

Reflection

Relationship with God

To fully understand this week's gospel passage, it is important to take the first reading into consideration as well. The account from 2 Chronicles describes the way in which the people began to neglect their relationship with God. Despite prophets and messengers being sent to them, they turned their backs on God. At about this time the Israelites were conquered, the Temple in Jerusalem destroyed and the survivors taken into exile in Babylon. For many, this was seen as a punishment from God because of their neglectful and selfish behaviour. But the reading demonstrates God's infinite patience with humankind. God gives the people another chance and calls on them to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. God is willing to wipe the slate clean and start afresh. It is in this context that we must understand the gospel passage.

In yet another attempt to demonstrate love and forgiveness, God's only Son – the Word made Flesh – is sent into the world to lead the people from darkness to light. Despite the many, many attempts by God to demonstrate love and foster a relationship with humankind, the people have repeatedly rejected the relationship with God and preferred to live a life of selfishness and darkness. Yet we see through both of these readings the unquenchable nature of God who keeps giving humankind one more chance.

In our day-to-day relationships, it is true that we often seek to test the limits of the love that is expressed. Young people in particular often test the boundaries of their parents' love and the boundaries of others who care for them. It is often a test to reassure themselves of this love – will you still love me, even if I do this? Today's readings portray the people of God as adolescents constantly testing out the limits of God's love. In a remarkable act, God's own Son is sent into the world to die as a sign of the lengths to which God will go to assure humanity of the love that is theirs for the taking.

Gospel Reflection, by Greg Sunter – LiturgyHelp

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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

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.

**The 200th Anniversary
of the birth of
Fr. Jules Chevalier msc**



Friday 15 March 2024

9:30am Mass

Followed by morning tea

PLUS

6:00pm Evening Prayer

Followed by supper

St John the Apostle Parish

Kippax ACT

Stewardship
All things are possible with God



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

Please return them next weekend on
Commitment Sunday 17 March

Gethsemane

Thursday March 14

**Contemplative Prayer with
the Blessed Sacrament**

7:30pm – 8:30pm



Could you not stay awake with me one hour.
Matt 26:40

CONFESSION DURING LENT

Confession will be available
in the 1st Rite during Adoration on
Thursday 14 March starting 7:30pm.

Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday and Friday
after 9:30am morning mass.

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**15
MARCH
4-8PM**

**SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY
PAWSEY CCT, FLOREY**

Community Connections

For those living alone

Sunday 17 March

4:00 – 5:30pm

in the Parish Centre

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

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

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

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Season of Lent

Love of Jesus

There will always be many who love Christ's heavenly kingdom, but few who will bear his cross. Jesus has many who desire consolation, but few who care for adversity. He finds many to share his table, but few who will join him in fasting. Many are eager to be happy with him; few wish to suffer anything for him. Many will follow him as far as the breaking of bread, but few will remain to drink from his passion. Many are awed by his miracles, few accept the shame of the cross. Many love Christ as long as they encounter no hardship; many praise and bless him as long as they receive some comfort from him. But if Jesus hides himself and leaves them for a while, they either start complaining or become dejected. Those, on the contrary, who love him for his own sake and not for any comfort of their own, praise him both in trial and anguish of heart as well as in the bliss of consolation. Even if Jesus should never comfort them, they would continue to praise and thank him. What power there is in a pure love for Jesus, love that is free from all self-interest and self-love!

Taken from: The Royal Road, by Thomas à Kempis

Stewardship

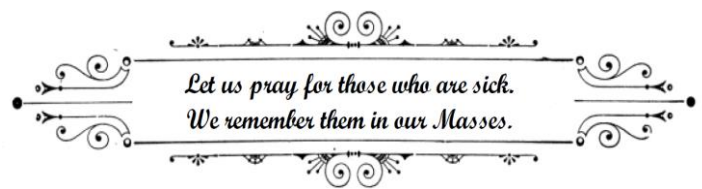
Gratitude

It has been said many times over and in a variety of ways that stewardship is based upon gratitude. Gratitude for what, we might ask? For the variety of blessings each of us receives, understanding full well that each of us is gifted in different ways and perhaps even in different measures.

However, there is one gift in which we all share equally.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). It is difficult for us to even conceive of the magnitude of that multifaceted gift, from God's unconditional love for us to the extraordinary gift of his son Jesus to the fabulous gift of everlasting life. Stewardship calls us to appreciate all of God's gifts, but if we only focus on the gifts listed above, our gratitude should know no bounds.

www.catholicsteward.com



Recently Deceased: Barbara Gardiner

Anniversary: Dorothy Hornick, Damien Lamb, Oscar Zamora, Darrell Rutter, Jim Grace, Henry Sealey, Marie Hallahan, Alan Leach, Bernard Fitzgerald, Michael Hamilton, Caelan MacKenzie, Nicola Torelli, Eugene DeRose, Helen Murphy, Jill Wilson, Richard Kingsford, Sandy Corr.

Mass Intentions the week of 11 - 17 March

Mon 11/03	
Wed 13/03	Eugene DeRose
Thur 14/03	
Fri 15/03	Jules Chevalier msc

Sat 16/03	
5:00pm	John and Joan Walpole

Sun 17/03	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

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!

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.

For enquires contact Mike Blyth: 0419 818 410

"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)

PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE

The parish office will be closed on
Monday 11 March - Canberra Day

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 st 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>3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i>
Women's Breakfast	<i>4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i>
Movie Night	<i>4th Friday of the Month 7:00pm Parish Library</i>
Community Connections	<i>3rd Sunday of the Month 4:00pm – 5:30pm Parish Centre</i>

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Readings – 17 March 2024

First Reading	Jer 31:31-34
Psalm	PS 50:3-4, 12-+15
Second Reading	Heb 5:7-9
Gospel	John 12:20-33

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

17 March

Acolyte Roster

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

17 March

Lector Roster

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

17 March

Ministers of Communion

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

17 March

Hospitality Roster

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

17 March

SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	10 Mar	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	9 March	Rob Breen, Mike Blyth, David Momi
Church Cleaning:	10 Mar	Christine Lancaster, Pam Connor, Shovin Weerawarnakula

On a Lighter note



"I was on workers comp for 18 months to recover from a job injury. After that, I had to go to rehab to cure my addiction to daytime TV."