

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
11 February 2024

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Reflection

Of course I want to!

Today's Gospel recounts a powerful and compassionate moment in the life of Jesus, where a man with leprosy approaches Him, seeking healing. The man's plea is poignant, filled with desperation and faith, as he falls to his knees and implores Jesus to make him clean. In response, Jesus does something extraordinary that goes beyond the physical healing of the leper; He touches him.

Jesus' act of touching the leper not only demonstrates his authority over illness but also highlights his willingness to break societal and religious norms to reach out to those in need.

The leper's request is not merely about physical healing but also carries deeper implications. The man desires to be restored not only to health but also to society, family, and religious life. Leprosy, in those times, meant isolation and exclusion, as those afflicted were considered ceremonially unclean and were shunned by society. Jesus, by healing the leper and touching him, not only cures the physical ailment but also restores the man to a sense of belonging and community.

The response of Jesus to the leper's plea is equally striking. When the man says, 'If you want to you can cure me.' Jesus replies with utmost compassion, "Of course I want to!" These words resonate with a profound truth about the nature of Jesus' mission. It emphasizes that not only does Jesus have the power to heal, but He also possesses the desire to do so. His response encapsulates the heart of the Gospel message, conveying the willingness of Jesus to reach out to the broken, the marginalized, and the outcast.

In our own lives, this passage invites reflection on the nature of our relationship with Jesus. Do we approach Him with the confidence that He is both able and willing to meet our deepest needs? Jesus' response challenges us to trust in His compassion and to come to Him with our vulnerabilities, knowing that He not only has the power to heal but also the desire to do so.

Resources used: *Gospel Focus*, by Greg Sunter Scripture quote: Jerusalem Bible

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

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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St John the Apostle Parish Kippax
is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community

2024 Sacraments

PENANCE: The Second Formation evening for parents will be held **this Monday 12 February**

CONFIRMATION: Formation evening for Parents will be held on Monday 18 March

EUCHARIST: Formation evening for parents will be held on Monday 29 April

7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Parish Centre.

The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated on Thursday 14 March 2023 at 6:00pm

Community Connections

For those living alone

We will hold our first gathering for 2024 on **Sunday 11 February**

3:00 – 4:30pm

in the Parish Centre

If you have not attended a gathering but are interested in attending please contact the parish office.



**Ash Wednesday
14 February**

**Mass Times:
9:30am and 6:00pm**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Friday 23 February

Mass - 11:00am

Lunch - 12 noon



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during this mass.

Following the mass lunch will be served in the church foyer.

Parishioners who are sick, housebound, and have difficulty attending Sunday Mass are invited to this celebration.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest”

Matthew 11:28-30



**Classes will commence on
Sunday 11 February.**

CHANGE OF DATE THIS MONTH ONLY



**Relax, Review,
Reflect**

The Castle

SATURDAY

**24 February at 7:00pm
in the parish library.**

Stewardship

All things are possible with God



Devote Time

Share Talent



Give Treasure

A way of life

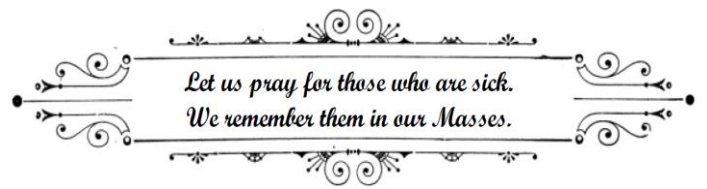
On the weekend of 17/18 February, the Time, Talent and Treasure forms will be available in the foyer. Brochures will be available which will describe each ministry. Ministers for each ministry will be in the foyer after each Mass to answer any questions you may have.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in participating in the life of the parish through the Pastoral Council, you are invited to contact the parish office on 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality



Reasons for trust in Jesus Christ

Our trust in Jesus Christ is based on his goodness. He loved me and gave his life for me (Gal 2:20). After so many signs of love, could we hesitate in showing him boundless trust? Moreover, we shall obtain from his Father everything that we ask for in his name. Whatever our weakness, our temptations and even our failures, let us drive away all discouragement and open our hearts to trust.

Why are you fearful?

Let us cast ourselves without hesitation into his Heart. He will not let us perish.

Jules Chevalier msc,
Méditations I, p. 223f. Issoudun 1891.

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

Stewardship

If you wish, you can make me clean

Today's readings prepare us for the penitential season of Lent. In our Gospel, a leper knelt before Jesus and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched this diseased man and healed him. Let us approach this holy season of Lent like the leper. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community. The leper reminds us Who to go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, saying, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

This holy season of Lent is an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ. Let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Bruce Walker, Carmelia Godfrey, Maria Carrusca, Victoria Wilkinson, Kenneth Vella, Faye Menegazzo, Stella Bell, Margaret Ephgrave, Margaret Davis, Elias Kiki, John Maher, Peter Moore, Roberto Millucci, Robert Haverfield, Robert Galliano, Rene Stubbs, George Griffiths, Trent Foster, Glenn Foster, Nellie Bannon, Henry Moulis, Edward Blake-Smith Philip Babic, John Thompson, Vincent Mawson, Raychell Nolan, Charlotte Lansdown, Carmel Page, Paulina Jabagat, Colin Waterford, David Lowe, Ian Bransby, Ondina Finzi, Michael Vella, Giuseppe Mammoliti, Vinca Puzas, Judith Hickey, Rodney Chapman, Eamonn Murtagh

Mass Intentions the week of 12 – 18 February

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| Mon 05/02 | Lily D'Souza |
| Wed 07/02 | |
| Thur 08/02 | Bill Hogan |
| Fri 09/02 | Millicent Walpole |
| Sat 10/02 | |
| 5:00pm | Lily D'Souza |
| Sun 11/02 | |
| 8:30am | Eamonn Murtagh |
| 10:00am | |
| 6:00pm | |

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

KIT @ Kippax

KIT will continue as a monthly production.
Contributions are welcome to kippax@cg.org.au

Lenten Program 2024 Living in Harmony:

Contributors: Joan Chittister, Paul Creevey, Andy Hamilton, Gerard Moore, Paul Rowse & Debra Snoddy
Available in the SJA Shop
18/19 February

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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| Baptisms | 1st & 3rd Sun during Mass |
| Reconciliation | Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm |
| Sacramental Program | Contact Parish Office |
| School of Religion (Parish Centre) | Sunday 9.15am during school term |

PRAYER LIFE

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| 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

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| 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 |
| Movie Night | 4 th Friday of the Month 7:00pm Parish Library |

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia

Readings – 18 February 2024

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| First Reading | Gen 9:8-15 |
| Psalm | PS 24:4-9 |
| Second Reading | 1 Peter 3:18-22 |
| Gospel | Mark 1:12-15 |

Bequest: Have you ever thought of leaving a Bequest to your parish?

By remembering your faith community in your Will, you contribute to the spiritual legacy that has enriched your life. Your bequest ensures the continuation of the traditions, teachings, and support that have shaped your journey.

ROSTERS

18 Feb Acolyte Roster

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| 5:00pm | Helen Kennedy, John Drury |
| 8:30am | Maria Scarr, Francesca Deklin |
| 10:00am | Rose Benedictos, Boni Benedictos |
| 6:00pm | John McGee, Nunga Umaru |

18 Feb Lector Roster

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| 5:00pm | Joe Catanzariti, Judy Netting |
| 8:30am | Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj |
| 10:00am | Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence |
| 6:00pm | Dennis Puniard, Margaret Luck |

18 Feb Ministers of Communion

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| 5:00pm | Janet Almond, Gordon Donnir |
| 8:30am | Theresa Suh, Sigrid Kropp |
| 10:00am | Sugi Mohanadas |
| 6:00pm | Charlotte D'Cruze, Lionel D'Cruze |

18 Feb Hospitality Roster

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| 5:00pm | Carol Moore |
| 8:30am | Clyde Sloan, Norma Sloan |
| 10:00am | Pam Connor, Margaret Sheehan |
| 6:00pm | Brian Mahony |

18 Feb SJAShop

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| 5:00pm | |
| 8:30am | |
| 10:00am | |
| 6:00pm | Jenny McGee |

Weekly Rosters

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| Altar Society | 11 Feb | Pat Gilchrist |
| Grounds | 17 Feb | |
| Church Cleaning: | 11 Feb | Christine Lancaster, Pam Connor, Shovin Weerawarnakula |

On a Lighter note



“Where do you want me to wait?”