

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
18 February 2024

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Reflection

Repent and Believe

In today's gospel we encounter a pivotal moment in Jesus' ministry where he begins his public proclamation. The passage emphasizes the urgency and transformative nature of Jesus' message, encapsulated in the call to "repent and believe." This call, is far from an "easy option." It challenges individuals to embrace a counter-cultural stance, urging them to go "against the flow" of prevailing societal attitudes.

The wilderness experience of Jesus immediately preceding his proclamation adds depth to the significance of his message. The wilderness symbolizes a space of testing, self-discovery, and spiritual preparation. In a world often driven by materialism, instant gratification, and conformity to societal norms, Jesus' call to repentance signals a radical departure from the status quo. It implies a turning away from the superficial comforts and conformity of the world, akin to navigating the challenging terrain of the wilderness.

The phrase "repent and believe" implies a dual process. Firstly, it calls for a profound introspection, a turning inward to examine one's own life and actions critically. Repentance involves acknowledging and turning away from behaviours that are contrary to the values of the Kingdom of God. This introspective journey can be uncomfortable and demanding, challenging individuals to confront their shortcomings and make genuine changes.

Secondly, the call to "believe" signifies a commitment to a new way of life, grounded in faith and trust in the message Jesus brings. This belief isn't a passive acceptance but an active, transformative trust that leads to a life aligned with the principles of God's Kingdom. To "believe" in this context is to embrace a counter-cultural mindset that resists the prevailing norms of self-centeredness, greed, and apathy.

Living out the call to "repent and believe" involves a continual challenge to the prevailing cultural currents. It requires individuals to swim against the stream of a society often fixated on individual pursuits at the expense of communal well-being. This counter-cultural stance may elicit resistance, misunderstanding, or even persecution from those adhering to the status quo.

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

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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



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

This weekend, the Time, Talent and Treasure forms will be available in the foyer. Brochures will be available which describes each ministry. There will be members of the Liturgy team in the foyer after each Mass to answer any questions you may have.

Please take the Time and Talent form home and prayerfully discern where God is calling you to serve.

Please return the form on

Commitment Sunday 17 March

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

CHANGE OF DATE THIS MONTH ONLY



**Relax, Review,
Reflect**

The Castle

SATURDAY

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

Sacrament of Penance

Presentation Masses this weekend

We pray for the children of the parish who have commenced their preparation for the Sacrament of Penance on Thursday 14 March.

May they continue to grow in faith trusting in God's love and forgiveness.

SJA SHOP

The Bookshop has been restocked, with Lenten Programs, Baptism Candles, Crystal, filigree and wooden Rosary Beads.

One set of Rosary Beads is made with Hematite Crystal. This crystal is said to have calming and grounding energy.

Lenten Program 2024

Living in Harmony:

Contributors: Joan Chittister, Paul Creevey, Andy Hamilton, Gerard Moore, Paul Rowse & Debra Snoddy

Available in the SJA Shop

\$10.00 each program



Gethsemane

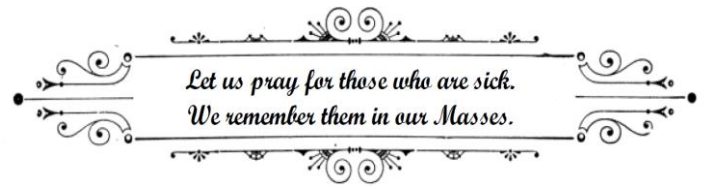
Every Thursday during Lent
Contemplative Prayer with
the Blessed Sacrament
7:30pm – 8:30pm

Could you not stay awake with me one hour.

Matt 26:40

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Season of Lent



Repent

The church of today lives in an ethically debilitating climate. Where did we go wrong? Whatever the gospel means, we tell ourselves, it could not mean death. Love: divine or human, could never exact something so costly. After all, our culture has the appearance of being Christian and isn't that enough? When Jesus was baptised, his baptism was not only the inauguration of his mission, but also a revelation of the shockingly unexpected nature of his mission. To be baptised "into Christ" and "in the name of Christ" means to be incorporated into the way of life which characterised his life, the life of the empty one, the servant, the humble one, the obedient one, obedient even unto death (Phil. 2:6-11).

Taken from: *Repent*, by William Willimon

Stewardship

40 Days in the Desert

Today's readings remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey — to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on Easter. To receive the blessings more readily from Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, we too are called to endure 40 days "in the desert."

In our Gospel, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan. Jesus committed his time in the desert to intense prayer and fasting. It was not necessary for Jesus to go into the desert so that He might be purified, but rather, to endure the temptations of humanity's sake. He was fully man, and experienced temptations just like us, yet responded to them perfectly, never falling into sin.

Let us strive to purify our hearts so that we might be ready to receive the glorious gift of Christ and partake in the riches that pour forth from this Gift.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

Anniversary: Raychell Nolan, Charlotte Lansdown, Carmel Page, Paulina Jabagat, Colin Waterford, David Lowe, Ian Bransby, Ondina Finzi, Michael Vella, Giuseppe Mammoliti, Vincas Puzas, Judith Hickey, Rodney Chapman, Eamonn Murtagh, Rudi Meyer, Joseph Vella, James Wiley, Johanna Garratt, Reg Lazaro, John Marane, Leone Ashcroft, Ivan Mikulic, Angeles Arranz, Lillian Luke, Elena Zamora, Adrian Newton, Adrienne Stewart, Ashley Kent, Tony Lay, Eun Cho Shin

Mass Intentions the week of 19 - 25 February

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| Mon 19/02 | |
| Wed 21/02 | |
| Thur 22/02 | |
| Fri 23/02 | Thanksgiving for Health Conchita Merida de la Torre |
| Sat 24/02 | |
| 5:00pm | Tony Lay |
| Sun 25/02 | |
| 8:30am | |
| 10:00am | Lorraine Biden |
| 6:00pm | |

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

2024 Sacraments

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

EUCCHARIST: 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

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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| <i>St Johns Friendship Group</i> | <i>Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea</i> |
| <i>Pins & Needles</i> | <i>3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i> |
| <i>Women's Breakfast</i> | <i>4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen</i> |
| <i>Men's Group</i> | <i>3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i> |
| <i>Movie Night</i> | <i>4th Friday of the Month 7:00pm Parish Library</i> |
| <i>Community Connections</i> | <i>3rd Sunday of the Month 4:00pm – 5:30pm Parish Centre</i> |

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Readings – 25 February 2024

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| First Reading | Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 |
| Psalm | PS 115:10, 15-19 |
| Second Reading | Rom 8:31-34 |
| Gospel | Mark 9:2-10 |

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

25 Feb

Acolyte Roster

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| 5:00pm | Di Bruce, Murray Bruce |
| 8:30am | Sigrid Kropp, Lourdes Asoy |
| 10:00am | Anthony Noakes, Dennis Puniard |
| 6:00pm | Sabina Van Rooy, Peter Polkinghorne |

25 Feb

Lector Roster

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| 5:00pm | Elaine Laycock, Judy Netting |
| 8:30am | Shane Murtagh, Victoria Gonzales |
| 10:00am | Bernadette Murnane, Marini Ignatius |
| 6:00pm | Andrew Luck, Marian Crowley |

25 Feb

Ministers of Communion

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| 5:00pm | John Drury, Laurine Smeaton |
| 8:30am | Darren Maharaj, Maureen Burgess |
| 10:00am | Boni Benedictos, Rosa Benedictos |
| 6:00pm | Brian Mahony, Priscilla Momi |

25 Feb

Hospitality Roster

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| 5:00pm | Joan Galpin, Helen Kennedy |
| 8:30am | |
| 10:00am | Margarete Gill |
| 6:00pm | Joy Mclnerney |

25 Feb

SJAShop

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| 5:00pm | Helen Kennedy |
| 8:30am | |
| 10:00am | Judy Mewburn |
| 6:00pm | Priscilla Momi |

Weekly Rosters

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| Altar Society | 18 Feb | Mary Cruickshank |
| Grounds | 24 Feb | David Pigram, Mike Lavis Matthew Garton |
| Church Cleaning: | 18 Feb | Carol Blyth, Dushyanthi Upasena, Nishan Upasena |

On a lighter note

