

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**3 March 2024**

**YEAR B**  
**#14.24**

## Reflection

### 'Cleanse the Temple'

The scene in today's gospel, depicts the temple as a marketplace, where merchants and moneychangers take advantage of the people's religious devotion. The troubling aspect was the commercialisation of forgiveness and mercy – a distortion of the true essence of worship. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple.

This exploitation reflects a systemic injustice that exploits the spiritual yearning of the people for material gain. The temple, meant to be a sacred space for communion with God, had been corrupted into a marketplace. This distorted practice created a barrier between God and the people, reinforcing social and economic disparities.

Jesus' outrage is not so much with the traders and the money-changers as with the whole religious practice and hierarchical structure that has developed to a point where the only way a person can pray in a 'valid' way is to purchase an animal and hand it over to a priest who goes behind a screened wall to sacrifice the animal.

Jesus' response to this injustice is both radical and symbolic. By overturning the tables and driving out the merchants, he challenges the corrupted system that hindered sincere seekers from approaching God. Jesus, as the embodiment of divine justice, exposes the hypocrisy and exploitation within the religious establishment.

As followers of Jesus, today's gospel challenges us to examine our own lives and the systems we participate in. Are there areas where we contribute to or tolerate injustice, especially within religious contexts? The call to 'cleanse the temple' extends beyond the historical event to a continual examination of our hearts and practices, ensuring that our worship and spirituality remain untainted by greed and exploitation.

It reminds us that true worship involves seeking justice, showing mercy, and embodying the values of love and compassion.

Resource used: *Gospel Reflection*, by Greg Sunter

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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



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

**Thursday March 7 and 14**

**Contemplative Prayer with  
the Blessed Sacrament  
7:30pm – 8:30pm**



**There will be no Adoration on  
Thursday 21 March**

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

Matt 26:40

## CONFESSION DURING LENT

Confession will be available in the 1<sup>st</sup> Rite during Adoration on Thursday 7 and 14 March starting 7:30pm. Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday and Friday after 9:30am morning mass.



**Mass of the Lords Supper**  
7:00pm Thursday 28 March

**Good Friday**  
Stations of the Cross –  
10:00am

**The Passion of the Lord – 3:00pm**

**Saturday Vigil – 7:30pm**

**Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord**  
8:30am and 10:00am  
NO EVENING MASS



**The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the birth of  
Fr. Jules Chevalier msc  
Friday 15 March 2024**

**9:30am Mass**

Followed by morning tea

**Chevalier Family**

**6:00pm Evening Prayer**

Followed by supper

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## 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

## *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.*

## GROUPS 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)

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

# Season of Lent

## Merchandising Truth

The temple God wants to be master of is the human soul, which God created and fashioned in God's own image. God wants this human temple to be pure, so pure that nothing should dwell there except for God. And that is the reason why he is so pleased when we really prepare our souls for him. God delights when he alone dwell in our hearts.

But who are the people who buy and sell? They strive to be good people who do their good deeds to the glory of God, such as fasting, watching, and praying, and yet do these things so that God will give them something in exchange.

People are very foolish when they want to trade with God. They know little or nothing of the truth. God does not seek his own benefit. In everything God acts only out of love.

As long as we look for some kind of pay for what we do, as long as we want to get something from God in some kind of exchange, we are like the merchants.

Taken from: *Merchandising Truth*, by Meister Eckhart

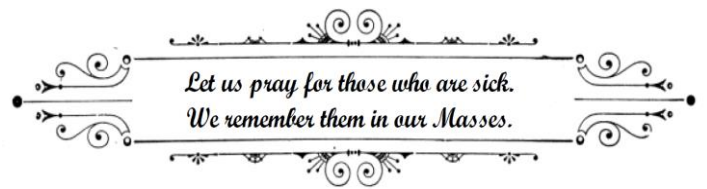
## Stewardship

### Reverence for God's House

Jesus witnessed the way people mistreated the temple — the place to worship God and God alone. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God. He drives out evil and works to purify all that is sinful in that place. This is what Jesus wants to do for us this Lenten season. He wants to remove all impurity and evil in our lives and hearts so that we may have a proper dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Let us ask ourselves, what areas of our life need cleansing? Let us name those areas and invite Jesus to purify us., let us seek to be purified from our sins so that our hearts might be a true temple of the Holy Spirit.

We are called to roll up our sleeves and persevere through the remainder of Lent by committing to a more faithful life with Christ.

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



## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** 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, Dorothy Hornick, Damien Lamb, Oscar Zamora, Darrell Rutter, Jim Grace, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan, Alan Leach, Bernard Fitzgerald

## Mass Intentions the week of 4 - 10 March

Mon 04/03	Wynee Reid
Wed 06/03	Doris Galea
Thur 07/03	Anne Pryde
Fri 08/03	
<b>Sat 09/03</b>	
5:00pm	
<b>Sun 10/03</b>	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	Wynee Reid

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

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

## Canberra-Goulburn Cursillo Retreat

**12 - 14 April 2024, St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong**  
*A Cursillo retreat offers you the opportunity to deepen your faith life through a program of talks, meditations and prayer. Consider Christ's invitation to renew your relationship with Him and share friendship with others.*

Contact: [irmandjoe@gmail.com](mailto:irmandjoe@gmail.com)

Info and registration <https://bit.ly/cursillo24>

### An Evening of Dialogue with

**Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP**

*'Transformed on the Edges'.*

Genevieve Jacobs AM will host this event on Wednesday 13 March 2024 from 7-8.30pm at Marist College Canberra. For more information and to register for this free event visit <http://tinyurl.com/nf3as9ex>

## 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

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

### **RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:**

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## **Readings – 10 March 2024**

First Reading	2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23
Psalm	PS 136
Second Reading	Eph 2:4-10
Gospel	John 3:14-21

### **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

### 10 March

### Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Anthony Jayawardena
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Frank Craddock
10:00am	Peter Kain
6:00pm	Carl Madsen, Joy McInerney

### 10 March

### Lector Roster

5:00pm	Therese Kercher, Paul McGrath
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Mariana Rollgejser
10:00am	Pam Connor, Kelechi Nnajide
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Brian Mahony

### 10 March

### Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Maria Catanzariti, Marian England
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Frank Colley, Margarete Gill
6:00pm	John McGee, Dushyanthi Upasena

### 10 March

### Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Jenny Maher
8:30am	Mandy Lalor
10:00am	Judy Kenny, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy

### 10 March

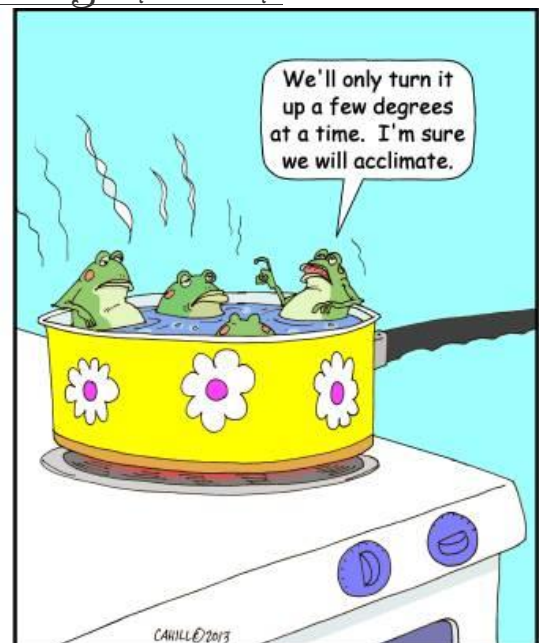
### SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	John McGee

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	3 March	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	9 March	Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, David Momi
Church Cleaning:	3 March	John O'Heir, Pat Keenan, Debbie & Ted Milne

### On a Lighter note



Liberal frogs thinking long-term.