

## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**12 March 2023**

**YEAR A**  
**#16.23**

## Reflection

### Living Water

The Samaritan woman's personal encounter with Jesus compels her to start spreading the good news about the amazing man she has met. She meets Jesus face to face and feels compelled to act on what she has felt.

The woman has obviously come to the well to draw water for herself. Her encounter with Jesus is a moment of transformation for her. At first, she fails to comprehend his reference to 'living water' and never being thirsty again. However, in the end 'the woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town.' Leaving her water jar behind was a sign of the transformation that had taken place within her. She had indeed drunk of the living water of Jesus and no longer paid attention to the need for water that had brought her to the well.

We search for another person, place or project to give us joy, happiness, and fulfilment but God is the only one who can consummate this desire, and yearning.

Jesus is the living water that we need. When we put our faith and trust in Him the well will never run dry. He will never tire of us. He will never dissatisfy. He will never turn us away. He is the unending source of peace, joy, love, self-control, truth, hope, and satisfaction. Abundant life can only be found in Him.

Lent is a time for each of us to again – or for the first time – seek out a face to face encounter with Jesus. Through prayer, contemplation on scripture or reflection on encountering Jesus in the face of others, we build a one to one relationship with Jesus. When we acknowledge this relationship, like the Samaritan woman, we are compelled to act on it.

## 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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## PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE

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

### SUNDAY 2 APRIL 2023

Commencing Saturday

8 April - Saturday

VIGIL will be

celebrated at 5:00pm



Confession will be

held from 4:00pm - 4:30pm

## 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>

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### **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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### **The Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will hold two Plant Stalls in March:**

: Thursday 23rd March 2023, 8am – 4pm, Calvary Public Hospital (outside front entrance, in the foyer if raining); and

: Thursday 30th March 2023, 8am – 4pm, inside the Jamison Centre, (outside Aldi).

A range of indoor and outdoor plants plus other garden related items will be available at bargain prices!

All funds raised will go towards the purchase of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff.

Enquiries: Jan 0437790980.



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### **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  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.**

**Please return by 19 March 2022  
Commitment Weekend**

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### **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

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### **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.*

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

# Heart Spirituality

## What does reparation involve

Prayer consoles, prayer disarms, prayer obtains all things (Sir 35:21). At times it takes the form of petition or praise, at times thanksgiving or gratitude. Prayer, even by itself so efficacious, becomes as it were all powerful when united with the sentiments of Jesus' Heart, and when we imitate the example he gave us; because then God sees in us the image of his Son, through the reproduction of his virtues in us: "I have given you an example so that you will do just what I have done to you" (John 13:15; Phil 2:5). And then God will be well-disposed towards whatever we desire (Rom 8:29f). We shall find ourselves burning with zeal to promote the glory of the Heart of Jesus, to extend his kingdom, to win souls, to make him reign everywhere.

Jules Chevalier msc  
Le Sacre-Coeur de Jesus, p.224 1900, Paris.

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

## Stewardship

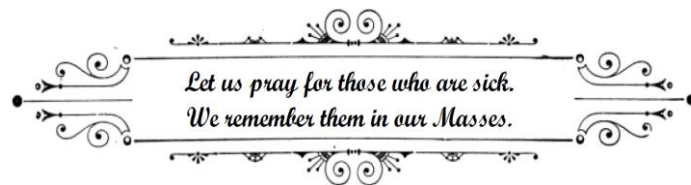
### Give me a drink

Our Gospel passage from John recounts the life-changing encounter Christ has with the Samaritan woman at the well beginning with His words to her, "Give me a drink." Then, He adds, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Christ is speaking the very same words to us today. These two verses encapsulate the call to stewardship. Christ asks us to "give him a drink" by sharing what we have with Him and with others for His sake. Yet, it is Christ Himself who provides the water — the living water that is His grace.

God has chosen to include us in His plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, let us resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment. Let us do our part to quench His thirst.

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



## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Jim Grace, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan, Alan Leach, Bernard Fitzgerald, Eileen Luke, Brendan Patterson, Michael Hamilton, Caelan MacKenzie, Nicola Torelli, Eugene De Rose, Helen Murphy, Jill Wilson, Richard Kingsford, Richard Corr, Peter Roache, Marijana Cavlovic, Wal Kulesza, Generoso D'Ambrosio

## Mass Intentions the week of 13 - 19 March

Mon 13/03	Special Intention
Wed 15/03	Special Intention
Thur 16/03	Special Intention
Fri 17/03	Solomonsz family members
Sat 18/03	
6:00pm	Robert O'Hara
Sun 19/03	
8:30am	Veronica Brennan
10:00am	Bill Hogan
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

**Youth NIGHT**  
Sunday  
12 March 2023  
7:00pm – 9:00pm  
Parish Centre

Phone Parish Office  
6254 3236

See Judge Act  
Saint John Apostles

- Do you believe in equality and justice?
- Do you care about our environment?
- Do you believe in having a voice?
- Do you want to meet others and have fun?



## 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 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

## SOCIAL LIFE

St Johns Friendship Group	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea</i>
Pins & Needles	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i>
Women's Breakfast	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i>

## RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God,  
Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour  
of the world;  
give me living water,  
that I may never thirst again.  
Glory to you, Word of God,  
Lord Jesus Christ!!

## Readings – 19 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

### 19 March

### 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 March

### 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 March

### Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Carol Moore, Marie McKie
8:30am	Clyde and Norma Sloan
10:00am	
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

### 19 March

### SJAShop

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

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	12 Mar	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	18 Mar	
Church Cleaning:	12 Mar	Christine Lancaster, Shovin Weerawaunakula

## On a Lighter note

