

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Fourth Sunday of Easter
21 April 2024

Year B
#21.24

Attune yourself to Jesus' voice

In today's gospel Jesus presents a reflective invitation to his followers, urging them to attune themselves to his voice amidst the noise and distractions of life. This call to listen for the distinctive sound of his voice is not merely about hearing words but about recognizing the life-giving direction that his voice leads us towards.

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep is powerful. It speaks to his sacrificial love, his willingness to give everything for the sake of those he cares for. This act of laying down his life is not limited to a single moment but encompasses his entire mission and purpose. It is a continuous offering of love, guidance, and protection.

As Jesus speaks of knowing his sheep and being known by them, there is a sense of intimacy and relationship that transcends mere acquaintance. This deep knowing implies a connection that goes beyond surface-level interactions. It is a knowing that comes from spending time together, listening, and responding to the voice of the Shepherd.

In the midst of a cacophony of voices vying for our attention in the world today, Jesus' invitation to listen for his voice stands out as a beacon of clarity and truth. His voice carries with it the essence of life-giving direction, leading us towards paths of righteousness, peace, and fulfillment.

To heed this invitation requires a conscious effort to silence the noise around us and to cultivate a sensitivity to the voice of Jesus. It means developing a spiritual discernment that enables us to distinguish his voice from the many distractions and false promises that surround us.

Just as a shepherd guides, and protects his flock, Jesus desires to lead us in ways that are ultimately for our good. His voice, though sometimes faint amidst the clamour of the world, carries the assurance of safety, comfort, and purpose. By turning towards his voice and following its lead, we enter into a journey of abundant life and deep communion with the Shepherd who knows us intimately and loves us unconditionally.

Resources used: Reflection: *The Voice*, by Fr. Michael Tate,

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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

SAVE THE DATE
Friday 26 April
TREE PLANTING DAY
Church Grounds



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

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
Connecting with people living alone

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

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 23 APRIL – 7:30AM
BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ
NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

St John's Friendship Group
next meeting on **Wednesday 24 April**
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.



Anointing after Mass
Friday 26 April

Sacrament of The Eucharist

Formation evening for parents

29 April 2024

To register or for more information please
contact the parish office: 6254 3236 or
kippax@cg.org.au

"Be on earth the Heart of God"



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



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
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Thank you for your support and dedication to our
parish.

Canberra Goulburn Catholic
Charismatic Renewal Committee.
Healing Rally with Damian Stayne -
Wednesday 1st May @ St Peter Chanel's
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.

Easter Season

To be handed over

The central word in the story of Jesus' arrest is one I never thought much about. It is "to be handed over." That is what happened in Gethsemane. Jesus was handed over. Some translations say that Jesus was "betrayed," but the Greek says he was "handed over." Judas handed Jesus over (Mark 14:10). But the remarkable thing is that the same word is used not only for Judas but also for God. God did not spare Jesus, but handed him over to benefit us all (Rom. 8:32).

So, this word, "to be handed over," plays a central role in the life of Jesus. Indeed, this drama of being handed over divides the life of Jesus radically in two. The first part of Jesus' life is filled with activity. Jesus takes all sorts of initiatives. He speaks; he preaches; he heals. Then he becomes the one to whom things are being done. He is being arrested; he is being led to the high priest; he is being taken before Pilate; he is being crowned with thorns; he is being nailed on a cross. Things are being done to him over which he has no control. That is the meaning of passion - being the recipient of other people's initiatives.

Taken from: *From Action to Passion*, by Henri Nouwen

Stewardship

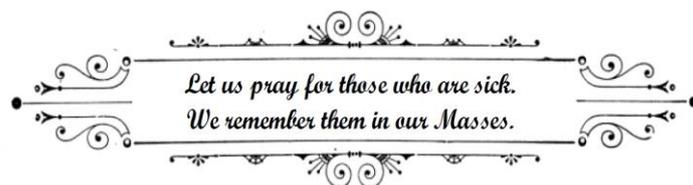
Jesus is the Good Shepherd – we are his flock

Our readings today call us to reflect inward — do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives? In our Gospel Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, "I will lay down my life for the sheep." Jesus tells us that we are His. We are Christ's — even more so than a child is to a parent. He created us and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world, so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary for our salvation. He is our Good Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, laid down His life for us knowing every sin we will ever commit. Therefore, let us examine our hearts and return to our flock.

Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, name the areas in your life that you have neglected. Ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments and begin again.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Daniel Dewar, Claudio Orifice, Sheldon Doyle, Yolanda Melikian, Brenda Hudson, Basil Adkins, Ricaredo Jabagat, Monique Adamik, Hannah Kennett, Joachim Tittlebach, Frederick Hayes, Vladislav Malnar, Joseph Kowalski, Miroslav Chodora, Patricia Ticehurst, Andrea Sannazzaro, Michael Quigley, Cyril Harper, Michael Bell, Denis Carey, Anna Rodziewicz, Ashly Johnson

Mass Intentions the week of 22 - 28 April

Mon 22/04	Sonia Mewburn
Wed 24/04	Mark Hoy
Thur 25/04	Special Intention
Fri 26/04	Fallace Family members
Sat 27/04	
5:00pm	Darryl Smeaton
Sun 28/04	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

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

KIT @ KIPPAX

If you did not receive an email for the March KIT, it is available at:
<http://www.stjohnkippax.org.au/index.php?page=kit-2024>

National ANZAC Day Mass

St Christopher's Cathedral,
Manuka, ACT.

Parishioners are requested to be at the Cathedral by 7.45am for 8.00am Mass.

If you need any further information, please contact me via email or call 0435 382 104, or refer to our website:
<https://military.catholic.org.au/events/>



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

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

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

Believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Readings – 28 April 2024

First Reading	Acts 9:26-31
Psalm	21:26-28. 30-32
Second Reading	1 John 3:18-24
Gospel	John 15:1-8

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

28 April Acolyte Roster

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

28 April Lector Roster

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

28 April Ministers of Communion

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

28 April Hospitality Roster

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

28 April SJAShop

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	21 Apr	Mary Cruickshank
Church Cleaning:	21 Apr	Carol Blyth, Nishan Upasena Dushyanthi Upasena
Grounds	26 Apr	David Pigram, Mike Lavis, Matthew Garton

On a Lighter note



"OK, Mrs. Dunn. We'll slide you in there, scan your brain, and see if we can find out why you've been having these spells of claustrophobia."