

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

*Celebrating 50 Years*

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**8 January 2023**

**YEAR A**  
**#07.23**

## Reflection

### God is revealed in the Ordinary

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the 'Jewish-ness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people.

One great idea of the biblical revelation is that God is manifest in the ordinary, in the actual, in the daily, in the now, in the concrete incarnations of life. Our experiences of ordinary life will transform us if we are willing to experience them fully.

God's revelations are through the concrete and specific. Spirituality is not a Platonic world of ideas and theories about which you can be right or wrong. Revelation is not something you measure, but something—or Someone—you meet! This pattern of incarnation reaches its fullness in one small place on the planet, in one short period of history, in one very ordinary man named Jesus.

The biblical revelation is saying that we are already spiritual beings; we just don't know it yet, and we have to be shocked into it. The Bible tries to let us in on the secret, by revealing God in ordinary human affairs and conflicts.

The Incarnation proclaims that matter and spirit have never been separate. Jesus came to tell us that these two seemingly different worlds are—and always have been—one. We couldn't even imagine it until God put all of this together in one body (see Ephesians 2:11-22), one life (1 John 1:1-2), and one shocking epiphany.

**Resources used: *God Is in the Ordinary*, by Richard Rohr OFM, & *Epiphany*, by Greg Sunter**

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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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*We have seen his star in the East;  
And have come to adore the Lord.*

## ***Congratulations*** to

Mary O'Brien who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Mary, may your 91<sup>st</sup> year be filled with God's grace and blessings.

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## **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**



**Pins & Needles**  
**Mon 16 January– 7:15pm**  
**Parish Library**

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**SJA Men's Group**

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



**For more information**  
**contact the parish office.**

**Next gathering: Friday 20 January**  
**St John the Apostle Parish Centre**

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## **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**



**TUESDAY 24 JANUARY – 7:30AM**  
**BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ**  
**NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN**

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### **St John's Friendship Group**

next meeting on

**Wednesday 25 January**

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.

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**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

## **News from Fr. Gerard....**

It was wonderful to catch up with so many parishioners at the weekend Masses. It seemed like I had only been away a few weeks, rather than three years. Although I was sad to leave the parish of Randwick, only having just got to know the parishioners, it is also good to be back in Canberra.

When my provincial asked me to move to Kippax, it was with the understanding that there would be two priests residing in the presbytery. Since then Fr Chung Minh Tran MSC has been appointed to Kippax, who will take up his appointment in May this year. When I considered that there would be three priests at Kippax while Charnwood remains without a priest, I decided to offer my services to Charnwood. After discussing this with the Vicar General, and with the approval of the MSC provincial, I will move to St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood and administer to the sacramental needs of the parish.

Taking up residence and ministry at Charnwood is an interim arrangement. It is not an official appointment and therefore there is no set period to my tenure there. For me, the good news is that I will continue to be in the neighbourhood and hope to keep in contact with the parishioners of Kippax.

God bless,  
Fr Gerard

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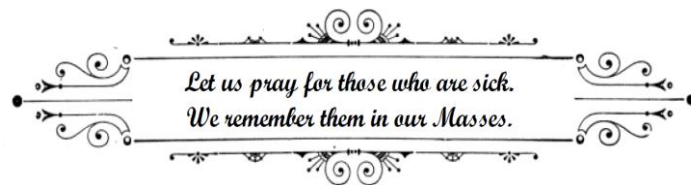
## **Funeral Notice**

Requiem Mass for

***John Suckling***

Will be celebrated on  
Thursday 12 January – 11:00am  
St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

# Heart Spirituality



## The Sacred Heart, God's gift of himself

The Word proceeds from the unfathomable depths of the heart of God who generates him equal to himself. God is love itself. This infinite love that constitutes the very depths of God, and forms his nature, has enclosed itself in a human hearts, the Heart of Jesus. That is why God takes delight in this divine Heart, the Heart with which he loves us, his living sacraments. It is through the heart of Christ, that the love of God, God himself, pours himself out on the world and on the human race. How? God communicates and gives himself by grace. This communication, this gift, is not just a figure of speech; it is a fact. We really share in his nature; we possess him personal and really.

Jules Chevalier msc,  
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 277 Paris 1900

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

## Stewardship

### God's Presence

Today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word "epiphany" comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God's countless manifestations in our lives. The actions of the magi has much to teach us about stewardship.

As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God's presence in their lives. "We have seen the star at its rising," they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the "star" of God's presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.

Let us rejoice in God's manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

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

## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Kathryn Jones, Charles Taylor, Terry O'Gorman, Therese Markham, Barry Dwyer, Ken Lorraway, Pauline Burt, Cooper McDonald, Jamie Bourke, Mary Gorey, John Machin, John Burt, Mary Costelloe, Edna Lydon, Virginia Policarpio, Eamonn Kennedy, Terence Martin, Caterina Fallace, Ann Grannall, Phyllis Morrison, Alexander Beggs, Frederick Felsing, Shaun MacKey

## Mass Intentions the week of 9 - 15 January

Mon 09/01	Available [contact the office]
Wed 11/01	Fallace Family
Thur 12/01	Available [contact the office]
Fri 13/01	Available [contact the office]

<b>Sat 14/01</b>	
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]

<b>Sun 15/01</b>	
8:30am	Available [contact the office]
10:00am	Available [contact the office]
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]

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

## Anointing after Mass Friday 27 January



## Blessing of Candles

### The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord 2 February 2023

You are invited to bring your prayer candle to mass. Your candle can be placed on the table provided in front of the altar before mass. You will then collect your blessed candle at the conclusion of mass.

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

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia  
We have seen his star in the East;  
And have come to adore the Lord.  
Alleluia

## Readings – 15 January 2023

First Reading	Is 49:3, 5-6
Psalm	Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10
Second Reading	1 Cor 1:1-3
Gospel	John 1:29.34

### Becoming Catholic

If you, or if you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic please contact the parish office.

Phone: 6254 3236 or

Email: [marian@stjohnkippax.org.au](mailto:marian@stjohnkippax.org.au)

## ROSTERS

### 15 Jan

### 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

### 15 Jan

### 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

### 15 Jan

### Hospitality Roster

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

### 15 Jan

### SJAShop

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

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	8 Jan	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	14 Jan	Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, Dennis Puniard, David Momi
Church Cleaning:	8 Jan	Christine Lancaster, SHovin Weerawaunakula

## SJAShop

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



POS machine available or cash.

### On a Lighter note

Q: You can feel me but you cannot see me. I am always with you but I never get heavy. You shiver when I come and are relieved when I pass. What am I?

A: Your fears

Q: When you're driving a car, what is the one thing you are guaranteed to lose when turning?

A: Speed