

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

YEAR B

24 March 2024

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Reflection

Betrayal

The scene at the Last Supper unfolds with a sense of solemnity and impending doom. Jesus shares the bread and wine, foreshadowing his imminent sacrifice, while simultaneously revealing the betrayal that will come from within his closest circle. The disciples, unaware of their own capabilities, pledge unwavering loyalty, echoing Peter's fervent declaration, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you."

Peter is an interesting character in the gospels. He is one of the first of the disciples to be called; Jesus changes his name and places great trust in him; he is witness to the most significant moments of Jesus' life; he is able to profess his faith in Jesus as the Christ and yet it is he who denies even knowing Jesus.

As events progress the narrative intensifies, and the betrayal unfolds. Jesus is arrested, tried, and condemned to death. The cock crows not once, but twice, as Peter fulfills the prophecy, and in Jesus' hour of need denies him three times. This moment encapsulates the tension between human weakness and divine providence, illustrating how even the most devout can stumble in the face of adversity.

Peter's fervent avowal of loyalty to Jesus is matched by the frailty of his resolve and his susceptibility to fear and weakness. This theme invites introspection into our own vulnerabilities and the times when we, like Peter, falter in our commitment to our beliefs.

We might have thought that Peter was Jesus' most loyal and faithful follower, yet it is he who can't stand up and claim that he was a follower of Jesus. Is it any wonder that sometimes it is difficult for us today.

Yet, amidst the darkness of betrayal and denial, there is a glimmer of hope. Jesus, the epitome of forgiveness and grace, extends mercy even to those who abandon him. Despite Peter's denial, Jesus never wavers in his love for him, ultimately restoring him and commissioning him to feed his sheep.

Resource used: *Living the Gospel-Before the Cock Crows*, 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

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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 Confirmation

Presentation Masses

The children of the parish are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will be presented to the parish at the masses this weekend.

The Sacrament will be celebrated on Friday 17 May at 5:00pm

Would you please hold all the children and their families in your prayers.

Thank you.

Time, Talent and Treasure

Thank you to those parishioners who have returned their forms.

If you are currently in ministry and would like to continue but did not fill in a form, please contact the parish office.

St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on

Wednesday 27 March

for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre.

Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY – 7:30AM

BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ

NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Connecting with people living alone

Upcoming events

2nd Tuesday of the month Coffee Group

Ichi Café at Kippax – 2:00pm

Contact: Barbara Mawson 6254 7989

3rd Sunday of the month gathering

21 April at 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Parish Centre

PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE

The parish office will be closed from Friday 29 March and reopening on Tuesday 2 April

YCS Youth Group

Sunday 24th March

7pm (after 6pm Mass) in Parish Centre
Anyone from Year 7 – 12 High School age is invited and welcome.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM



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

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please bring your Project Compassion donations to the



Holy Thursday Mass, as they will be part of the Offertory. Alternatively, you can return your Project Compassion donations to the parish office.

PARISHIONER NEWS

Philomena Murtagh has recently entered the Kalparrin nursing home in Holt.

Please pray for her and her son Shane during this difficult time for them

Gethsemane

Thursday April 4

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

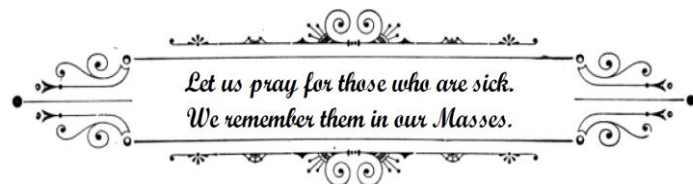
Could you not stay awake with me one hour.

Matt 26:40



“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Season of Lent



Jesus turned and looked at Peter

Every person at some time in their life has fallen. Many have fallen many times; few, few times. And who of us can fail to shudder at the tale of Peter's guilt? When we read the story for ourselves, we feel an almost unconscious sympathy with Peter, as if his story has happened in our own lives. Those of us who know the heart's deceit would surely find it difficult to judge this man – this man who had lived so long in the inner circle of fellowship with Christ, whose eyes were used to seeing miracles, who witnessed the glory of the transfiguration; this man whose ears were full of the most solemn words the world had ever heard, whose heart was still warm with Communion-table thoughts.

Peter's betrayal of Jesus is a life changing moment. But there is something in Peter's life that is much greater than his sin. It is his repentance. We easily relate to Peter in his sin, but few of us grasp the wonder of his repentance. When the cock crows for the second time Jesus turns and looks at Peter. In the depths of sin Peter never thought of turning. Jesus' look rents Peter's heart as lightening could not and melted into his soul. That one look laid a spell upon his soul. The only sermon needed to anyone who sins is that the Lord turns first, with a look of love.

Taken from: *The Royal Road*, by Thomas à Kempis

Stewardship

Prayer and Service

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. As we read about the climax of Christ's mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey.

His mission as a steward was to fulfill His Father's mission. We, too, play a unique role in our Father's mission by bringing souls to Christ. It simply begins with the witness of our lives. Today's Gospel shares the account of Jesus' last days on earth, which revolve around prayer and service. This is the model of how we should live our lives every day.

As we embark on this Holy week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Peter Roache, Marija Cavlovic, Wal Kulesza, Generoso D'Ambrosio, Brian Weston, Jack Ransom, Judith Davidson, Michael Lowe, Veroncia Brennan, Ludvik Koren, James Broderick, Ella Greig, Alexander Van Audenaerde, Clement King, Andrew McEvoy, Stanislaw Bitner, Victoria Huntley, Mark Markham, Moira Leader, Jennifer Adamik, John O'Brien, Jack Lenihan, Catherine Wheelaghan, Sybil Lazaro, Robyn Klatt, Dorothy Murray, William Klatt, Bill Corby, Francesca Fernando, Kay Haworth, Katherine Jones, John Henshaw, Helena McGee, Harold Allester, Una Luff, Joseph Pisciotta

Mass Intentions the week of 25 - 31 March

Mon 25/03	Steve Smith
Wed 27/03	John O'Brien
Thur 28/03	HOLY THURSDAY
Fri 29/03	GOOD FRIDAY
Sat 30/03	
7:30pm	HOLY SATURDAY
Sun 31/03	
8:30am	Laura Albin
10:00am	Joseph Le Van Chac
6:00pm	NO MASS

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

The Church **Gardens and Grounds** ministry needs **YOU!** We are in desperate need of volunteers to help care for the gardens and grounds. Currently we have 4 dedicated people doing this work. One of our volunteers who mows the grounds is in his 80's. We need some younger parishioners to step up. Can you spare a few hours each month? Your contribution will make a significant difference in maintaining the beauty of our church property. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to this important effort. Please contact the parish office 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au Thank you for your support and dedication to our church.

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	1st 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 Paris h 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:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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Readings – 31 March 2024

First Reading	Acts 10:34, 37-43
Psalm	PS 117:1-2, 22-23
Second Reading	
Gospel	

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

31 March Acolyte Roster

7:00pm	Anthony & Chitra Jayawardena Anthony Noakes
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Peter Polkinghorne
10:00am	Elaine Carter, Maxime Kpudzeka
	NO MASS

31 March Lector Roster

7:00pm	Brian Mahony, Victoria Gonzales, Ann Reynolds, Therese Kercher
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, Bernadette Murnane
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Frank Colley
	NO MASS

31 March Ministers of Communion

7:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Maria Scarr, Theresia Suh
10:00am	Francesca Deklin, Robin Williams
	NO MASS

31 March Hospitality Roster

7:00pm	Pam Connor, Judy Kenny, Margarete Gill, Christine Lancaster
8:30am	Beatrice Williams, Agnes Pham
10:00am	Manel Seneviratna
	NO MASS

31 March SJAShop

7:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
	NO MASS

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	24 Mar	Margaret Ferguson
Grounds	30 Mar	ALL GROUPS
Church Cleaning:	245 Mar	Joseph Le Van Hai, Lanh Dang Sam Van Nguyen

On a lighter note

