

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**25 February 2024**

**YEAR B**  
**#13.24**

## Reflection

### The challenges of the earthly journey

The profound and mysterious event of the Transfiguration reveals the divine nature of Jesus to a select group of disciples, offering a glimpse into the glory that awaits those who follow Him. The response to the psalm "*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living,*" draws a connection between our earthly journey and the transcendent encounter with the divine.

It also implies a commitment to a life lived in communion with God, acknowledging His presence in every step we take. In the Transfiguration, we witness Jesus' divine glory shining forth, affirming His identity as the Son of God. This momentous event reminds us that our earthly journey is not devoid of the divine presence. Instead, it calls us to recognize God's transformative power actively at work in our lives.

On the mountain the disciples beheld the transfigured Jesus conversing with Moses and Elijah, enveloped in a radiant cloud. The mountain serves as a metaphor for the heights of spiritual experience, where we, too, can encounter God in profound ways if we are open to His transformative presence.

The Transfiguration highlights the importance of listening to God. The voice from the cloud commands the disciples to "Listen to Him!" This directive resonates with the phrase "I will walk in the presence of the Lord," emphasizing the significance of aligning our lives with God's Word. Through attentive listening and obedience, we can navigate the challenges of the earthly journey with the assurance that we are indeed walking in the presence of the Lord.

However, the disciples' response to the Transfiguration, their fear and confusion, mirrors our own human struggles to fully comprehend the divine. Yet, Jesus reassures them, and by extension, us, urging them to rise and not be afraid. This encouragement encourages us to face the uncertainties of life with faith and trust, knowing that the transformative presence of God accompanies us.

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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

### Ministry

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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

## GROUNDS PEOPLE NEEDED

St John's Gardens are a cherished oasis, lovingly tended by dedicated parishioners like you. We invite you to become part of this fulfilling endeavour by volunteering for our gardening roster. Our current roster has only 4 members and requires many more.

*"the kiss of the sun for pardon. The song of the birds for mirth. One is nearer God's heart in a garden, than anywhere else on earth."* -

Dorothy Frances Gurney, God's Garden (1913)

## SJA SHOP

The Bookshop has been restocked, with Lenten Program CD's, Baptism Candles, Crystal, filigree and wooden Rosary Beads.

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



**TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY – 7:30AM**  
**BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ**  
**NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN**

## *Sacrament of Penance*

*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.*

## MOVIE NIGHT

Movie Night Saturday 24 February has been cancelled. The next date will be advertised in COMPACT next week.

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

## FUNERAL NOTICE

*Vince Higgins*

Requiem Mass will be celebrated on  
Tuesday 27 February 2024  
at 11:00am

St John the Apostle Parish Kippax  
Funeral will also be live streamed.



The Time, Talent and Treasure forms are available in the foyer. Brochures will be available which describes each ministry.

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.*



## Gethsemane

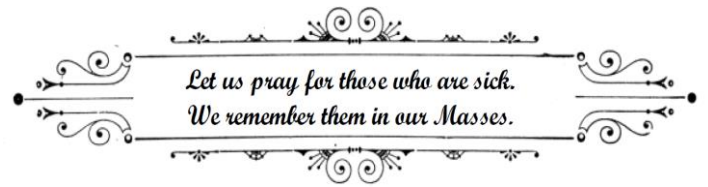
**Every Thursday during Lent**  
**Contemplative Prayer with**  
**the Blessed Sacrament**  
**7:30pm – 8:30pm**

*Could you not stay awake with me*  
*one hour.*

Matt 26:40

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

# Season of Lent



## A Look Inside

Have you ever looked inside yourself and seen what you are not? Few of us have looked long enough into ourselves to see the truth. We can see the speck in the other's eye but not the plank in our own. It is not easy for the eye of the spirit to spot the spiritual deformities within oneself. This journey is not only difficult and painful, no one wants to take the descending path to that naked, unvarnished truth, with all its unacceptable humiliations.

Lent would be a futile liturgical farce if the redeemed were henceforth sinless. The reason Lent is so long is that this path to the truth of oneself is long and snagged with thorns. However, we are not alone the Holy Spirit is with us and will maneuver us down that dark, steep path to this crucial spot.

*Taken from: Look Inside, by Edna Hong.*

## Stewardship

### Surrender all to the Lord

Today's readings are a powerful testimony to God's profound love for each one of us. When God put Abraham to the test, we can only imagine how he felt, offering the life of his son, not understanding why, but blindly obeying. Abraham's response of total surrender to God's plan is a testament to trust in God's deep love for us.

In the second reading St. Paul echoes this message. He says, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son who suffered, died, and rose for us.

As Christian stewards, we are called to surrender all to the Lord — our time, our talents, and even our material possessions. We should willingly give God our entire lives with the confidence that He will take care of us.

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## Recently Deceased:

*Vince Higgins* [husband to Irene]

**Anniversary** 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, Hayden Ricketts, Perlita Whitton, James McKay, Dorothy Jeffrey, Leo McDonald, Rachael Netting, Grant Lalor, Francisca Benedictos, Felice Cullufio, Wal Kulesza, Sharon Williams, Ian Coffill, Evelyn Swaris, Josephine Hawkins, Liana Rivera

## Mass Intentions the week of 26 February – 3 March

Mon 26/02	
Wed 28/02	
Thur 29/02	Steve Smith
Fri 01/03	

<b>Sat 02/03</b>	
5:00pm	

<b>Sun 03/03</b>	
8:30am	
10:00am	
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

## WATCH THIS SPACE!

Thursday 21 March  
Christian Passover Meal  
More information to come

# SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

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	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea</i>
Pins & Needles	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i>
Women's Breakfast	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i>
Movie Night	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month 7:00pm Parish Library</i>
Community Connections	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 3 March 2024

First Reading	Ex 20:1-178
Psalm	PS 18:8-11
Second Reading	1 Cor 1:22-25
Gospel	Mark 2:13-25

**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

## 3 March

## Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	John Hogan, Rod Gardiner
8:30am	Lourdes Asoy, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Elaine Carter, Maxim Kpudzeka
6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson, Peter Le

## 3 March

## Lector Roster

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Marian England
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir
10:00am	Frank Colley, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Erin Trevaskis

## 3 March

## Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena, Judy Netting
8:30am	Bernadette Murnane, Pat Cowburn
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shoivn Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Andrew Luck, Joy McInerney

## 3 March

## Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Rob Breen, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Libby Kain
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

## 3 March

## SJAShop

5:00pm	Lynn O'Brien
8:30am	Marilyn Calliess
10:00am	Christ Gray
6:00pm	

## Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	25 Feb	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	2 March	
Church Cleaning:	25 Feb	Sam Van Nguyen, Lanh Dang, Joseph Le Van Hai,

On a Lighter note



"I should go on a diet, but I'm afraid my brain will get thinner and I'll become narrow-minded!"