

# COMPACT



## St John the Apostle Parish

*A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish*

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**14 April 2024**

**Year B**  
**#20.24**

### **"Peace be with you"**

The phrase "Peace be with you" that Jesus utters in today's gospel carries immense significance not only for the disciples of that time but also for Christians in the 21st century.

The context of Jesus' greeting is crucial. The disciples were filled with fear, doubt, and confusion following Jesus' crucifixion. They were struggling to make sense of the events that had transpired and were uncertain about the future. In this moment of uncertainty and turmoil, Jesus' words "Peace be with you" served as a source of comfort, reassurance, and hope. It was a declaration of the peace that surpasses understanding, a peace that can only come from a deep connection with God.

For 21st century Christians, the message of "Peace be with you" remains just as relevant and powerful. In today's fast-paced, often chaotic world, many people experience fear, anxiety, and unrest. The search for peace is a universal longing, whether it be peace within oneself, peace in relationships, or peace in the midst of global challenges.

Jesus' greeting reminds us that true peace is not found in external circumstances or material possessions. It is a gift from God that transcends the ups and downs of life. As Christians, we are called to embody this message of peace in our interactions with others and in our approach to the world.

Jesus' words of peace were not just a comforting sentiment but also a commissioning. He empowered his disciples by saying, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" (Luke 24:46). This commissioning accentuates the responsibility of Christians to be agents of peace and reconciliation in the world. It challenges us to actively work towards justice, harmony, and understanding among all people.

In a world marked by division, conflict, and injustice, the message of "Peace be with you" calls us to be peacemakers in our communities and beyond. It invites us to bridge divides, seek common ground, and promote dialogue and understanding. This requires humility, empathy, and a willingness to step out of our comfort zones.

*Resource used: Peace be with you, 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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### 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



We need at least **6 more volunteers** for the **Church Cleaning Roster**. This would then give us 8 cleaning groups which would mean that each group would then clean every 2nd month ♥ 6 times a year.

We also need more volunteers 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?

Please contact the parish office 6254 3236 or [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

Thank you for your support and dedication to our parish.

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**For more information  
contact the parish office.**

**Next gathering: Friday 19 April**

**St John the Apostle Parish Centre**



**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**  
*Connecting with people living alone*

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month gathering  
21 April at 4:00pm – 5:30pm  
Parish Centre

**Canberra Goulburn Catholic  
Charismatic Renewal Committee.**  
**Healing Rally with Damian Stayne -  
Wednesday 1st May @ St Peter Chancels  
Church, Weston Street, Yarralumla from 7pm -  
9:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Praise, worship,  
healing prayer and joy in the Holy Spirit! Damian  
is a Catholic lay evangelist from the UK.  
He ministers powerfully in the charisms of  
preaching and healing. To register call/text  
Susanna 0419 902 293 or Neda 0415 266 019.**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Friday 26 April  
**TREE PLANTING DAY**  
Church Grounds



*"The earth is what we all have in common"*  
Wendell Berry



**Pins & Needles**  
**Mon 15 April – 7:15pm**  
**Parish Library**

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

**TUESDAY 23 APRIL – 7:30AM**

**BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ**

**NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN**



**Youth Group**  
**YOUNG CHRISTIAN  
STUDENTS**  
**Students in Years 7 - 12**

Next Meeting: 28 April 2024

7:00pm – 9:00pm

[after the 6:00pm Mass]

St John the Apostle  
Parish Centre

Contact the Parish Office  
for more information [kippax@cg.org.au](mailto:kippax@cg.org.au)

**PARISH OFFICE HAPPENINGS**

We welcome Fr. Chris McPhee msc who will be celebrating masses in the parish over the coming weekends.

Fr. Tru will return from Adelaide on 17 April. Fr. Chung will be attending formation training meetings in Rome from 18 April returning 12 May.

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

# Easter Season

## God cares about our suffering and pain

The image Jesus left with the world, the cross, the most common image in the Christian religion, is proof that God cares about our suffering and pain. He died of it.

Dorothy Sayers says:

*For whatever reason God chose to make humanity as it is – limited and suffering and subject to sorrows and death – he had the honesty and courage to take his own medicine. Whatever game he is playing with his creation, he has kept his own rules and played fair. He can exact nothing from humanity that he has not exacted from himself. He has himself gone through the whole human experience, from the trivial irritations of family life and the cramping restrictions of hard work and lack of money to the worst horrors of pain and humiliation, defeat despair, and death. When he was a man, he played the man. He was born in poverty and died in disgrace and thought it well worthwhile.*

Taken from: *Jesus' Reminders*, by Philip Yancey

## Stewardship

### Jesus, the centre of our lives

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus should be the centre of our lives. This passage begins with two disciples realizing Jesus had just appeared to them.

To recognize Jesus' appearances in our lives, we need to know Him. And the best way to know the Lord is to spend time with Him. It can start with just 10 minutes of quiet prayer a day and increasing that each week. Our goal should be to carve out time each day, in a quiet space, for just you and the Lord.

The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. You, too, can better know the Lord through the sacraments, most especially the Holy Mass. What better way to grow in intimacy with Christ than to receive Him frequently or to go talk to Him in front of the Blessed Sacrament?

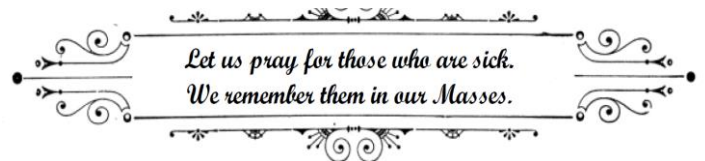
Take time to think about what Christ has done for you and the changes you should make in your daily life to help you grow closer to Him.

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

### Mass Intentions the week of 15 - 21 April

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Mon 15/04        | Lily D'Souza     |
| Wed 17/04        | Craig Forge      |
| Thur 18/04       | Paul Don Tran    |
| Fri 19/04        | Ian Stephenson   |
| <b>Sat 20/04</b> |                  |
| 5:00pm           | Vladislav Malnar |
| <b>Sun 21/04</b> |                  |
| 8:30am           |                  |
| 10:00am          | Veronica Brennan |
| 6:00pm           | Linda Dwyer      |

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



### Recently Deceased: Ian Dunlop

**Anniversary:** Sharon Hannah, Mihaly Baruta, Augusta Colquhoun, Sharron Diamond, Jim Fallon msc, Alaán Hodge, Leslie Savage, Joan Sculthorpe, Julio Vinales, Otto Trenka, Leonard Franks, Drago Polak, Barbara Normann, Delilah Wilson, Leslie Barry, Daryl Smeaton, Daniel Dewar, Claudio Orifice, Sheldon Doyle, Yolanda Melikian, Brenda Hudson, Basil Adkins, Ricaredo Jabagat, Monique Adamik, Hannah Kennett, Joachim Tittlebach, Frederick Hayes



**Anointing after Mass  
Friday 26 April**

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

|                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Baptisms                              | 1st & 3rd Sun during Mass           |
| Reconciliation                        | Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm                 |
| Sacramental Program                   | Contact Parish Office               |
| School of Religion<br>(Parish Centre) | Sunday 9.15am<br>during school term |

## PRAYER LIFE

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| Charismatic Prayer:<br>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<br>7:30pm – 8:30pm |
| Adult Choir                                | Wednesday 7:30pm   |

## SOCIAL LIFE

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

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Lord, let your face shine on us.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when  
you speak.  
Alleluia!

## Readings – 21 April 2024

|                |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| First Reading  | Acts 4:8-12                     |
| Psalm          | Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 25, 28-29 |
| Second Reading | 1 John 3:1-2                    |
| Gospel         | John 10:11-18                   |

### **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

### 21 April

### Acolyte Roster

|         |                                |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| 5:00pm  | Anthony and Chitra Jayawardena |
| 8:30am  | Maria Scarr, Francesca Deklin  |
| 10:00am | Rose and Boni Benedictos       |
| 6:00pm  | John McGee, Nunga Umaru        |

### 21 April

### 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 |

### 21 April

### Ministers of Communion

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

### 21 April

### Hospitality Roster

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

### 21 April

### SJAShop

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

### Weekly Rosters

|                     |        |   |
|---------------------|--------|---|
| Altar Society       | 14 Apr | Pat Gilchrist   |
| Grounds             | 20 Apr |   |
| Church<br>Cleaning: | 14 Apr | Christine Lancaster, Pam Connor,<br>Shovin Weerawarnakula |

### On a Lighter note

