

Fourth Sunday of Lent
19 March 2023

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Reflection

Step out of darkness and into the light

Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with openness to God's choice of him.

The story of the man born blind is a perfect choice for the Lenten season. During this season we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step out of darkness and into the light; to look towards the future with hope and not despair.

Although the man's physical sight is restored by Jesus simply enough, his journey from darkness into light is a more complicated affair. He faces disbelief, ridicule and even abuse from the Jewish authorities as they try to discredit Jesus and diminish the impact of the miracle. In fact, their treatment of the man is what drives him along the road from recipient of an act of mercy to a confirmed believer. Furthermore, the Jewish authorities, despite their physical capacity for sight, are shown to be the ones who are truly blind and trapped in darkness because they deny the light that is before their very eyes.

When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter vigil, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World into our lives. This annual call to turn away from darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus.

Resources used: Reflection, Greg Sunter & Reflection 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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**Daylight Savings
Time Ends**
Set your clocks back 1 hour

**SUNDAY
2 APRIL
2023**

**Commencing
Saturday
15 April -**

VIGIL mass will be
celebrated at **5:00pm**
Confession will be held from
4:00pm - 4:30pm

**8 April - Holy Saturday
mass 7:00pm**



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 2022
Commitment Weekend**

PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS

Fr. Kimi will be attending a Provincial Council Meeting in Sydney from 22-23 March. Fr. John Bosman msc will be celebrating Mass on those days

We welcome Fr. John to the parish.



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

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Funeral Notice

Requiem Mass for
Thomas Joseph “Joe” Conlon
Husband of Margaret Conlon

Will be celebrated on
28 March 2023 – 1:00pm
St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

Triduum



6 Thursday – Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper - 7:00pm followed by the Altar of Repose in the Parish Library concluding with night prayer at 10:00pm

7 Friday – Good Friday:
Stations of the Cross - 10:00am
The Passion of the Lord - 3:00pm

8 Saturday – Easter Vigil – 7:00pm

9 Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord Mass 8:30am and 10:00am only
No Evening Mass

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please bring your Project Compassion donations to the Holy Thursday Mass. Alternatively, you can return your Project Compassion donations to the parish office

HOLY TRINITY ‘SHOW ‘N SHINE’:

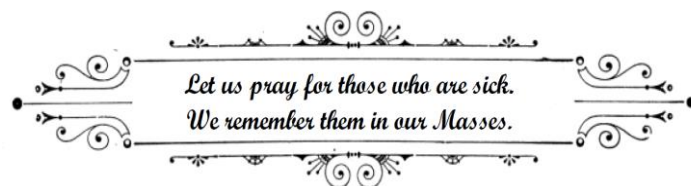
North Woden Parish and the ACT Street Machine Assoc invite you to enjoy a display of beautiful cars of bygone years in the parish grounds, 10am – 3pm, Sun, 26 March, 3 Strangways Street, Curtin. Monies raised support Camp Quality. Enq. 0418 208 129

Sacrament of Confirmation

Formation evening for parents
27 March 2023

To register or for more information please contact the parish office: 6254 3236 or
kippax@cq.org.au

Heart Spirituality



The excellence of the Heart of Jesus

O Sacred Heart of Jesus! Who will ever comprehend your greatness, the immensity of your love, the ardour of your zeal for the glory of the Most High, your submission to his will and your grief at the sight of the outrages committed against his divine Majesty! Who will make known the dispositions of this adorable Heart: its love, gentleness, compassion, patience, mercy? Who will ever be able to express to what degree of perfection the Heart of Jesus possesses all the virtues that we customarily admire most, like courage, strength, constancy, generosity? In this divine Heart, everything is ineffable, everything is beyond comprehension, because it is the Heart of a God.

Jules Chevalier msc,
Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p. 182, Paris 1900.

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

Stewardship

Spiritual Sightedness

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Lent are filled with contrasting images — God's vision versus human vision, the light of Christ versus the darkness of sin, spiritual blindness versus spiritual sightedness. Embracing a stewardship way of life can free us from spiritual blindness, allow us to see as God sees, and help us to reflect the light of Christ's love in the way we live our daily lives. The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the rightly ordered use of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure, gives us a guide we can consult on a daily basis to help ensure that we really are living as "children of the light." As we continue on our Lenten journey, let's intensify our efforts in any of these areas where we have become a little blinded so that by Easter, we are truly living as children of the light.

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Recently Deceased:

Joe Conlon [husband of Margaret]

Nick Giudes [father of Sharon Greaves]

Anniversary:

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, Brian Weston, Jack Ranson, Judith Davidson, Michael Lowe, Veronica Brennan, Ludvik Koren, James Broderick, Ella Greig, Alexander Van Audenaerde, Clement King, Andrew McEvoy, Stanislaw Bitner, Victoria Huntley, Mark Markham, Moira Leader.

Mass Intentions the week of 20 - 26 March

Mon 20/03	Veronica Brennan
Wed 22/03	Jake Sands
Thur 23/03	Veronica Brennan
Fri 24/03	Elizabeth Galea

Sat 25/03	
6:00pm	Joseph Le Van Chac

Sun 26/03	
8:30am	Kimberly Kitching
10:00am	Hilda Lobelo
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

Youth Group

YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS [YCS]

Sunday Dates for the next 6 months

7:00pm – 9:00pm

2 April [Easter Event]

30 April

28 May

25 June

23 July

20 August

Enquiries to the parish office 6254 3236 or

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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:

The Lord is my Shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Readings – 26 March 2023

First Reading	Ez 37:12-14
Psalm	Ps 129
Second Reading	Rom 8:8-100
Gospel	John 11:1-45

Answers to the riddles:

1. A photograph
2. You voice

ROSTERS

26 March

Lector Roster

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

26 March

Ministers of Communion

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

26 March

Hospitality Roster

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

26 March

SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	19 Mar	Angela Boreham
Grounds	25 Mar	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	19 Mar	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams, Dushyanthi & Nishan Upasena

On a Lighter note

1. I cannot be shared until I have
been taken. What am I?

2. What can you hear, but not see or
touch even though you control it?