

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

### *Celebrating 50 Years*

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**22 January 2023**

**YEAR A**  
**#09.23**

## Reflection

### Right Relationship

Throughout the Old Testament, the people of Israel repeated a cycle of behaviour. When their relationship with God was strong, they upheld the covenant and they prospered. They would forget that their prosperity lay in being in right relationship with one another and with God and so they would neglect those relationships. They would turn so far away that some tragedy or oppression would befall them. Out of their despair they would recognise their need for God and they would 'repent' and re-establish their relationship with God. Jesus' call to repent is a call to looking at the relationship with God in a whole new way.

When he began his public ministry, Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). In part, he was saying the days of violence, injustice, war, and empire are coming to an end. We are invited to welcome God's reign of peace and live in God's universal love and nonviolence here and now.

Repent had a far more powerful meaning in Jesus' day than what we tend to ascribe to it today. More than being sorry, repent carried with it a sense of turning one's life around; making amends for past failures; and choosing a whole new direction for one's life. Literally, it meant a 'change of mind'. To demonstrate the urgency and strength of this teaching, Jesus calls his first four disciples who immediately drop what they are doing and set out on a new life with him.

What must it have been like for those first four disciples Jesus called? The fact that they were fishing means that they had not been chosen to continue studying the Torah beyond childhood and had not been chosen by a rabbi to be his followers. Suddenly, Jesus appears and calls them to follow him. A life that had passed them by suddenly opened up before them! Of course they dropped everything and followed.

## 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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## SACRAMENTAL DATES 2023

### Formation Sessions for parents

Sacrament of Penance	6 February
Sacrament of Confirmation	27 March
Sacrament of the Eucharist	19 June

To register or for more information please contact the parish office: 6254 3236 or [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

### Thanks from Vinnies

Thanks to your wonderful generosity, 55 families enjoyed a Christmas beyond their expectations. We received donations of \$10,588, gifts for 64 children and a huge amount of food for the hampers.

The families that received the hampers and gifts were very grateful to Vinnies. Vinnies thanks the families of St John the Apostle Parish, St John the Apostle Primary School, St Francis Xavier College, Belconnen Rotary and Gungahlin Lions. We are blessed to have such caring supporters.

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION



Enrolments for the Parish School of Religion will take place on Sunday 29 January before and after the 10:00am Mass.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK WITHIN MASS

#### Dates for 2023

Friday 24 February  
30 June  
24 November

At 11:00am

Followed by lunch served in the church foyer.

*Outreach to parishioners who are housebound and need help to come to mass.*

**Relax, Review, Reflect**

*We will be watching*



**"Last Cab to Darwin"**

**Friday 27 January at 7:00pm**  
*in the parish library.*

## 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.

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



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

### 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.

### Anointing after Mass

**Friday 27 January**



**Congratulations** to  
*Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena*

who will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup>

Wedding Anniversary on

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 9:30am Mass.

Morning tea will follow the mass.

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

# Heart Spirituality

## The Heart of Jesus present in the Old Testament

Christ existed in the mind of God from all eternity. He was in the law and in all the Scriptures; he was in prophecy and the events of history. He was as the day is in the dawn, the head of wheat in the grain, the child in the womb of its mother. He was present as the final end, the motive that determined everything. Christ was present in the creation of the first man.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the quintessence of the Christian faith: the epitome and substantial summary of the whole of religion. The Christian religion whose history is found wholly and entirely in the sublime statement: "God so loved the world" (John 3:16).

The Christian religion, could not be identified so completely with any other devotion as with devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Jules Chevalier msc.

Le Sacre-Coeur de Jesus, p. 148f. Paris 1900.

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

## Stewardship

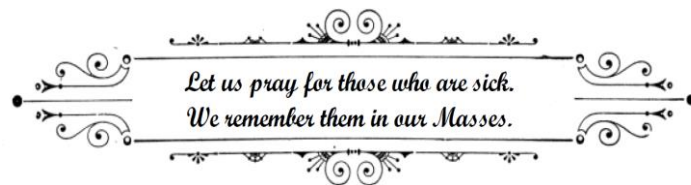
### Living as God's Stewards

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do — rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ.

We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us. We are cherished members of God's family.

What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His Good News to all those we meet — at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home — in other words, to live as His good stewards.

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## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Josephine Fox, Bradley Keenan, Josephine McLaren, Horace Staunton, Eugenia Kurzynski, Albert Bingham, Leonard Crowe, Ernest Hackett, Christopher Hemmingway, Tara Ottewill, Claudine MacDowell, Danielle Sykes, Brendan Gibson, Chris Thamer, Bernadette Davis, Emanuel Grech, Nicholas McInerney, Joan Casey, James Fitzgibbon, Kyall Green, Maxwell Lewis, Geoffrey Fisher, Michael Sweeney, Armando Arugay, Jane Packard, Frank Ripszam, Michael Ryan, Desmond Jones, Janelle Sykes, Margaret Hill, Declan Morris, Riley Carberry, Rupert Waterford, Jehanne Thelland

## Mass Intentions the week of 23 - 29 January

Mon 23/01	Available [contact the office]
Wed 25/01	Available [contact the office]
Thur 26/01	Amelia Owers
Fri 27/01	Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena

Sat 28/01	
6:00pm	Available [contact the office]

Sun 29/01	
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.**

## Charnwood Parish Secretary Part Time

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Charnwood. This is a part-time permanent position of 12 hours per week (preferably Tues, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm)

Salary will be subject to equivalent Clerk Award Level 4/5 rates. Covering letter addressing the essential requirements and resume to be submitted by 9 February 2023. Please phone Debbie Hofman 6258 1563 or email [charnwood@cg.org.au](mailto:charnwood@cg.org.au) for a copy of the Duty Statement.

## 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:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia

## Readings – 29 January 2023

First Reading	Zep 2:3, 3:12-12
Psalm	Ps 145:7-10
Second Reading	1 Cor 1:26-31
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12

### 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@stjohnkipfax.org.au](mailto:marian@stjohnkipfax.org.au)

## ROSTERS

### 29 Jan

### Lector Roster

6:00pm	Joe Ots, Mary French
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Anna Cirocco, Margaret Luck

### 29 Jan

### Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Theresia Suh
10:00am	Francesca Deklin, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Elaine Laycock

### 29 Jan

### Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joy McInerney
8:30am	Agnes Pham, Rob Breen
10:00am	
6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson

### 29 Jan

### SJAShop

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

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	22 Jan	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	28 Jan	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	22 Jan	Joseph Le Van Hai, Sam Van Nguyen

## SJAShop

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



POS machine available or cash.

### On a Lighter note

16, 06, 68, 88, ?, 98.

What is the '??'

Hint: turn the page upside down