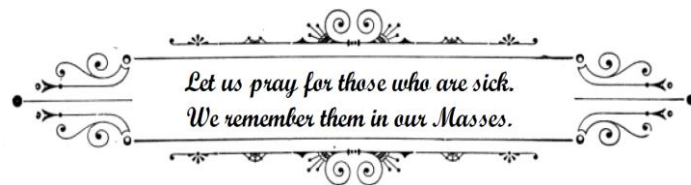
Being a Blessing for Others

God rewards Abraham's obedience saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, and the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: 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, Jim Grace, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan, Alan Leach, Bernard Fitzgerald, Eileen Luke, Brendan Patterson

Mass Intentions the week of 06 - 12 March

Mon 06/03	Special Intention
Wed 08/03	Special Intention
Thur 09/03	Special Intention
Fri 10/03	Special Intention
Sat 11/03	
6:00pm	Special Intention
Sun 12/03	
8:30am	Special Intention
10:00am	Robert O'Hara
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE

The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday 13 March 2023
Canberra Day Holiday

HOME's Movie Night Fundraiser

Venue: The Q Theatre

When: 6pm Friday 17 March 2023

Price: \$80 pp (movie ticket, food & drinks)

Please join us for an evening of fundraising for one of Canberra and Queanbeyan's most beloved not-for-profit community organisations HOME in Queanbeyan. This year's annual fundraiser includes the screening of a fantastic film, Made in Dagenham a silent auction, food & drinks.
<https://qprc.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/95008>

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:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud
the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Readings – 12 March 2023

First Reading	Ex 17:3-7
Psalm	Ps 94:1-2, 6-9
Second Reading	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel	John 4:5-42

ROSTERS

12 March

Lector Roster

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

12 March

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, Sabina Van Rooy

12 March

Hospitality Roster

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

12 March

SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

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

On a Lighter note

