

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**17 March 2024**

**YEAR B**  
**#16.24**

## Reflection

### Surrendering our own Desires

Our lives are not our own they belong to God.

Through today's gospel, we encounter a poignant moment where some Greeks approach Philip expressing their desire to see Jesus. Philip, in turn, consults with Andrew, and together they bring the request to Jesus. This seemingly simple interaction sets the stage for a profound revelation from Jesus about the purpose of His coming and the path that lies ahead.

Jesus responds with a metaphorical reflection on the grain of wheat. He speaks of the necessity of the grain falling to the ground and dying to produce fruit. This metaphor accentuates the central theme of sacrifice and selflessness. By comparing His own impending death to the life cycle of a grain of wheat, Jesus emphasizes the transformative power of giving up one's life for a greater purpose.

The key idea here is that our lives are not meant to be self-contained, self-centred entities. Instead, they find their true meaning and purpose in being offered for the sake of God's will and the well-being of others. The call to follow Christ involves a surrender of our own desires and ambitions, much like the grain of wheat surrendering itself to the soil.

This notion challenges the prevailing cultural narrative that often promotes individualism and self-gratification. Jesus invites us to recognize that our lives are part of a larger divine narrative, a grander design orchestrated by God. Embracing this perspective requires a shift from a self-centric mindset to one that acknowledges the sovereignty of God over our lives.

The climax of this reflection is Jesus' acknowledgment of the impending hour, referring to His imminent crucifixion. In expressing both distress and acceptance of this sacrifice, Jesus models the very essence of submitting one's life to God. His obedience to the divine plan exemplifies the depth of commitment and love that He expects from those who choose to follow Him.

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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

## FUNERAL NOTICES

### *Barbara Gardiner*

Requiem Mass will be celebrated on  
Monday 18 March 2024  
at 11:00am

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*Please join the family in the Parish Centre  
as we continue to celebrate her life.*



### *Sacrament of Penance*

*We pray for the  
22 children of the  
parish who received the*

*Sacrament of Penance on Thursday  
14 March. May they continue to grow in  
faith trusting in God's love and forgiveness.*

### **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 this weekend on  
**Commitment Sunday 17 March**

## **Gethsemane**

**Thursday March 21**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Rite during Adoration on  
Thursday 21 March starting 7:30pm.

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

## **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](mailto:irmandjoe@gmail.com)

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



## **Mass of the Lords Supper**

**7:00pm Thursday 28 March**

**No Morning Mass**

## **Good Friday**

**Stations of the Cross – 10:00am**

**The Passion of the Lord – 3:00pm**

**Saturday Vigil – 7:30pm**

## **Easter Sunday**

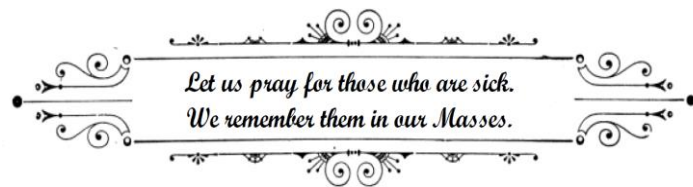
**The Resurrection of the Lord**

**8:30am and 10:00am**

**NO EVENING MASS**

**“Be on earth the Heart of God”**

# Season of Lent



## Surrender Is Everything

Surrender of the heart to God includes every possible way of obedience to God, because it means giving up one's very being to God. Since this surrender is effected by unalloyed love, it includes in its embrace every kind of operation that God may bring to pass. Thus, at every moment we practice a surrender that has no limits, a surrender that includes all possible methods and degrees of service to God. It is not our business to decide what the ultimate purpose of such submission may be, but our sole duty is to submit ourselves to all that God sends us and to stand ready to do his will at all times.

What God requires of the soul is the essence of self-surrender. The free gifts he asks from us are self-denial, obedience and love. The rest is his business. What the soul desires to do is done as in the sight of God.

God's being and essence are the object of the will, and through the exercise of love it is united with God without limit, manner or measure.

Taken from: *Surrender is Everything*, by Jean-Pierre de Caussade.

## Stewardship

### Detachment

As we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, our readings today remind us of the goodness that our God has to offer us. We are called to detach from our own desires and entrust our lives to all that God has in store for us. Without self-denial, we might miss occasions God has given us to produce good fruit. We have been practicing this throughout our Lenten season through fasting. One way to continue this effort after Lent is by taking advantage of the countless opportunities God presents to us to sacrifice our desires for something much greater. It is important that we continue to make room for God and the good things He wants to produce in us all year long. In the closing days of our Lenten journey, may we consider the ways in which we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.

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## Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Michael Hamilton, Caelan MacKenzie, Nicola Torelli, Eugene DeRose, Helen Murphy, Jill Wilson, Richard Kingsford, Sandy Corr, Peter Roache, Marija Cavlovic, Generoso D'Ambrosio, Brian Weston, Jack Ransom, Judith Davidson, Michael Lowe, Veroncia Brennan, Ludvik Koren, James Broderick, Norah Glover, Clara Williamson

## Mass Intentions the week of 18 – 24 March

Mon 18/03	Thanksgiving
Wed 20/03	Vincent Higgins
Thur 21/03	Veronica Brennan
Fri 22/03	Kev & Magdalen Suh
<b>Sat 23/03</b>	
5:00pm	Rodney Gardiner
<b>Sun 24/03</b>	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	Ethan Seng

**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!**

## 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.

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)

## 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:**

Create a clean heart in me, O God

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
And where I am, my servant will also be.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ

## Readings – 24 March 2024

First Reading	Is 50:4-7
Psalm	PS 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Second Reading	Ph 2:6-11
Gospel	Mark 14:1 – 15:47

### **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

### 24 March Acolyte Roster

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

### 24 March Lector Roster

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

### 24 March Ministers of Communion

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

### 24 March Hospitality Roster

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

### 24 March SJAShop

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

### Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	17Mar	Angela Boreham
Grounds	23 Mar	David Pigram, Mike Lavis Matthew Garton
Church Cleaning:	17 Mar	Carol Blyth, Dushyanthi Upasena, Nishan Upasena

### On a lighter note



"I wish I could help, dad, but the only engines I know anything about are search engines."